

MINUTES

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE IDA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

3 MAY 2019

Chairman of the meeting:

Hans Kjeldsen

Secretary of the meeting:

Mai Korsbæk

Date:

3 May 2019
8:00-9:15

Place:

Hotel Nyborg Strand,
Room D-E

Present:

Hans Kjeldsen (AU)
Heidi Korhonen (KU)
Mai Korsbæk (AU)
Allan Hornstrup (DTU)
Sara Svendsen (DTU)
Lise Christensen (KU)
Lars E. Kristensen (KU)
Jens Hjorth (KU)
Lars Buchhave (DTU)
Troels Haugbølle (KU)
Christoffer Karoff (AU)
Marianne Vestergaard (KU)
Camilla Borre (AU)
Mads F. Andersen (AU)
Peter L. Henriksen (DTU)

Excused:

Desiree D. M. Ferreira (DTU)
Jes K. Jørgensen (KU)
Martin Pessah (KU)
Steen Hannestad (AU)
Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU)
Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard (AU)
Johan Fynbo (KU)



Agenda

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- Approval of previous minutes (Appendices 1)

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- New members of WG's

3. IDA structure and activities in 2020-2022

- Relations to ESA - WG3
- New WG 10 on EAS, IAU
- Relations to A&A

4. Strategy for Danish Astrophysics

5. Meeting dates 2019/2020

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28 August 2019 (Aarhus)
25 November 2019 (Aarhus)
14 January 2020 (KBH)
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12 September 2019 (KBH)
6 February 2020 (Aarhus)

6. Any other business

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* Mai will send out information before the meeting

Appendices:

1: Minutes from our previous meeting in April 2019

1. Welcome and approval of the Agenda • Approval of previous minutes (Appendices 1)

Minutes are approved no later than two weeks after the minutes have been sent out for revision by mail.

AI: Approval of minutes from the meetings on 12 April and 3 May 2019. Mai Korsbæk will circulate the minutes for revision.

2. IDA structure (Board, EC) and the WG's.

New members of WG's

Welcome to Mads Andersen (AU), Peter Henriksen (DTU), and Camilla Borre (AU), new elected members of the IDA Board.

A short introduction of the IDA structure and a tour around the table of all present IDA Board members.

IDA structure 2020-2022: The existing agreement between IDA, the four universities and the Agency ends in 2019, a new agreement for 2020-2022 needs to be formulated.

Review of IDA – 2017-2019: Hans Kjeldsen and the Agency will meet before summer to review the existing IDA structure and agreement from 2017-2019. Based on the review, there will be a call for a new application for IDA activities for the next three years (2020-2022).

Suggestion: At the IDA Board meeting on 12 September 2019, the IDA Board will discuss the new IDA agreement, future structure, and activities.

AI: Hans Kjeldsen will discuss the details of the IDA review 2017-2019 with SFU and inform the IDA Board.

IDA Executive Committee: Proposal – continuation with the same EC membership structure until the new agreement is formulated – timeline Spring 2020. Ditte Slumstrup is stepping down from IDA EC.

Definition of EC – four meetings during the year – Role: to formulate agendas for the IDA Board and follow up on decision on IDA Board meetings.

WG structure: suggestions of new membership. The WGs report back on important decisions to the IDA Board.

AI: Mai Korsbæk will send around the existing list of memberships for each working group to the IDA Board as well as to the IDA mailing list to see, if any wish to sign up, change WG membership or step down as WG member.

AI: Hans Kjeldsen will appoint a student to replace Ditte's seat on the IDA Executive Committee.

3. IDA structure and activities in 2020-2022

Relations to ESA - WG3

For the moment, the normal structure is that a delegate from the Ministry and a scientific delegate represent Denmark's international representation in most committees/organizations concerning infrastructures. E.g., ESO council: René Michelsen is representing the Ministry and Allan Hornstrup, DTU Space is the scientific delegate from Denmark.

Change at the ministerial level: In most committees concerning international infrastructures, scientific delegates will not be present at the meetings, only administrative members will participate.

The reason behind the change: Conflict of interests – scientific delegates may act on own interest/personal opinions on behalf of the whole community. Not yet happened, but could be a potential risk.

Suggestion from the Ministry: Instead of scientific delegates, the establishment of reference groups to avoid potential conflict of interests.

Specifically in relation to ESA, the Ministry would like WG3 to be the reference group to SPC (Science Programme Committee of ESA). SPC is the political body that advise ESA on decisions concerning budgets/missions etc. WG3 as a reference group will mean more influence on decisions and knowledge about future ESA related projects.

Discussion about determining the best reference group to SPC in the IDA Board.

Opinions from the IDA board: WG3 – if being reference to SPC – the terms of reference and membership in WG3 will change. Change of reference: a formal reference group to the delegate.

Best solution: both a scientific representative in SPC and a WG as a reference group.

IDA Board agree on the formalization of WG3 as new reference group to SPC.

AI: Hans Kjeldsen will start to draft a term of reference for WG3 and discuss it with the Space Division at the Agency.

New WG 10 on EAS, IAU

It was agreed at the last IDA Board meeting on 12 April 2019 to form a new WG10. Aim of WG10 is to focus on international relations, specifically in relation to EAS and IAU. Suggestion of potential chairs: Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard or Birgitta Nordström.

WG10 will function as the national committee for the IAU.

Important decisions need to be communicated to all astronomers. E.g. appointing or inviting junior researchers to be members of the IAU. For the moment, there are no guidelines.

AI: Hans Kjeldsen will ask Birgitta Nordström if she would like to be chair of WG10. Hans will also formulate terms of reference for WG10.

Relations to A&A

A&A is funded by IDA, and the A&A payment is approved by the Agency. In light of the new agreement, continuing to pay the A&A fee is up for discussion in autumn 2019.

4. Strategy for Danish Astrophysics

Deadline pushed for finalizing the strategy end of this year/early next year. Aim of the strategy: representation of Danish Universities in collaboration with the Agency, and to form a basis in order to argue on how research infrastructures should be prioritized. Part of the strategy also include decisions made in relation to the road map.

Chairs WG1-6 should meet before the summer, to initiate the work and continuing drafting the strategy.

AI: Doodle sent out to find a date for the next meeting to get the work on the strategy pushed forward (Mai Korsbæk).

AI: Circulation of the draft before the EC meeting on 28 august to the IDA Board (Hans Kjeldsen/Louise Børsen-Koch)

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Senior Prize for Johannes Andersen

Suggestion: Honoring Johannes Andersen through a one-day symposium for his scientific achievements. All IDA Board members acknowledge that Johannes Andersen is to be honored through a one-day symposium in 2019.

Decision: Early September in Copenhagen, a one-day symposium for Johannes Andersen. Invitation of international collaborators, and selection of SOC members to initiate the organization of the event.

AI: Hans Kjeldsen will contact Birgitta Nordström about potential dates and collaborators to invite.

ESA Science conference fall 2020

Sune Toft has been contacted by the STScI (Space Telescope Science Institute) and asked for Denmark to host a big science conference in the fall next year. IDA should be part of the SOC organizing the conference in celebration of the Hubble Space Telescope.

AI: Hans Kjeldsen will contact Sune Toft about more information and discuss IDA's commitment.

NewNOT

Question about observing time for the general users of the Nordic Optical Telescope. Open observing time for Denmark: around 35-40%, meaning that the total numbers in nights for Danish astronomers will increase slightly in the NewNOT.

The relationship between IDA and the NewNOT organization: IDA will be the scientific reference group to the NewNOT council. No decisions have yet been made until the NOT charter has been signed by all partners.

Discussion will continue about the NewNOT at the next meeting in September 2019.

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