SIOS General Assembly, online, 14 April 2021

GA representatives from 19 of 24 member institutions were present.

**Item 2021/01: Call for a General Assembly, quorum and the agenda**

**Decision**

The call for the meeting is approved, Harald Steen (NPI) is casting the vote of the Norwegian partners, and the SIOS General Assembly has quorum. The agenda is approved, and Inger Jennings is assigned as secretary. Maarten Loonen and Harald Steen are chosen to sign the meeting protocol.

**Item 2021/02: Annual report 2020**

**Decision**

The annual reports for SIOS-KC and the working groups are approved with the following remarks:

- The GA appreciates the efforts of SIOS-KC in the last year.
- Marine network is an important focus going forward.
- There should be more focus on logistical services.
- Mitigation of the disruption caused by the pandemic has been interesting and innovative. SIOS-KC should reflect on which elements should be retained after the pandemic.
- SIOS should contribute to the EPB mapping of the impact of the pandemic.
Item 2021/03: Financial report for 2020

Decision

The financial report is approved.

Item 2021/04: Key Performance Indicators

Decision

The KPI report is approved with the following remarks:

- Streamline and prioritise the KPIs and reduce the number.
- Consider adding a KPI for gender balance.
- Prioritise developing realistic work plans so that a high completion rate can be achieved.

Item 2021/05: Members’ and Observers contributions to SIOS 2020

Decision

The Members’ and Observers contributions are approved with the following remarks:

- The GA would like to see more engagement from institutions that have low in-kind contributions so far, while recognising that it is easier for large institutes to contribute to SIOS.

Item 2021/06: New members and observers

Decision

The application of Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet (NTNU) is approved. The application of University of Silesia is approved.

The Polish partners must agree who will cast the Polish vote at the next GA.

Item 2021/07: Updated budget for 2021

Decision

The updated budget is approved.

Item 2021/08: Assembly of the Board of Directors (BoD)

Decision

The members of BoD are:
Jøran Moen, Kim Holmén, M. Ravichandran, Vito Vitale, Piotr Glowacki, Nicole Biebow.

Nicole Biebow will step down at the next GA. Candidates for the BoD will be sought by then.

All the SIOS partners are asked to consider nominating women and younger people to the GA, BoD and working groups.

**Item 2021/09: Refining of the strategy of SIOS**

**Decision**

The deadline for responding to the survey is extended until the end of April 2021. All SIOS members are requested to respond.

The analysis of the responses will be conducted by the Extended BoD.

The approval of the strategy is postponed until the next GA.

**Item 2021/10: Any other business**

**Decision**

No additional items were added.
Appendix: List of participants

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Georg Hansen, NILU
Maria Fossheim, IMR
Maarten Loonen, Univ Groningen
Nicole Biebow, AWI
M. Ravichandran, NCPOR
Kai Sørensen, NIVA
Harald Steen, NPI
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Kolbjørn Blix, AC
Piotr Glowacki, IGF PAS
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Mikko Sipilä, INAR
Ilker Fer, UiB
Thomas V. Schuler, UiO
Vito Vitale, CNR
Hiroshi Miyaoka, NIPR
Heikki Lihavainen, SIOS-KC
Inger Jennings, SIOS-KC
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