

Board Meeting Protocol 2017-10-26 Bolin Centre for Climate Research

Time October 26 2017, 09:00–12:00

Place Tarfala room T433, Geoscience building, Stockholm University

Attending board Arne Johansson, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

members Caroline Greiser, Student representative, Stockholm University

Cynthia de Wit, Chair

Erik Kjellström, Rossby Centre, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Inst

Jonas Nycander, Dep. of Meteorology, Stockholm University

Magnus Breitholtz, Dep. of Environmental Science and Analytical Chemistry,

Stockholm University,

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

University

Other Alasdair Skelton, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre

participants Annika Burström, Coordinator & Communicator of the Bolin Centre

Nina Kirchner, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre

Absent Gia Destouni, Dep. of Physical Geography, Stockholm University

Karin Jonsell, Bolin Centre Coordinator & Communicator Linda Laikre, Dep. of Zoology, Stockholm University

Martin Jakobsson, Dep. of Geological Sciences, Stockholm University

Secretary Annika Burström

§ 1	Meeting opens
	The chair welcomed everyone.
§ 2	Appointment of protocol writer
	Annika Burström was appointed as protocol writer.
§ 3	Appointment of protocol checker
	Erik Kjellström was appointed as attester.
§ 4	Approval of the agenda
	The agenda for this meeting was approved with an addition under Item 11. Information: j) How to encourage members from SMHI and KTH to seek Bolin Centre funds.
§ 5	Protocol from the previous meeting
	The protocol from the previous meeting was approved.
§ 6	Birgitta Tullberg
	Birgitta Tullberg, Head of the Department of Zoology, has tragically passed away. The Bolin Centre has sent flowers to the funeral. We await a decision from the faculty dean regarding who will represent the Department of Zoology in the Bolin Center Board.



§ 7 Discussion regarding Integration Money – Integration with the Human Sciences Area

The Bolin Centre has earlier decided (Bolin Centre Board Meeting 20170307) to allocate 1 MSEK for projects focusing on climate that aim at the integration of the Natural sciences and the Human sciences academic areas using the Bolin Centre as a common platform. A one day workshop is scheduled for Feb 7, 2018, and a program is being prepared. This workshop will be financed from the Integration Money and by contributions from the Human Sciences Academic Area. Suggestions on how to spend the majority of the 1MSEK, provided by the Bolin Centre, include a call for "seed money/smaller projects" and using the money to support jointly supervised Postdocs. The latter suggestion will require additional funding, e.g. from the Departments or the University. The Board discussed how the money could be use and concluded that this is for the workshop to propose, since the purpose with the workshop is to find this out.

§ 8 Nomination of external member and their reserve to the Board (Att. 2a-b)

The Chair of the Board presented two possible external members of the Bolin Centre Board: Johannes Morfeldt and Pelle Boberg (alternate) from the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket).

The Board decided to recommend Johannes Morfeldt as external board member and Pelle Boberg as alternate. This will be passed on to the Dean of Science and to the Vice-Chancellor who make the final decision.

§ 9 Proposal to submit the Bolin Centre Database as a Natural Science Faculty Core Facility (Att. 3a-b)

The S-NICE proposal submitted to VR's infrastructure call and prepared under the leadership of Anders Moberg was unfortunately not funded. The Bolin Centre Board tasked a working group (Martin Jakobsson, Rezwan Mohammad, Anders Moberg and Nina Kirchenr) to prepare and submit a proposal on behalf of the Bolin Centre to the Faculty of Science, in order to render the Bolin Centre Database a so-called "Core Facility". The proposal should be submitted to the Faculty of Science in early 2018 and a draft can be discussed at a forthcoming Board meeting if necessary/wanted.

§ 10 Discussion of the draft of final report for the Linnaeus project "Climate evolution, variability and sensitivity" (Att. 4)

The final report for the Linnaeus project, which began in 2006 and ended in 2016, must be sent to FORMAS no later than November 30, 2017. A first draft of this report, which must not exceed 8000 characters including spaces, was included with this agenda. The Board was asked to comment on this draft. The Board did not have any comments and thus approved the draft.

§ 11 Information/ Discussion

- a) The Bolin Centre Communication Strategy A first draft for the Communication Strategy has been sent to the SAG for input. The SAG was overall pleased with the strategy and that it focuses on both internal and external communication and that researchers are the primary target group. A final draft will be presented to the Board at the board meeting in December.
- b) Integration between RAs money call (Att. 5)

 The directorate received six proposals in response to the integration money call. The Directorate has, based on the recommendations of the SAG, approved four proposals for funding. One proposal was rejected and one proposal has been returned to the application with a request for clarification of its integration potential. The SAG has recommended a second call (along the lines of the first call), in order to distribute the remaining integration funds. The Directors have done so and the second call is found here:



https://bolin.su.se/index.php/news/616-bolin-centre-second-call-for-applicationsintegration-projects

The Board suggests that for future calls, bigger sums (more than 100 000 SEK per proposal) might be good to consider, since small sums can be difficult to find feasible projects for.

- c) Bolin Climate Lecture 2018
 - The deadline for nominating the Bolin Climate Lecturer 2018 was October 15th. The directorate received and evaluated five nominations. The ranking was presented to the Board, and will be passed on to the Faculty of Science who makes the final decision. The Directors recommended Veerabhadan Ramanathan for the 2018 Bert Bolin Climate Lecturer. In order to encourage more nomination for coming calls, there is a need to go through the criteria for nominating. Also, a strategy to ensure diversity balance over time is needed. The directorate will therefore suggest a new nominations procedure and present this to the board.
- d) Bolin Centre Seminar Series
 - The Bolin Centre Seminar Series aims to bring Bolin Centre researchers together on a regular basis, and to provide an opportunity for a wider audience to learn about current research topics in the individual Research Areas. With the Seminar Series, we strive to make research carried out within the Bolin Centre more visible, to foster collaborations, both internally and externally, and to trigger lively discussions, for the benefit of the entire Bolin Centre. The first year of the Seminar Series is soon over, and the SAG supports the continuation of the Seminar Series in 2018. The SAG has agreed on the following point for the coming series:
 - Talks can be specific to the RA or more general, but should be accessible to other climate scientists.
 - Attendance should be voluntary.
 - RA's can schedule their talks at any time of day. The Bolin Centre will provide sandwiches before talks scheduled at 11-12 and fika after talks scheduled at other
- e) 49th Arctic Workshop, Stockholm University, 2019. Stockholm Stockholm University, specifically representatives from the Bolin Centre at NG and IGV have been asked to host the meeting, which has its roots at the University of Boulder, Colorado. A working group will form soon, and more information will be shared as soon as it becomes available. Preliminary dates for the meeting are 4-6 April 2019
- Monthly informal RA-leader Fikas RA-leaders will have an informal meeting, fika, every first Thursday of every month at 13.00-14.00 in the Geoscience Building. The next fika is on November 2.
- g) Bolin Centre Newsletter
 - Newsletter number 5 2017 is published here: https://bolin.su.se/index.php/newsletter
- h) Bolin Days 2017 22-23 November Please note that the deadline to send your photo for the exhibition is November 3. Final schedule for the Bolin Days will be published Oct 27.
- AGU 2017
 - If you are going to AGU, please inform us at bolin@su.se. Scientist who help the communicators in the Bolin Centre booth at least 2h, will get their registration fee paid – please feel free to spread the word.
- j) How to encourage members from SMHI and KTH to seek Bolin Center funds SAG would like to see talks from SMHI and KTH during the Bolin Days. However, when planning the sessions, RA Leaders often prefer talks from members who have received funds from the Bolin Centre, and members from SMHI and KTH do not tend to apply for funding in the same extent as members from SU. The Board discussed how members from KTH and SMHI can be encouraged to seek funds. One suggestions was to recruit new RA leaders from SMHI and KTH which will tie them more closely to the Bolin Centre.



	No other business.
§ 13	Next meetings
	The next Board meeting will be 13-16 on Nov 24, 2017 in the Tarfala room, (T433 in Geoscience building).
	Coming meetings: Dec 18 (13-16), might be at KTH.

Annika Burström, Secretary Erik Kjellström, Attester Cynthia de Wit, Chair of the Board