



**Bolin Centre for Climate Research  
Board Meeting Protocol**

13:00–16:00, 18 November, 2016  
Tarfala Room T433 Geoscience Building, Stockholm  
University

Attending: Cynthia de Wit (Chair), Regina Lindborg (NG), Ove Eriksson (DEEP), Erik Kjellström (SMHI), Martin Jakobsson (IGV), Jonas Nycander (MISU), Michael McLachlan (ACES), Johannes Oerlemans (Chair, ESAG)(agenda items 1-7), Alasdair Skelton (Director), Nina Kirchner (Research Director), Karin Jonsell (Coordinator/Communicator), Runa Jacobsson (until agenda item 8), Madeleine Karpegård (NG)(from agenda item 5 to 8)

Not able to attend: Dan Henningson (KTH), Birgitta Tullberg (ZI)

1. Meeting opens  
*The meeting was opened by Cynthia de Wit.*
2. Appointment of protocol writer  
*Alasdair Skelton was appointed.*
3. Appointment of protocol checker  
*Martin Jakobsson was appointed.*
4. Approval of the agenda  
*The agenda was approved with addition of information points 11e, f and g.*
5. Participation of additional economy administrator  
*The Board agreed that Madeleine Karpegård and Runa Jacobsson are forthwith called to board meetings.*
6. Protocol from the previous meeting  
*The protocol was approved.*
7. Report from the External Science Advisory Group  
*Johannes Oerlemans (chair of the External Science Advisory Group) reported:*
  - *Requested that highlights from the Bolin Centre be sent to ESAG in advance of the Bolin Days.*
  - *Requested the ESAG have a meeting with PhD students at Bolin Days.*
  - *Requested presentation of the Bolin Centre by research area leaders to new ESAG members.*
  - *The ESAG previously advised the Bolin Centre to step up database activities. The ESAG are satisfied to see the Bolin Centre's progress. The ESAG highlighted the need for a data policy and further development of the database.*

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- *The ESAG previously highlighted the need for a tenure track system to keep its most talented scientists. The ESAG understand that there is presently no mechanism at SU for this to be achieved. However, the Bolin Centre Board noted that tenure track positions can be offered if Departments are able to take on the long term financial commitment of permanent employment.*
  - *The ESAG cautions the Bolin Centre to be sure that “room for the diggers is maintained” i.e. protect independent researchers so that they are able to dig deeper into questions, and not only emphasize collaboration. Science should be question driven.*
8. Presentation of the 2017 activity plan and budget outline for the Bolin Centre for Climate Research (Appendix 1)
- *The activity plan will be presented at the December 5, 2016 board meeting.*
  - *Alasdair Skelton presented a first draft version of the budget which is to be decided on at the Board meeting on December 5, 2016. This budget is based on a suggestion proposed by the SAG at its meeting on September 16, 2016. In this budget, ca. 12 MSEK of EkoKlim funds remain unbudgeted. The SAG (guided by RA7 and RA8) is asked to propose how these funds are to be used for the Board to make a decision on in 2017. The SAG is asked to considering creating a new research area (RA9) focusing on climate and society. The majority of these funds should be used to support research within RA7, RA8 and RA9 if created. In drafting this proposal, the SAG is also asked to consider if contributions to central costs are warranted. It was also pointed out that the time frame of the funding needs to be addressed as this will also affect the amount of funds left each year for research support. Alasdair Skelton will provide budget estimates based on using the total funds that will be available for 2017, 2018 and 2019, for funding research over 3, 4 or 5 years (including support to central costs, RA7 and 8 leader buyouts etc.) and with and without RA9.*
9. Presentation and discussion of the Database Advisory Group work
- *Anders Moberg presented the Bolin Centre Database and the Database Advisory Group (DAG).*
  - *The Bolin Centre Database has 76 datasets and 9 data themes. However, Anders pointed out that “datasets” is a difficult term since it is often hard to define what one dataset is. Some could be broken up into many datasets. Its vision is to host data from all scientists at the Bolin Centre.*
  - *The DAG comprises representatives from IGV, NG, ACES, MISU, SMHI and KTH. Representatives are needed from DEEP and ZI.*
  - *The Bolin Centre Database is directly staffed by 0.7 persons and supported by computing officers at several of the Bolin Centre’s host Departments. More staff are needed.*
  - *VR prioritized integration and accessibility of climate data. There will be a funding call with a deadline of March 7, 2017. The application requires matching funds.*
  - *The Bolin Centre Board agreed that the Bolin Centre, led by Anders Moberg, will apply to host a national climate database either separately or as a national competence node in an application led externally. The issue of matching funds can be resolved by the Bolin Centre’s host Departments.*
10. Input about the Bolin Centre to the Faculty’s strategic plan 2017-2018 (Appendix 2)
- *The Bolin Centre Board recommends that the following sentence “Bolincentret leds av en*

*partssammansatt styrelse, på sikt bör en mer fristående styrelse övervägas” is removed from the strategic plan. It is vital for the success of the Bolin Centre that its leadership is fully supported by its host Departments. Also, the Departments (not the Bolin Centre) are responsible for payment of salaries with Bolin Centre funds and must therefore have a say in how these funds are managed.*

*- The Bolin Centre Board delegated to Alasdair Skelton and Nina Kirchner to write a short section for the Strategic Plan about the Bolin Centre.*

## 11. Information

### a. Status of new ESAG members

*- The following persons were approached on recommendation of the Board: Professor Camilla Parmesan (Plymouth University), Professor Karin Elizabeth Kohfeld (Simon Fraser University), Professor Georgina Mace (University College London) and Professor Sonia Seneviratne (ETH-Zurich). Professors Parmesan and Kohfeld have accepted and Professors Mace and Seneviratne have declined. The SAG is asked to propose additional ESAG members.*

### b. Bert Bolin Climate Lecture 2017

*- Dr. Tomas Cronin will hold the 2017 Bert Bolin Climate Lecture on May 18, 2017*

### c. AGU 2016

*- The Bolin Centre has a booth at AGU which will be shared with the Swedish Polar Secretariat.*

### d. RA2 group leaders

*- Ilona Riipinen and Annica Ekman have informed the Directors that they will step down as co-leaders of RA2. They will propose new co-leaders to the SAG at its next meeting.*

### e. Statutes

*- The new statutes are awaiting approval by the Rector.*

### f. Bolin Days

*- The Bolin Days were extended to 2.5 days. Presentation of the AGU booth, database, mentoring program and SWERUS-C3 photograph exhibition were new additions for 2016. The event was highly successful.*

*- The number of participants (208) has increased from 166.*

*- There were fewer posters than in previous years.*

### g. Communicator/coordinator recruitment.

*- Of 62 applicants, 4 persons have been shortlisted. These persons will be interviewed on November 22 and 28.*

## 12. Any other business

## 13. Next meeting

December 5, 2016, kl 13-16. Very welcome!

Alasdair Skelton  
Secretary

Martin Jakobsson  
Attester

Cynthia de Wit  
Chair of the board