

## Minutes

### Record of decisions of the IDA Advisory board meeting 10 June 2014

<p><b>Chairman of the meeting:</b> Hans Kjeldsen</p> <p><b>Secretary of the meeting:</b> Louise Børsen-Koch</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 10.6.2014 – 10.00-14.30</p> <p><b>Place:</b> Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen Juliane Maries Vej 30 2100 Copenhagen Ø Denmark</p>	<p><b>Present:</b> Jes Jørgensen (NBI) Uffe Gråe Jørgensen (NBI) Jens Hjorth (NBI) Lise Christensen (NBI) Hans Kjeldsen (AU) Christoffer Karoff (AU) Louise Børsen-Koch (AU)</p> <p><b>Also present in part of the meeting:</b> Ministry representatives Peter Sloth, Cecilie Tornøe and Anders Kjær from the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation participated in part of the board meeting covering agenda topics 4-5.</p> <p><b>Excused:</b> Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard (AU) Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU) Allan Hornstrup (DTU)</p>
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#### 1. Approval of the agenda.

Approved

#### 2. Approval of previous minutes.

Approved

##### 2.1 Status of action items.

Nothing to report

### **3. The role of the IDA Board.**

Preparation for the meeting with the Ministry representatives

### **4. Status of IDA**

From the Danish community there is a need for a clear dialogue with the ministry as this will enable discussions about priorities of national interests and give the community an opportunity to make long-term priorities and goals.

The national aspect of IDA is crucial and the more coordinated IDA is in communicating on behalf of the Danish astronomical community the better.

### **5. The strategic tasks of IDA**

A general debate regarding the collaboration between IDA and the representatives from the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation.

5.1 The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation can ask IDA for advice in relation to the Danish membership of International research infrastructure and facilities.

IDA will advise the ministry in relations to the appointment of delegates in central international organs such as ESO and ESA with the national aspect in mind. How to do this in a more formal manner will be addressed at a future IDA Board meeting.

5.1.1 In relation to the Danish strategic collaboration with ESO.

The official reports from ESO, ESA and NOT will become public on IDA.AU.DK, as it is IDA's task to inform the Danish community in these matters.

5.1.2 In relation to the Danish strategic collaboration with NOT.

IDA have decided to fund service- and observing fees for all Danish astronomers to go to the Nordic Optical Telescope and there will be no need to apply for the funding through a letter of intent.

### **6. The national meeting 27 May**

IDA organized an annual meeting in relations to the Danish participation in an E-ELT instrument project 27 May in Odense. The outcome of the meeting is that the Danish community will pursue participation in HIRES.

6.1 Follow up on the national meeting in relation to the Danish participation in an E-ELT instrument project.

Action Items from the meeting is as followed:

1. Johan Fynbo is responsible for the contact to HIRES: Johan has made the approach.
2. The IDA Board will, as representatives for the Danish astronomical community, discuss how we should proceed and what we should do.
3. The IDA Board will, as representatives for the Danish astronomical community, make a small study group who will write a short document stating e.g. 5 Danish science cases, as it is important that we figure out the exact research projects that will benefit from the Danish engagement in the E-ELT.

## **7. IDA Budget**

Nothing to report

### **7.1 Call for Letter of Intent in relation to the use of the budget for development, design and access.**

A Letter of Intent has been made by Hans Kjeldsen stating the framework of IDA funding in 2014-2016. The Letter of Intent has been sent to the community with a deadline for proposal submission 1 September.

## **8. Observing facilities**

### **8.1 Swift**

The Swift mission ranked first at the 2014 senior review, and the IDA call for year 2 of observing time had 7 proposals submitted for the 1 Msec available to the Danish community in 2014-2015. The new cycle starts July 2014.

### **8.2 LSST**

Nothing to report

### **8.3 NOT**

IDA will fund service fees for observations at the Nordic Optical Telescope as well as the travels in relation to making the observations.

This annual budget post is estimated at 10,000 EURO per year.

#### **9. Annual Danish Astronomy Meeting 17-18 June 2014.**

The Annual Meeting took place in Odense 17-18 June with a total number of 80 participants from the many different groups and centers in Denmark working with astrophysics.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

A: Regarding the Annual Meeting 2015:

Christoffer Karoff presented the idea of having the Annual Danish Astronomy Meeting 2015 in Sjælland, hence spreading out the meeting between the different parts of the country in the years to come.

B: The Danish Physical Society:

Hans Kjeldsen has been contacted by a representative from the Danish Physical Society asking about the possible involvement in the astronomy section of the society:

E.g. involvement in the committee relating to the International Year of the light 2015:

The International Year of Light is a global initiative highlighting to the citizens of the world the importance of light and light-based technologies in their lives, for their futures, and for the development of society. The initiative is supported by 100 partners from more than 85 countries, and coordinated by the European Physical Society under the auspices of the United Nations.

We will discuss the involvement in the International year of the light at a board meeting later this year.

#### **11. End of Meeting**

The meeting ended 14.30