



GeoNorth and GeoNor business meeting (virtual meeting)

1 October 2021, 15:00 – 16:00 CEST

Meeting summary report

Business meeting participants

Benjamin Bellwald, Achim A. Beylich, Verner Brandbyge Ernstsen, Gregor Lützenburg, Lina Polvi, Nils Rüther, Stefan Winkler

Welcome of business meeting participants

Achim A. Beylich welcomed all business meeting participants and presented the agenda for the meeting which was approved.

Report on the planning meeting related to GeoNor on 30 September 2021, 18:00-19:00

Benjamin Bellwald, Achim A. Beylich, Katja Laute and Stefan Winkler participated in the planning meeting related to GeoNor on 30 September 2021, 18:00-19:00 CEST. Paula Hilger (HVL) had formally invited to this meeting and the meeting was attended by 19 geomorphologists from various universities, institutions and companies in Norway.

Mauro Soldati (IAG) gave a presentation on the organisation, structure, goals and activities of the IAG, followed by a presentation of the IAG NSM GeoNor given by Achim A. Beylich (GFL, GeoNor), a presentation of the Norwegian Geological Society (NGF) by Øystein Nordgulen (NGU, NGF) and a presentation of the Norwegian Geographical Society (NGS) by Ivar Berthling (NVE, NGS).

After fruitful discussions within the Norwegian geomorphology community it was decided that the IAG NSM GeoNor will be formally organised as a defined scientific sub-group under the umbrella of the Norwegian Geological Society (NGF). The formalities of this organisation will be discussed with Øystein Nordgulen (President of NGF) and other members of the board of NGF in the coming weeks. NGF is willing to take over the formal role of representing Norway as NSM within the IAG as soon as the steps for formalising GeoNor will be finished and the board for the Norwegian geomorphology group (GeoNor) under NGF will have been formally elected (probably during the Nordic Geological Winter Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, 11-13 May 2022). There is agreement within the GeoNor group that this formalised organisation of the IAG NSM GeoNor under NGF will further increase the national and international visibility of Norwegian geomorphology and will foster the integration of geomorphology within the geo-community in Norway.

Forthcoming activities within GeoNorth

The following forthcoming GeoNorth activities were discussed:

Verner Brandbyge Ernsten, Gregor Lützenburg and Mikkel Fruergaard (Denmark) will organise a physical GeoNorth conference (including a field excursion) in Denmark in late summer/early fall 2022. Scientific contributions to this conference shall be published in a journal special issue. A special issue to the journal GEUS Bulletin (<https://geusbulletin.org/index.php/geusb>) is planned.

In the coming years, GeoNorth conferences with field excursions shall be organised in varying Nordic countries.

All GeoNorth national representatives are asked to actively spread information on GeoNorth and GeoNorth activities within their national communities.

All GeoNorth national representatives are asked to make more active use of the existing GeoNorth webpage and the GeoNorth newsletter. Relevant information, e.g. on ongoing research projects, collaborations, latest publications, training activities, workshops and seminars, exchange opportunities, job advertisements, etc. shall be sent to the GeoNorth webmaster (Gregor Lützenburg) and to the GeoNorth newsletter editor (Katja Laute). For each Nordic country one responsible person will be appointed that will regularly collect and send relevant information from the respective country for the GeoNorth website and newsletter to the webmaster and newsletter editor. The GeoNorth webpage shall in this way become a frequently visited key platform for information on relevant activities in the Nordic countries, and the GeoNorth newsletter shall serve as an important channel for distributing relevant information on GeoNorth within the Nordic countries and worldwide.

More defined roles and specific responsibilities for GeoNorth national representatives shall be suggested and discussed over the coming months.

Next business meeting

The next business meeting is scheduled for early February 2022. Achim A. Beylich will invite to this virtual business meeting in January 2022.

Selbustrand, 8 October 2021

Achim A. Beylich