

Minutes

Record of decisions of the IDA Advisory board meeting 27 May, 2015

Chairman of the meeting: Hans Kjeldsen	Present: Jes Jørgensen (NBI)
Secretary of the meeting: Louise Børsen-Koch	Uffe Gråe Jørgensen (NBI)
Date: 27.5.2015 – 10.00-14.30	Jens Hjorth (NBI)
Place: Aarhus University Ny Munkegade 120 8000 Aarhus C Building 1520, room 732	Hans Kjeldsen (AU)
	Christoffer Karoff (AU)
	Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard (AU)
	Allan Hornstrup (DTU)
	Louise Børsen-Koch (AU)
	Excused:
	Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU)
	Lise Christensen (NBI)

1. Approval of the agenda.

1.1. Approval of previous minutes.

Approved

1.2 Status of action items.

A total of all action items including the ones from previous meetings will be distributed amongst the IDA board members on a regular basis.

The agenda was approved.

2. Status and current IDA activities

2.1 Procedures for communication between IDA and the committee members

- Before each meeting of each committee the delegate will send around the agenda to all members of the board.
- Before the meeting delegate will discuss the agenda with the Head of IDA, Hans Kjeldsen.

· After the meeting the delegate will distribute a short report with the most important issues addressed. There will also be a short record of the meeting on [ida.au.dk](http://ida.au.dk/the-danish-representation-in-eso-esa-and-not/): <http://ida.au.dk/the-danish-representation-in-eso-esa-and-not/>

2.2 Candidates for ESO's USER committee

An important part in the appointment of delegates must be to secure the diversity of the Danish delegates hence prioritizing the diversity of Danish astronomy. It is important that the person appointed has an observational background.

Every member of the IDA Board must consult with their research community in relation to appointing a new candidate for ESO's USER committee.

2.3 New Call: Projects for IDA funding?

We will have this discussion in the fall 2015.

3. Annual Astronomy meeting 2015/2016

2015 Meeting: We had the annual meeting in Helsingør 12-13 May with 82 astronomers attending, many of them students. For a better evaluation of the meeting in general a Survey Exact will be sent out to all the participants.

2016 Meeting: The format of the meeting should be discussed for the 2016 meeting. Depending on the evaluations of the meeting in Helsingør the SOC and IDA Board will begin the discussions of the meeting next year.

4. IDA's strategy in relation to the Greenland Telescope

The IDA board agrees that it is of national interest for Denmark to participate, if the building of telescopes in Greenland will take place. The Greenland Telescope (GLT) is a state-of-the-art 12-m sub-millimeter telescope to be located at the top of the Greenland ice sheet, where the high-altitude and dry weather provides excellent conditions for observations at very high radio frequencies (up to 1.5 THz).

IDA will establish the contact to Poul Ho in relation to the Danish scientific contribution to the GLT as well as debate GLT with the ministry.

Within a few months IDA will coordinate a one-day workshop in relation the Danish scientific usage of GLT.

5. LSST: The Danish participation

A facility with a very large national interest. It is important that we join the consortium:

For 20,000 USD a year full access to the data from the LSST can be obtained for the 10-year period by a PI (1 PI and 4 postdocs/PhD-students).

IDA will sign a MOU and in a few months have a workshop dedicated to a debate about the scientific use of the LSST in a Danish context.

6. The Infrastructure Roadmap 2019

IDA has in a letter to the ministry pointed out that there were severe problems in the framework of the process the 2015 roadmap was subjected too. The process has been unsuitable for strategic planning, primarily because of the timeframe of the project. The full letter can be found on ida.au.dk:

http://ida.au.dk/fileadmin/IDA/IDA_Roadmap_ministry_2015.pdf

In collaboration with Rumforskningsudvalget IDA will start the process of the 2019 roadmap by contacting the Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

7. Any Other Business

We need to move ahead with the two proposed roadmaps of Danish Astrophysics:

A. What are the priorities within Danish astrophysics:

Danish astronomy is involved in many projects and it can be necessary to prioritize between them, both in terms of economy and manpower: We need to divide upon which projects are of institutional priority and which projects are of national priority? Also, which upcoming projects do we have?

The roadmap must state the all relevant ongoing and future projects.

B. Appointment of delegates in central international organizations:

We need to be on the cutting edge of the appointments in question by making a roadmap of all of the Danish delegates in all the different organizations

We need to address the quotas to international organisations at a later meeting.

Hans will contact NUFI after the Roadmap process is final.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be in September 2015. Louise will send out a doodle.

9. End of meeting

The meeting ended 14:30