



GeoNorth and GeoNor business meeting (virtual meeting)

9 February 2021, 15:00 – 16:30 CET

Meeting summary

Business meeting participants: Benjamin Bellwald (Norway), Achim A. Beylich (Norway), Verner Brandbyge Ernstsén (Denmark), Mikkel Fruergaard (Denmark), Katja Laute (Norway), Gregor Lützenburg (Denmark), Lina Polvi (Sweden), Nils Rüter (Norway), Thorsteinn Sæmundsson (Iceland), Ramona Schneider (Sweden), Arjen P. Stroeven (Sweden)

Welcome of business meeting participants

Achim A. Beylich welcomed all business meeting participants. In total eleven participants participated in the business meeting. Four of the five Nordic countries were represented at the business meeting: Denmark (three participants), Iceland (one participant), Norway (four participants), and Sweden (three participants). Finland was not represented.

Approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was presented by Achim A. Beylich and was approved by the meeting participants.

Report on the IAG Council meeting on 19 January 2021

Achim A. Beylich informed about the outcomes of the virtual IAG Council Meeting on 19 January 2021. GeoNorth was formally represented as NSM at the IAG Council Meeting by Lina Polvi (Sweden) and GeoNor was formally represented as NSM by Achim A. Beylich (Norway). In addition, Katja Laute (IAG Executive Committee Member and Norway), Eliisa Lotsari (Finland) and Arjen P. Stroeven (Sweden) participated in the IAG Council meeting. During the Council meeting it was decided that, due to the continuing global COVID-19 situation, (i) the 10th IAG International Conference on Geomorphology in Coimbra, Portugal

will be postponed to 12-16 September 2022, (ii) the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Mashhad, Iran will be postponed to spring 2022, (iii) the term of the current IAG Executive Committee will be extended until September 2022, (iv) the current term of IAG Working Groups will accordingly be extended until September 2022, (v) the IAG affiliation fees for National Scientific Members (NSMs) have to be paid in the year 2021 but not in the year 2022.

IAG Regional Webinar Northern Europe, 3 March 2021, 13:00-17:00 CET

Katja Laute informed about the eleven IAG Regional Webinars that will be organised by the IAG Executive Committee in collaboration with the IAG National Scientific Members during the International Geomorphology Week, 1-7 March 2021. The Regional Webinar Northern Europe, representing the IAG National Scientific Members GeoNorth and GeoNor, is organised by Katja Laute (IAG Executive Committee) and Achim A. Beylich (Norway) on 3 March 2021, 13:00-17:00 CET and includes six invited presentations by Ívar Örn Benediktsson (Iceland), Jane Lund Andersen (Denmark), Paula Hilger (Norway), Mikkel Fruergaard (Denmark), Eliisa Lotsari (Finland) and Andreas Johnsson (Sweden). All five Nordic countries are represented in the Regional Webinar Northern Europe. The IAG Regional Webinars shall highlight new talents and emerging themes in geomorphology.

Structure and internal organisation of GeoNorth and GeoNor

The current structure and internal organisation of GeoNorth and GeoNor were discussed by the meeting participants. There was agreement that GeoNorth and GeoNor shall continue in their current format as IAG National Scientific Members. The national representatives of Denmark, Iceland and Sweden reported that they prefer to be part of the NSM GeoNorth rather than going for national NSMs in their individual countries. Possible models for financing GeoNorth and GeoNor activities and the annual IAG affiliation fees (currently 600 Euros for GeoNorth and 300 Euros for GeoNor) were discussed and there was agreement that the financing should be arranged in the same way as so far through defined registration fees for GeoNorth/GeoNor conferences/workshops. It was pointed out that national representatives are responsible for the distribution of relevant information and for communication within their national communities. Defined tasks within the group of GeoNorth national representatives and GeoNorth young geomorphologists' national representatives include the GeoNorth webmaster (Gregor Lützenburg), the responsible for the GeoNorth/GeoNor newsletter (Katja Laute) and the coordinator/chair of GeoNorth (Achim A. Beylich). Within GeoNor, different core members have the task to increase communication among different sub-communities in Norway, Katja Laute is secretary and webmaster for GeoNor, and Achim A. Beylich is chair of GeoNor. Additional tasks might be defined over the coming year(s) and defined tasks/roles within GeoNorth and GeoNor shall/can shift among national representatives (countries)/core members after defined time periods (e.g., at the time of the next IAG International Conference in September 2022). The GeoNorth young geomorphologists' national representatives confirmed their wish to

include also young geomorphologists from Iceland and Finland in their network. The national representatives from Iceland (Thorsteinn Sæmundsson) and Finland (Jukka Käyhkö and Eliisa Lotsari) are invited to suggest possible candidates for these roles. A new call for young geomorphologists' national representatives from Iceland and Finland has been tweeted. In addition, Achim A. Beylich will also search for possible candidates that can apply for these roles.

GeoNorth and GeoNor websites

Gregor Lützenburg informed about the recently created GeoNorth website. It was highlighted that the website offers an important forum for sharing information and for facilitating the development of communication, exchange and new possible collaborations. As many contributions as possible are welcome and should be sent to the webmaster.

GeoNorth and GeoNor newsletter and twitter account

Katja Laute informed about the GeoNorth/GeoNor newsletter and the deadline (31 May 2022) for submission of contributions to the upcoming Newsletter 1/2022 (June 2022). Ramona Schneider highlighted that the GeoNorth twitter account serves as an important and very useful forum for sharing also short information. As the GeoNorth website, the newsletter and twitter account are important tools for sharing information and for facilitating communication, exchange and new possible collaborations. Different target groups can be reached by the different media.

GeoNorth and GeoNor conference/workshop in 2021

It is planned to organize the second joint GeoNorth/GeoNor conference or workshop in 2021. A decision on the format (digital or physical), time (late summer or early fall) and location/host will be taken during the next GeoNorth and GeoNor business meeting on 15 April 2021.

Next GeoNorth and GeoNor business meeting

The next GeoNorth and GeoNor business meeting is scheduled for 15 April 2021, 15:00-17:00 CEST. Achim A. Beylich will invite to this virtual business meeting.

Selbustrand, 17 February 2021

Achim A. Beylich