



Board Meeting at the Bolin Centre for Climate Research
9:00–12:00, 27 October, 2016
Tarfala room, T433, Geoscience Building, Stockholm University

The following persons were present at this meeting:

Cynthia de Wit (Chair), Gia Destounti (NG), Birgitta Tullberg (Zoologi), Ove Eriksson (DEEP), Erik Kjellström (SMHI), Martin Jakobsson (IGV), Jonas Nycander (MISU), Alasdair Skelton (Director), Nina Kirchner (Research Director) and Karin Jonsell (Coordinator/Communicator).

Protocol

1. Meeting opens
Cynthia de Wit opened the meeting.
2. Appointment of protocol writer
Nina Kirchner and Alasdair Skelton were appointed.
3. Appointment of protocol checker.
Jonas Nycander was appointed.
4. Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved.
5. Protocol from the previous meeting
The agenda is approved pending comments from Board members to be sent to Alasdair Skelton within 2 days.
6. Approval of final draft of new statutes for the Bolin Centre (Appendix 1)
The revised version (sent by Cynthia de Wit to Board members on 161024) was approved with the following changes:
 - *Replace point 6, items 2 and 4 with “Besluta i frågor om medelsfördelning, budget och verksamhetsplanering” and “Följa upp Bolincentets verksamhet” respectively.*
 - *Replace “Under förutsättning att de strategiska forskningsmedlen kvarstår inom universitetet efter 2016 ska dessa medel tillfalla forskningsmiljön för klimatforskning fram till och med 2019 ” med ”Dessa medel kvarstår fortsättningsvis och ska tillfalla forskningsmiljön för klimatforskning fram till och med 2019”.*
The Board noted that a formalized decision regarding distribution of Bolin Centre funds between its host Departments and partners outside Stockholm University is needed following the merger with EkoKlim. The Board delegated to Director Alasdair Skelton to prepare a suggestion for decision at the next Board meeting.
7. Decision on new members for ESAG (Appendix 2)
The Board with support of the SAG decided to approach Professor Camille Parmesan (Plymouth University, UK), Associate Professor Karin Elizabeth Kohfeld (Simon Fraser University, Canada) and Professor Georgina Mace (University College London, UK) as additional members of the ESAG. The Board also decided to approach Professor Sonia Seneviratne (ETH-Zurich, Switzerland) as an additional new member of the ESAG. The Board delegated to Nina Kirchner and approach these persons.

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The Board agreed to increase communication budget to cover the cost of additional ESAG members. The amount of the increase can be agreed on at the next budget decision.

8. Decision on contact persons for climate for the Stockholm University profile area Climate, Sea and Environment
The Board with support of the SAG decided to propose that the Research Director of the Bolin Centre (presently Nina Kirchner) is contact person for climate for Stockholm University. The SAG also proposed Erik Kjellström as contact person but he is unable to accept this position because he has that same roll at SMHI. The Board proposed Regina Lindborg as contact person and delegated to Gia Destouni to approach her. The Board delegated to Alasdair Skelton to inform Anders Karlhede of the Board's proposal.
9. Approval of revised terms of reference for Database Advisory Group (Appendix 3)
The Board approved the revised terms of reference for Database Advisory Group according to appendix 3. In addition, Board members pointed out needs for (1) an incentive for researchers to enter data in our database (rather than other databases), (2) a clear definition of which data belong in our database and (3) funding for coordination of our database were raised. As a first step towards implementing the revised terms the Board decided to invite Anders Moberg (Bolin Centre Data Base Coordinator) to its next meeting to inform the Board about the database.
10. Discussion of the new financial situation
The Board was informed that funds received by Stockholm University for its SFOs will not be reduced until January 1, 2020 and that from this date, funds received by Stockholm University will be reduced by 16.7 MSEK. The Board was also informed that the Dean supports extending the time period for use of these funds. The Board was also informed that the SAG proposed that additional funds are used for recruitment of postdoctoral scientists and PhD students both within RA7-8 and bridging between RA1-6 and RA7-8. The Board supports this strategy and will await a more specific proposal from the SAG. In addition the following points were raised:
 - *Jonas Nycander informed the Board that national funds for climate modelling will be reduced and that costs for climate modelling will be increased and that Stockholm University may attempt to pass on this cost to the Bolin Centre.*
 - *Gia Destouni informed the Board that the government will invest in climate research with a special focus on climate adaptation over the next 5-year period. These funds will mainly be handled by FORMAS.*
11. Discussion about the Bolin Centre Seminar Series
The Board joined the SAG in supporting the decision by the Research Director to start a Bolin Centre seminar series in 2017 with 8 seminars annually, hosted by each of its 8 RAs.
12. Discussion of possible involvement in the ECRA (European Climate Research Alliance) General Assembly, to be held in Brussels, March 7 and 8, 2017, on the overarching topic: "Climate Change and vulnerable regions".
ECRA is a lobbying organization for climate at the EU level. The Bolin Centre is a participant member of ECRA. The Board supports the initiative by the Research Director to send one or more scientists to the ECRA General Assembly.
13. Discussion of research-based field studies on climate for high school students (Appendix 4)
The Board was informed that the SAG is presently investigating co-funding of this initiative jointly by its 8 RAs and supported by its integration funds. The final decision on funding will be taken at the next SAG meeting. Erik Kjellström informed of a similar project hosted by SMHI. The Board noted that the target group is high priority.
14. Information
 - a. Advertisement and requirements for the new Coordinator & Communicator (Appendix 5)
The Board was informed about the recruitment process which is being handled by Academic Work and

that interviews will be held by Karin Jonsell, Alasdair Skelton, Nina Kirchner, Sören Nylin and Viktoria Arvinge. The aim is to make a decision by December 2, 2017.

- b. Bolin Centre Newsletter (Appendix 6, will come later)
The Board was informed that the Bolin Centre Newsletter will be published in conjunction with the SAG meetings.
- c. Presentation of the Bolin Centre at the Stockholm University Board 28 October
The Board was informed that Director Alasdair Skelton will present the Bolin Centre for the University Board on October 28, 2017.
- d. Bolin Days, 15–17 November
The Board was reminded about the Bolin Days on 15-17 November, 2017. The Bolin Days begins with a special session about Bolin Centre research at the Department of Zoology and a 70-year celebration of the Tarfala Research Station on November 15. The RA sessions will be on November 16-17. There will also be a SWERUS-C3 photo exhibition.

15. Any other business

An additional point was raised regarding input from the Bolin Centre to the Faculty's Draft Strategic Plan. Cynthia de Wit will circulate the next version of the Draft Strategic Plan among the Board members and Directors so that input can be provided at the next Board meeting.

16. Next meeting

The Board was reminded that its next meeting is 13–16 on Friday 18 November 2016 in the Tarfala room, (T433 in Geoscience building)

Cynthia de Wit

Alasdair Skelton

Jonas Nycander.