

Minutes

Record of decisions of the IDA Advisory board meeting 12 September 2014

Chairman of the meeting: Hans Kjeldsen	Present: Allan Hornstrup (DTU)
Secretary of the meeting: Louise Børsen-Koch	Uffe Gråe Jørgensen (NBI)
Date: 12.9.2014 – 10:00-14.30	Jens Hjorth (NBI)
Place: Aarhus University Ny Munkegade 120 Building 1520-732 8000 Aarhus C	Lise Christensen (NBI)
	Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU)
	Hans Kjeldsen (AU)
	Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard (AU)
	Louise Børsen-Koch (AU)
	Excused:
	Christoffer Karoff (AU)
	Jes Jørgensen (NBI)

1. Approval of the agenda.

Approved

2. Approval of previous minutes.

Approved

2.1 Status of action items.

Nothing to report

3. Budget

3.1. Call for Letters of Intent 2014-2016

8 Letters of Intent was received for the call – a decision has been made to make several calls in relation to Lol received in this round:

- Observing schools
- Access to observation facilities
- Instrumentation

Factors important to stress in the coming calls:

1. The calls should state the output for Danish astronomy in general.
2. Co-funding from home-institutions: Each PI should state the possibilities of co-funding from home-institutions relative to the call.
3. Statements regarding the use of IDA as a funding resource: Why apply for funding from IDA and not from other sources?

Other related to the budget

Quotas to the international organizations:

Specifically the quota to IAU: 70.000 DKK paid by the Universities through the Royal Danish Academy.

3.2. ESO Science Outreach Network (ESON)

70.000 DKK from the IDA budget is allocated to this.

Since the output of the use of the 70.000 DKK is unclear the IDA Board has decided to allocate the money for the year 2014-2015 at first.

4. Strategic Tasks

4.1 Appointment of delegates in central international organizations

- IDA Board will appoint the delegates.
- The procedure for the appointment has to be related to the organization in question.
- An important part in the appointment of delegates must be to secure the diversity of the Danish delegates hence prioritizing the diversity of Danish astronomy.
- We need to be on the cutting edge of the appointments in question by making a roadmap of all of the Danish delegates in all the different organizations.

4.2 The role as advisory to the ministry

The IDA Boards communication with the Ministry:

- Resolutions should be made by the Board to send to the ministry with different matters of importance for Danish astronomy, possibly in cooperation with Rumforskningsudvalget.
- The next mission selections for the IDA Board to advise upon are PLATO in 2016 and M4 selection in 2015/2016. However in general the advisory role is related to the Danish participation in ESO and ESA.

5. The roadmap of Danish astronomy

The roadmap is to be based upon the research infrastructures and activities that we consider as important for Danish astronomy.

5.1 Intentions and goals

Danish astronomy is involved in many projects and it can be necessary to prioritize between them, both in terms of economy and manpower:

We need to divide upon which projects are of institutional priority and which projects are of national priority? Also, which upcoming projects do we have?

The roadmap must state the all relevant ongoing and future projects.

6. Any Other Business

Danish visit by the Director-General of ESO

The Director-General of ESO, Professor Tim de Zeeuw, will make an informal visit to Denmark. He will be visiting the University of Copenhagen to both meet their group and to have a discussion with Danish astronomers on priorities within Danish astronomy.

Greenland telescope

An NSF-financed project that is run by American astronomers:

It is of national interest for Denmark to participate if the building of telescopes in Greenland will take place. The Greenland Telescope (GLT) is a state-of-the-art 12-m sub-millimeter telescope to be located at the top of the Greenland ice sheet, where the high-altitude and dry weather provides excellent conditions for observations at very high radio frequencies (up to 1.5 THz).

National Danish astronomy meeting 2015

Troels Haugbølle will chair next year's SOC, and the plan is to hold the meeting in Helsingør at Hotel Marienlyst.

Christoffer will give an update on the planning of this at the next board meeting in December.

7. End of Meeting

The meeting ended 14.30