

Time 9.00-12.00, June 16, 2021
Place Via Zoom

Attending board members Cynthia de Wit, Dep. of Environmental Science, SU, Chair
Rodrigo Caballero, Dep. of Meteorology, SU
Qiong Zhang, Dep. of Physical Geography, SU (replaces Georgia Destouni)
Carl-Magnus Mörth, Dep. of Geological Sciences, SU
Ralf Döscher, Rossby Centre, Swedish Meteorological & Hydrological Institute
Ove Eriksson, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, SU
Fredrik Lundell, KTH Royal Institute of Technology
Bengt Karlsson, Dep. of Zoology, SU
Magnus Breitholtz, Dep. of Environmental Science, SU
Anna-Karin Nyström, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
~~Heather Wood, nominated Student representative, Stockholm University (SU)~~
~~Charlotte Haugk, Student representative, Stockholm University (SU)~~

Other participants Nina Kirchner, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre
Alasdair Skelton, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre (*until item 11*)
Magnus Atterfors, Bolin Centre Communicator
~~Annika Granebeck, Bolin Centre Coordinator~~
~~Laila Islamovic, Bolin Centre Communicator~~

Secretary Magnus Atterfors

§ 1	Meeting opens
§ 2	Appointment of protocol writer Magnus Atterfors was appointed as protocol writer.
§ 3	Appointment of protocol checker Magnus Breitholtz was appointed as attester.
§ 4	Approval of the agenda The agenda was approved with the addition of § 11, Climate symposium 2022
§ 5	Protocol from the previous Board meeting (Appendix 1) The Board approves the protocol from its previous meeting, with the change that Magnus Atterfors was not attending the Board meeting on April 26.
§ 6	The proposed MSc program in Climate Studies has been reviewed by the Education Board. The Education Board did not feel that the program has sufficient support from its host departments for it to be successful. For this reason, the Directors advise

	<p>the Bolin Centre Board to not pursue this issue any further. The existing program is no longer open for application. The Director of Studies will continue to provide support for students who are currently enrolled on this program.</p> <p>The board decided to pause the work on a Bolin Centre master's program in Climate Studies. The board thanks Agatha de Boer for all her hard work with the program.</p>
§ 7	<p><i>Information:</i> The Climate Festival was held digitally for the second year in a row. Given the circumstances with Covid-related challenges and only online participation, it was a successful festival.</p>
§ 8	<p><i>Information:</i> During the summer, Annika Granebeck is working at Tarfala Research Station, on a temporary buy-out from her Bolin Centre work time. To ensure that Bolin Centre coordination matters are taken care of as usual, Laila Islamovic's temporary employment continues until the end of 2021.</p>
§ 9	<p><i>Information:</i> SU has provided KTH and SMHI with a proposed agreement regarding SFO funds. SMHI has responded but SU is presently waiting for a response from KTH.</p>
§ 10	<p><i>Information:</i> The process for recruiting new Directors is ongoing. A suggestion from the Dean is expected in time for the next Bolin Centre Board meeting. At that stage, the Board will be provided with the vision documents requested from the nominees and invited to make a statement regarding the Dean's suggestion, before it is passed on to the University President for a final decision.</p>
§ 11	<p>Climate symposium 2022</p> <p>The board decided on a date for the upcoming Climate symposium together with SMHI, MERGE and BECC: May 16 – May 20, 2022.</p>
§ 12	<p><i>Discussion:</i> Future of the Bolin Centre for Climate Research: The Chair of the Board is aware of the “elephants in the room” concerning the future of the Bolin Centre. The Bolin Centre needs to decide if it should become broader by e.g. embracing the humanities and/or research on climate mitigation, if it should focus more on the physical sciences, or if it should continue in its present form. To help move the process forward and make sure that all Board member's views on the current and future state of the Bolin Centre is heard, a “listening” session was held during the latter part of the meeting. By this, the Chair hopes to gain valuable insight for use in discussions with the recruitment committee regarding the suggestion of new Directors.</p> <p>CdW asked NK to chair this agenda item. NK had no conflict of interest, since she informed the Board that she had withdrawn her nomination for the continued Bolin Centre directorship. Everyone present at the meeting shared his/her thoughts, while MA, NK and CdW took notes. No immediate comments, reflections or discussions were initiated, adhering to the concept of a “listening session”. Reflections will be shared at the next Board meeting.</p>

§ 13	<i>Information:</i> Next meetings: September 15, 9.00-12.00 September 30, 9.00-12.00 October 29, 9.00-12.00 November 24, 13:00-16:00 (with ESAG) December 13, 13:00-16:00.

Magnus Atterfors
Secretary

Magnus Breitholtz
Attester

Cynthia de Wit
Chair of the Board