

Time 7 March 2017, 13–16  
Place Tarfala room T433, Geoscience building, Stockholm University

Attending board members *Cynthia de Wit, Chair*  
*Gia Destouni, Head, Dep. of Physical Geography, Stockholm University*  
*Ove Eriksson, Head, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, Stockholm U.*  
*Martin Jakobsson, Head, Dep. of Geological Sciences, Stockholm University*  
*Michael McLachlan, Head, Dep. of Env. Science and Anal. Chemistry, Stockholm U.*  
*Jonas Nycander, Dep. of Meteorology, Stockholm University*  
*Birgitta Tullberg, Head, Dep. of Zoology, Stockholm University*

Other participants *Annika Burström, Coordinator & Communicator*  
*Nina Kirchner, Director of Research*  
*Karin Jonsell, Coordinator & Communicator*  
*Alasdair Skelton, Rep., Dep. of Geological Sciences, Stockholm University*  
*Karen Kohfeld, External Science Advisory Group member, until §6*

Absent *Dan Henningson, Professor, Royal Institute of Technology*  
*Runa Jacobsson, Economy Administrator, Dep. of Geological Sciences, Stockholm U.*  
*Arne Johansson, Rep., Royal Institute of Technology*  
*Madeleine Karpegård, Economy Administrator, Dep. of Physical Geography, St. U*  
*Erik Kjellström, Head of Rossby Centre, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Inst.*  
*Student representative*

Secretary *Karin Jonsell*

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| § 1 | <b>Meeting opens</b><br>The chair welcomed everyone.  |
| § 2 | <b>Appointment of protocol writer</b><br>Karin Jonsell was appointed as protocol writer.  |
| § 3 | <b>Appointment of protocol checker</b><br>Gia Destouni was appointed as attester.   |
| § 4 | <b>Approval of the agenda</b><br>The agenda for this meeting was approved with the change of former item 14 e from information to a decision item, and the addition of a new information item 15 e. |
| § 5 | <b>Protocol from the previous meeting</b><br>The protocol from the previous meeting was approved.   |

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| § 6                | <p><b>Presentation of Karen Kohfeld, new ESAG member, visiting the Bolin Centre</b></p> <p>Karen Kohfeld presented herself and was welcomed by the Bolin Centre Board.</p>   |
| § 7                | <p><b>Presentation and calling of Annika Burström, the new Bolin Centre coordinator and communicator</b></p> <p>Annika Burström presented herself and her background. She started her 50 % position 2017-03-01 and will continue to work at Föreningen för Utvecklingsfrågor, FUF on 50 %.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board calls Annika Burström permanently to the Bolin Centre Board meetings.</li> </ul>   |
| § 8                | <p><b>Approval of the budget for the Bolin Centre for 2017</b></p> <p>The Director for Research Nina Kirchner presented the budget, see Appendix 1. The income to Stockholm University this year is 33 MSEK consisting of 15.4 MSEK from SFO funds for SuKlim, 16.7 MSEK for EkoKlim and 1 MSEK from Board of Science. There are also accumulated funds amounting to 2.1 MSEK left from previous years. The Board discussed the budget in detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The money from the Faculty of Science is earmarked for integration between RA1-RA6 and RA7-RA8, and the Science Advisory Group will distribute these funds to merited projects.</li> <li>• 1,0 MSEK will be taken from the accumulated funds and is earmarked for integration between the Bolin Centre and the Human Science Academic Area of Stockholm University. In a first step, the Directorate will organize a workshop for brainstorming project ideas together with scientists from the Human Science Academic Area. Depending on the outcome, further steps will be taken to use these funds for integration.</li> <li>• The 1,1 MSEK left from the accumulated funds will be saved for unforeseen situations.</li> <li>• The economic situation for the Climate Research School is presently uncertain. This is largely due to back-dated requests for reimbursement. The amount of central funds to be transferred to the CRS will be decided on once these issues are resolved. The Directors will come back to the Board once this is done.</li> <li>• There is some accumulation of Research Area seed money. This is partly due to funds not used up by granted projects. The Board asks the Directors to implement time limits for the RA seed money and the rule that the sum of the incoming and accumulated funds shall not exceed 150 % of the budgeted Research Area seed money at the start of 2018. The exceeding money will be withdrawn.</li> <li>• The Board approved the budget in Appendix 1 with the above stated modifications and clarifications.</li> </ul> |
| § 9<br>and<br>§ 10 | <p><b>Approval of call for proposals for RA7 and RA8</b></p> <p>The Board reviewed the call for funding proposals issued by RA7 and RA8, see Appendix 2 and 3. There was a discussion if the current writing excludes “biträdande lektorer”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board asks RA7 and RA8 to include a statement that “standard university rules apply for supervisors”, that RA7 includes the phrase “This includes assistant professors” and that RA8 includes a statement of who will evaluate the proposals. This decision was immediately attested by the Board.</li> <li>• The Board asks the Directors to make a procedure guide for the Research Area calls for funding.</li> </ul>   |

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| § 11 | <p><b>New statutes for the Bolin Centre and the process for appointing members of the board</b></p> <p>The new statutes were approved by the Vice Chancellor, see Appendix 4. However, the University will soon review them again as they are currently standardizing all statutes at the University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board asks the Chair to contact the Student Union for a Bolin Centre Board student representative.</li> </ul>  |
| § 12 | <p><b>Discussion of possible names for the external member and their alternate for the Bolin Centre Board</b></p> <p>The procedure is that the Faculty Dean suggests the external board member with alternate to the Vice Chancellor, who then makes the decision. The Dean Anders Karlhede has asked the Bolin Centre Board for advice on potential names.</p> <p>The term external was interpreted as outside the Bolin Centre for Climate Research and the Board discussed possible organizations and names. The previous external board member was from the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the Board sees this connection as an asset. The Geological Survey of Sweden is another possibility and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency was mentioned. Another suggestion was to ask for a representative from the Human Science Academic Area at Stockholm University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board asks the Chair to present the suggestions to the Faculty Dean.</li> </ul>  |
| § 13 | <p><b>Discussion of possible names for alternate members of the Bolin Centre Board from KTH and SMHI</b></p> <p>As stated in § 12 the procedure is that the Faculty Dean suggests board members from SMHI and KTH with alternates to the Vice Chancellor, who then makes the decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board suggests Arne Johansson at KTH to act as alternate member for KTH in the Bolin Centre Board.</li> <li>The Board has no suggestion for alternate member for SMHI, but asks the Chair to contact Erik Kjellström for advice.</li> <li>The Board asks the Chair to present the suggestions to the Faculty Dean.</li> </ul>   |
| § 14 | <p><b>March for Science 22 April</b></p> <p>A March for Science is scheduled to 22 April 2017 around the world. It is a non-partisan march for people who support scientific research and evidence-based policies. The mission statement on the American March for Science web page <a href="http://www.marchforscience.com">www.marchforscience.com</a></p> <p><i>The March for Science champions robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policy makers to enact evidence based policies in the public interest.</i></p> <p>There will be Marches for Science organized all over the world, including one in Stockholm and one in Gothenburg. The Bolin Centre sent a question to the Vice Chancellor how Stockholm University regards the march and if departments/centers at Stockholm University are allowed to participate as organizations. The Vice Chancellor's reply, dated 3 February, can be seen in Appendix 7. The answer is rather unclear as she both encourages participation as departments/centers but that Stockholm University at the time of writing does not officially support the march.</p> |

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|      | <p>The SAG meeting discussed an eventual participation as a center at its meeting on 6 March and there were mixed feelings among the SAG members. The march is organized as a reaction to the American Trump-administration's take on scientific evidence, so even though the march is stated as non-partisan, some SAG members feared that participating as an organization will be regarded as a partisan action. There was also fear to be connected to a march with signs and situations which we cannot control. Other SAG members were pro participation and many were undecided.</p> <p>The march is supported by organizations such as American Geophysical Union (AGU) and AAAS in the USA. In Sweden the march is organized by Vetenskapsfestivalen (sponsored by VR, VINNOVA, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond) in Gothenburg and by SULF, Vetenskap &amp; Allmänhet and Sveriges nätverk för forskningskommunikation in Stockholm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board discussed the issue. Concerns were raised about the Bolin Centre taking a political standpoint, but overall the Board considered that the March for Science is not a partisan statement, but solely a statement in support of science.</li> <li>• The Board asks the Bolin Centre Communicators to prepare a press release from the Bolin Centre in support of science but without any partisan politics. The press release has to be approved by the Bolin Centre Board.</li> <li>• The Board asks the Chair and the Bolin Centre Communicators to contact the Vice Chancellor again and ask Stockholm University to support the March for Science.</li> </ul>  |
| § 15 | <p><b>Information</b></p> <p>a) Change in Research Area leadership for RA3 and RA4<br/>Örjan Gustafsson has stepped down from co-leadership in RA4. Volker Brüchert and Christian Beer will continue without a third co-leader for the time being. Jerker Jarsjö will step down from RA3 leadership and has suggested Arvid Bring as a replacement. This will be discussed at the next SAG meeting in May. As Carl-Magnus Mörth also wants to be replaced, the Directors are currently looking for another co-leader.</p> <p>b) Database application to VR:s call on infrastructure<br/>The Database coordinator Anders Moberg with team has submitted the application to VR's call for infrastructure of national interest. In 2015, VR announced a pre-call to obtain suggestions for areas to be covered. The Bolin Centre wrote an application titled <i>Swedish Climate Research Database: Preservation, integration, analysis and exchange of data</i>. This application obtained the highest possible rank, and SU was therefore entitled to submit a full application for becoming the main center or a national node for climate data.</p> <p>c) Bolin Centre Newsletter, no 2 2017<br/>The second newsletter for 2017 has been issued with new about research area activities, grants and outreach. See Appendix 5.</p> <p>d) Climate Festival draft programme<br/>The planning of the Bolin Centre Climate Festival has progressed to include activities for children at comprehensive school and 14 lectures by Bolin Centre scientists for upper secondary school and the general public. The festival will also include an exhibition/activity area with booths from many external as well as internal organizations. The Bolin Centre will also act as a host for a workshop for teachers held by the Stockholm International Water Institute. See Appendix 6.</p> <p>e) Outreach investigation<br/>Gabrielle Stockman has conducted an investigation of the outreach activities among the Bolin Centre Scientists. The report has been submitted 2017-03-06 and will be presented at the next</p> |

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|      | Board meeting.   |
| § 16 | <b>Any other business</b><br>There was no other business.  |
| § 17 | <b>Next meeting</b><br>Next Board meetings will be 9–12 on Tuesday 30 May 2017 in the Tarfala room, (T433 in Geoscience building). |

Karin Jonsell,  
Secretary

Gia Destouni,  
Attester

Cynthia de Wit,  
Chair of the Board