Stockholm University

Board Meeting Protocol 2021-12-13 Bolin Centre for Climate Research

Time: 13.00-16.00, December 13, 2021

Place: 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 (replaces)

Ralf Döscher, Rossby Centre, Swedish Meteorological & Hydrological Institute Kristoffer Hylander, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, SU

Bengt Karlsson, Dep. of Zoology, SU

Magnus Breitholtz, Dep. of Environmental Science, SU

Absent board Members Anna-Karin Nyström Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)

Heather Wood, Student representative, Stockholm University (SU)

Fredrik Lundell, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Attending other participants

Nina Kirchner, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre Alasdair Skelton, Co-Director of the Bolin Centre Annika Granebeck, Bolin Centre Coordinator Magnus Atterfors, Bolin Centre Communicator

Ilona Riipinen, Dep. of Environmental Science Gustaf Hugelius, Dep. of Physical Geography

Johan Nilsson, Chair 2022, Dep. of Meteorology, SU, (from item 7) Karen Kohfeld, External Science Advisory Group (from item 7) Ulrike Lohmann, External Science Advisory Group (from item 7)

§ 1	Meeting opens
§ 2	Appointment of protocol writer  Magnus Atterfors was appointed as protocol writer.
§ 3	Appointment of protocol checker Qiong Zhang was appointed as attester.
§ 4	Approval of the agenda The agenda was approved with the addition of three information points (new statutes, decision of new host department, coming decision of chair and vice chair) under §8 and four points under §9.
§ 5	Protocol from the previous Board meeting (Appendix 1) The Board had no comments on the protocol from its previous meeting.
§ 6	Decision: Revised budget for 2022 (Appendix 2)

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The updated budget was presented and discussed at the previous Bolin Centre Board meeting. Increased LKP on salaries and supplements to the incoming director and vice-director negotiated with the faculty dean have led to increased costs of 331 000 SEK compared to the strategic budget created by the incoming directors and the SAG. In order to not undermine the Centre budget for 2022 for the incoming directors' strategic work, the Board decided that the increased costs of 331 000 SEK for 2022 will be distributed equally (1/6th each) between the four SuKlim departments (ACES, IGV, NG and MISU), and KTH and SMHI. For ACES, IGV, NG and MISU, this will be done by reducing the amount of SFO funds distributed to the departments up to 55 000 SEK/department. For SMHI and KTH this will be done by sending an invoice for the costs (up to 55 000 SEK each). This decision should be added as a footnote in the final version of the budget. This budget decision is only valid for 2022.

## § 7 Discussion: External Science Advisory Board

Ulrike Lohmann and Karen Kohfeld presented their views of the Bolin Days, the annual report and the future of the Bolin Centre. A written report will be produced by ESAG in the beginning of next year. Ulrike was present one day and found the posters and interactions with people good. Karen participated via zoom both days. Both found that most presentations were clear and easy to understand for people even when outside the field of expertise. Both were, however, critical of the lack of communication with the ESAG before the Bolin Days, that there was no meeting set up with PhD students and postdocs as has usually been the case and that the annual report was not received until after the event. They found the annual report to be good and much improved. They expressed some concern about the reduction in work time planned for the incoming directors due to the reduced budget and how this will work as well as the impact this may have on outreach. They suggested that these concerns should be evaluated regularly by the Board.

## § 8 Information

- a) The Bolin Centre annual report for 2020 is now available, both in print and online via <a href="https://bolin.su.se/publications/bolin-centre-annual-reports">https://bolin.su.se/publications/bolin-centre-annual-reports</a>.
- Maureen E. Raymo has decided to step down from the ESAG due to a high workload. Nina Kirchner informed the Board that the other members of the ESAG's term of office ends at the end of 2022. Ilona Riipinen suggested to start searching for new ESAG members during the spring 2022.
- c) The Bolin Centre statutes have been revised and have been approved by the President of Stockholm University. The revisions include the change of host institution for the centre from IGV to ACES, and the addition of a Vice Chair as a member of the board.



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- d) The President of Stockholm University has officially made the decision to make the Department of Environmental Science (ACES) the host-institution for the Bolin Centre as of 2022-01-01.
- e) On 17 December, the President of Stockholm University will appoint Martin Jakobsson the Chair of the Bolin Centre, and Johan Nilsson the Vice Chair from 2022-01-01.

## § 9 Any other business

- a) SNIC costs for SMHI in the SU Faculty budget: Ralf Döscher highlighted that the coverage of SNIC costs for CMIP6 experiments carried out by SMHI for SU, GU, UU and LU still do not seem to have been negotiated to completion between the four universities. This process needs to reach a decision in the near future. The Chair previously communicated the matter to the Faculty Dean a few weeks ago and will contact him again to discuss how this will be dealt with in the future.
- b) There is a new KTH Climate Action Center (<a href="https://www.kth.se/aktuellt/nyheter/nytt-centrum-tar-brett-grepp-om-klimatet-1.1117917">https://www.kth.se/aktuellt/nyheter/nytt-centrum-tar-brett-grepp-om-klimatet-1.1117917</a>). Magnus Breitholtz has been in contact with the center, and Ilona and Gustaf will receive more information from them next year.
- c) Nina Kirchner informed the Board that Laila Islamovic ends her position at the Bolin Centre at the end of December, and that Annika Granebeck is going to work 20 % for the Bolin Centre and 80 % for Tarfala research station in December and in January 2022.
- d) The next Board meeting needs to decide what will happen if Rodrigo Caballero is absent from a board meeting, since Johan Nilsson, as the vice head of department, is a substitute for Rodrigo.

The Chair thanked Nina and Alasdair for their outstanding work as the directors of the Bolin Centre, and expressed her thanks for the pleasure of Chairing of the Board for the past years, before ending the meeting.

Magnus Atterfors Secretary Qiong Zhang Attester Cynthia de Wit Chair of the Board