

Board Meeting Protocol 2017-05-30 Bolin Centre for Climate Research

Time May 30 2017, 09:00–12:00

Place Tarfala room T433, Geoscience building, Stockholm University

Attending board Cynthia de Wit, Chair

members Clare Bradshaw, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, Stockholm

University (present from item 8)

Dan Henningson, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Erik Kjellström, Rossby Centre, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Inst

Gia Destouni, Dep. of Physical Geography, Stockholm University Jonas Nycander, Dep. of Meteorology, Stockholm University

Martin Jakobsson, Dep. of Geological Sciences, Stockholm University

Michael McLachlan, Dep. of Env. Science and Anal. Chemistry, Stockholm University

Other Annika Burström, Coordinator & Communicator participants Nina Kirchner, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre

Runa Jacobsson, Economy Administrator, Dep. of Geological Sciences, Stockholm

University.

Björn Gunnarsson Director of Studies, CRS, Dep. of Physical Geography, Stockholm

University (present during item 8)

Absent Karin Jonsell, Bolin Centre Coordinator & Communicator

Alasdair Skelton, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre, Birgitta Tullberg, Dep. of Zoology, Stockholm University

Caroline Greiser, Student representative, Stockholm University

Ove Eriksson, Head, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, Stockholm

University

Secretary Annika Burström / Nina Kirchner

§ 1	Meeting opens
	The chair welcomed everyone.
§ 2	Appointment of protocol writer
	Annika Burström was appointed as protocol writer.
§ 3	Appointment of protocol checker
	Martin Jakobsson was appointed as attester.
§ 4	Approval of the agenda
	The agenda for this meeting was approved with the change that former item 10 to be moved up to item 8 due to time restrictions by presenter.
§ 5	Protocol from the previous meeting
	The protocol from the previous meeting was approved.
§ 6	Discussion about upcoming meeting with the vice rector for the Human Science Area on how the faculty's goal for collaboration in the area of climate can be achieved.



The Bolin Centre Board has allocated 1,0 MSEK from the Bolin Centre's accumulated capital for the purpose of stimulating collaboration between the Bolin Centre and the Human Sciences Academic Area. The Directors will meet with Karin Helander, Chair of the Human Sciences Academic Area on June 19 to discuss how this goal could be achieved.

The SAG advised the Directors as follows:

- Suggest organizing a brainstorming workshop to identify avenues for collaboration.
- Link the workshop to funding so that more scientists attend
- Find out how to reach members of the Human Sciences Academic Area
- Discuss collaboration via MSc projects
- Find out if this type of cross-academic-area collaboration is also being encouraged at the Human Sciences Academic Area

The Board was approached for input in advance of meeting with Karin Helander. The Board advised the Directors the following:

- Organize a workshop to identify potential partners and avenues for collaboration on climate research between the Natural Science and Human Science areas at Stockholm University
- Explore whether Karin Helander would support the idea of approaching the Vice Chancellor in asking for an initiative in the form of e.g. financing 5-8 postdoctoral fellows that are working on joint, collaborative projects with supervisors from both the Bolin Centre and the Human Science Area. Previous experience from the starting phase of the Bolin Centre has shown such an initiative to be very efficient in increasing collaboration across departments and research areas. The 1,0 MSEK allocated by the Bolin Centre could be used to co-finance such an effort.

§ 7 Decision on overhead on salaries paid using Research Area funds (Appendix 1)

Information provided before the meeting:

Suggested procedure from Bolin Centre director Alasdair Skelton: The Board has previously agreed that OH on salaries funded using central funds from the Bolin Centre is 23%. However, OH on salaries funded by individual Research Areas is a "grey area". It has not been an issue previously because RA funds are quite small and seldom used for salaries. It has become an issue because RA7 and RA8 have considerably more money and will use a lot of these funds to pay for salaries. The director's suggestion is that OH on salaries funded using RA funds is standard Departmental OH. His motivation is that this is how SUCLIM funds have been handled and he sees no reason to handle EKOKLIM funds differently.

The board decided to table a decision on this agenda item. This is partly due to the fact that the Board felt a lack of information on current and former rules and practices regarding the OH, and partly also because representatives from the Dept. of Zoology and DEEP were not present for this point-. Since especially RA7 and RA8 are affected by a decision on this item, the decision was postponed, and the Board asks Alasdair Skelton to prepare a more detailed explanation of the OH situation at the next Board meeting.

§ 8 | Economy update regarding CRS

Information: Björn Gunnarson informed about the CRS economy. CRS funds have been administered by different departments, following the affiliation of the director of studies of the CRS. This has caused some confusion. Björn Gunnarsson, HC Hansson, Runa Jacobsson and Madeleine Karpegård have now disentangled most of the CRS budget since 2008, and the budget presented by Björn Gunnarsson shows an excess of 143 899 kr which has to be used by June 30, 2017. Björn Gunnarsson's salary will be transferred to the CRS account to use up these funds in time. Also, the CRS still has Bolin Centre funds from 2016 of 500 000 kr and have budgeted 584 500 kr for the CRS in 2017. Together with the Formas surplus of 143 899, they have 643 899 kr, which is 59 399 kr more than needed. Björn suggested that these 59 399 kr be transferred back to



the Bolin Centre central account.

Decision: The Board decided to follow these two suggestions.

§ 9 FORMAS call - Kunskap om och för samhällets klimatarbete (Appendix 2)

FORMAS has published a call "Kunskap om och för samhällets klimatarbete." The SAG has discussed the call at its most recent meeting (29 May, 2017) and considers applications of individual Bolin Centre scientists, or constellations of several individual Bolin Centre scientists more appropriate than a single Bolin Centre application. The Board agreed.

§ 10 | Suggestions for external board member and their substitute

A discussion evolved around functions, roles, and possible candidates. E.g., someone from the Swedish EPA as before? Suggestions that were made of specific people: Wendy Broadgate, Future Earth. Anna Lindstedt, Ministry of Environment, Johan Kuylenstierna, SEI. Fredrik Hannerz, political adviser to Isabella Lövin, Minister for Development Cooperation and Climate. Several aspects were discussed including the need for people who would help the Bolin Centre with an integrative view, have societal perspective, possibly someone more towards the social sciences. The board decided that a decision cannot be made today, and that suggestions for possible candidates should be emailed to the Chair, in order to be discussed at the next meeting. She will compile them with some information about each person so this can be sent out before the next meeting.

§ 11 **Information**

a) March for Science

The Bolin Centre got a reply from the vice chancellor of Stockholm University and we got clearance to participate, which we did.

b) RA2 leadership change

RA2: Lars Ahlm has decided not to continue as co-leader of RA2. RA2 will be led by Frida Bender and Matthew Salter.

RA3: Arvid Bring and Anne Soerensen have been appointed as co-leaders of RA3 until the end on 2018.

c) Klimatfestivalen

The Bolin Centre's first Climate Festival (May 15-18) was an enormous success with over 1300 participants as well as substantial media coverage. The Directorate proposes that this becomes an annual event, replacing the former "Bolin Days for Schools".

d) STINT application

The Bolin Center has applied with a project focusing on the Arctic in the broadest sense. On May 18th, 2017, the project was presented for STINT at a hearing at their headquarters. The final decision is pending and expected in June 2017.

e) Payment schedule for SFO funds

Will be made in two installments. Payments will be made in May and September.

- f) Economy update regarding money left on the FORMAS account The Directors have informed the persons concerned.
- g) Bert Bolin legacy archiving initiative

No news at this point.

h) IPCC report writing call

No Bolin Centre member has volunteered to be nominated as a contributing author the IPCC special report, in response to a call from SMHI.

i) Membership application and email-lists

We are working on a new application form which we hope will ease the process for new members to join the Bolin Centre.

j) Communicators outing to Centrum för klimatanpassning 22/5



	The Bolin Centers coordinators and communicators had a valuable meeting with SMHI. Information was given and we talked about how we can collaborate more.
§ 12	Any other business
	No other business.
§ 13	Next meetings
	Next Board meeting will be 9-12 on Sep 19, 2017 in the Tarfala room, (T433 in Geoscience building).
	Coming meetings: Oct 26 (9-12), Nov 24 (13-16) and Dec 18 (13-16). The Bolin Days will be held on November 22-23.

Annika Burström, Secretary Martin Jakobsson, Attester Cynthia de Wit, Chair of the Board