

## Minutes

### Record of decisions of the IDA Advisory board meeting 21 February, 2018

**Chairman of the meeting:**

Hans Kjeldsen

**Secretary of the meeting:**

Louise Børsen-Koch

**Date:**

21.2.2018

**Place:**

Aarhus University

Ny Munkegade 120, 1525-626

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**Present:**

Victoria Antoci (AU)

Ditte Slumstrup (AU)

Amalie Stokholm (AU)

Jakob Rørsted Mosumgaard (AU)

Hans Kjeldsen (AU)

Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard (AU)

Louise Børsen-Koch (AU)

Jes K. Jørgensen (KU)

Lise Bech Christensen (KU)

Jens Hjorth (KU)

Martin Pessah (KU)

Lars Buchhave (DTU)

Lars E. Kristensen (KU) (online)

Desiree D.M. Ferreira (DTU) (online)

Troels Haugbølle (KU) (online)

Allan Hornstrup (DTU) (online)

**Excused:**

Sigurd Jensen (KU)

Christoffer Karoff (AU)

Heidi Korhonen (KU)

Johan Fynbo (KU)

Steen Hannestad (AU)

Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU)

Jerome Chenevez (DTU)

## 1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved

- Approval of previous minutes (Appendices 1)

The minutes was approved.

### Action items:

- Ole J. Knudsen will provide us with an overview of the impact of the Danish ESON press releases. Who are the press contacts/recievers of the press releases (Specified).
- Hans will evaluate the usage of the press releases with the Danish members of the ESO council, Allan Hornstrup and Rene Michelsen, on how we will fund the activity if it is no longer under IDA.

## 2. IDA 2019-2020:

### Strategy for Danish Astronomy in the next decade:

We got oral feedback from The Agency for Research and Higher Education on our 2018 IDA application: The message is that they really like the new structure of the WG's and the election of the Board and they hope that we will make use of these WG's to make a new strategy for Danish Astrophysics and make sure that the heads of our universities are aware of it and that they follow it.

IDA Board will make a strategy for Danish astrophysics, based on input from each of the WG's.

### Action items:

- We will invite the Agency for a meeting in the IDA Board in 2018.
- Hans will ask The Agency for Research and Higher Education for a written form of feedback to prepare for the next IDA application/evaluation process.
- Hans and Louise will make a template for WG input to the draft plan for a strategy for Danish Astrophysics.

- Each WG will make a small report (2 pages) for the IDA Board based on the template.

Deadline: 13 July, 2018.

### 3. IDA WG's status

Oral status reports from the present WG chairs .

**Action item:**

All WG chair will send a description of their WG to Louise for the IDA webpage.

Deadline: 1 June.

Lunch

### 4. NTE/NOT

**NOT:**

NOT is run by NOTSA and this structure, under swedish law, is now being dissolved due to the fact that Sweden will leave the NOT. How do we then transform this structure to keep the telescope running? This decision needs to be taken before February 2019.

Currently Aarhus University is undergoing discussions with the NOTSA council to figure out if AU can be the host of NOTSA as the legal entity for the NOT. The IDA Board supports this.

At the NOTSA council meeting in May 2018 the council will take a decision on the future for the NOT under a new structure.

**NTE:**

The NTE project is identified as the key instrument for the NOT in the next decade and there is a broad interest in using this instrument in Denmark, Sweden and Finland. IDA and The Agency for Research and Higher Education in Denmark are supporting the development of the NTE project, but IDA is not a member of the NTE consortium and will not be involved in any NTE project management. Danish researchers get observing time in

return for the IDA financial investment (5 k/EUR/night).

**Action item:**

Hans will contact the NTE project Board to get a statement on the progress of the NTE project: IDA would like to see the expected schedule for the project, including the required manpower .

**The Danish interest in HIRES:**

WG5 is currently working on a draft for the CoC meeting in March – the document should be final by May 2018 for the meeting in the ESO council.

**Action item:**

WG5 draft re: the Danish interest in Hires

**5. IDA 2018 budget**

We got 1,5 MDKK funding for IDA in 2018, which is more than 1 MDKK less than what we applied for. We can adjust the budget 2018 as we see fit.

3 budget posts that will be cancelled now and pushed until the 2019 application:

1. The IDA fellowship programme
2. Specific observing time for students at the NOT. The students can apply for time through the normal programme.
3. The DTU winter school.

**Action item:**

- Hans will adjust the new budget based on the recommendations from the IDA Board .

**6. Annual meeting 2018**

The annual meeting 2018 3-4 May, 2018 will be at Faaborg Klinten in Faaborg, DK.

We will have the election for the new IDA Board at the annual meeting, and 6 Board members are up for election.

**Action item:**

Louise will send out information about the IDA election before the annual meeting.

7. Call for members of the Danish Space Board

Due to a reorganization of the Danish Space Board, there will be a need for a new and bigger composition of the board in terms of members. The membership should be broad; covering all areas of astrophysics in both:

1: Science, research, academia

2: Users of space data

3: The industry.

The ministry would like to have small focus groups covering the areas of Astrophysics, and the IDA WG3 has been suggested as one such group.

**Action item:**

WG3 will take a discussion on how we as IDA can see the Danish Space Board in a strategic light and take the decision on appointing members for the Board.

8. Action Items

Stated above.

9. Any other business

Nothing to report.

10. End of meeting

The meeting ended 13:45.