



## **IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Business Meeting (Virtual Meeting)**

**2 October 2020, 13:00 – 14:10 CEST**

### **Meeting summary**

**Meeting participants:** Benjamin Bellwald (Norway), Achim A. Beylich (Norway), Verner Brandbyge Ernstsen (Denmark), Katja Laute (Norway), Lina Polvi Sjöberg (Sweden), Nils Rüter (Norway), Ramona Schneider (Sweden), Kamilla Skaalsveen (Norway), Arjen P. Stroeven (Sweden); *a meeting summary draft was on 6 October 2020 also sent for commenting to:* Jukka Käyhkö (Finland), Eliisa Lotsari (Finland), Thorsteinn Sæmundsson (Iceland)

### **Virtual conference: Feedback and scientific reporting**

The IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Virtual Conference on *Geomorphology and Geomorphological Research in the Nordic Countries*, 1-2 October 2020 was well received by conference participants and is considered as a successful start of the IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor initiatives. The scientific presentations were of high quality and the discussions were very lively. The atmosphere during the conference was positive, welcoming and very constructive. Information on the successful event was placed in the *Latest News* section of the IAG Webpage (<http://www.geomorph.org>) on 2 October 2020. A detailed scientific report on the virtual conference will be prepared by Achim A. Beylich and will be sent to IAG. This scientific conference report will also be placed at the IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor websites and will (in a shorter version) be included in the upcoming (December 2020) IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Newsletter (see below).

### **Virtual conference: Key figures and IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor annual budget 2020**

Number of registered conference participants: **41**

Maximum attendance during the virtual conference, 1-2 October 2020: **33**

Number of invited key speakers and co-key speakers from outside the Nordic countries (paying no conference registration fee): **10**

Number of conference participants from developing countries (paying no registration fee): **1**

Number of Nordic and international conference participants (including the three invited speakers and the two conference organizers from the Nordic countries) having paid the conference registration fee of 500 NOK (two participants transferred only 400 NOK): **18**

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Total sum of paid registration fees received by Achim A. Beylich (by 9 October 2020): **8800 NOK**

Annual IAG-membership fees for IAG GeoNor (300 Euro to be paid by Norway) and IAG GeoNorth (600 Euro to be paid jointly by Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) for 2020; total amount paid by Achim A. Beylich to IAG on 28 September 2020: **10221,55 NOK** (900 Euro)

Direct costs of the virtual conference (paid by Achim A. Beylich on 30 September 2020): **159,51 NOK** (Zoom licence with one host)

**Annual budget for 2020 for IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor (by 9 October 2020):**

8800,00 NOK

- 159,51 NOK

- 10221,55 NOK

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**-1581,06 NOK**

(preliminarily covered by Achim A. Beylich and to be considered in the 2021 annual budget)

**Outreach activities: Newsletter, website and further activities**

Katja Laute informed about the IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Newsletter and Websites. A new call for contributions to the Second IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Newsletter and to the existing IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Websites will be sent out by Katja Laute before mid-October 2020. The next IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Newsletter will be published and distributed in December 2020. The existing GeoNor (Norway) email list will be further extended. The National Representatives of the other Nordic countries are invited to compile national email lists for their countries. With the newly developed national Nordic email lists for Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway (already existing) and Sweden, a GeoNorth email list for the efficient distribution of GeoNorth/GeoNor related documents and information shall be developed. The GeoNorth and GeoNor Newsletter is also globally distributed through Geomorphlist and through the individual networks of all responsible National Representatives within GeoNorth. In addition to the existing GeoNorth and GeoNor websites, activities with Twitter and Facebook shall be developed by Young and Senior National Representatives of GeoNorth (Ramona Schneider, Lina Polvi Sjöberg). Ramona Schneider (Sweden) will take the lead in developing activities with Twitter for Nordic Young Geomorphologists.

### **Forthcoming activities and steps**

The newly appointed GeoNorth/GeoNor Young Geomorphologists' National Representatives Gregor Lützenburg (Denmark), Kamilla Skaalsveen (Norway) and Ramona Schneider (Sweden) will have a first planning and strategy meeting (virtual meeting) in mid-October 2020. Kamilla Skaalsveen (Norway) is organising and inviting to this meeting.

The main focus of forthcoming activities will be to increase the visibility of GeoNorth/GeoNor and to attract more interested colleagues to these growing initiatives using different media (Newsletter, Websites, Twitter, Facebook, numerous individual email correspondences). Both Young and Senior National Representatives are responsible and shall work on this jointly.

The next IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor business meeting (including Senior and Young National Representatives) will be held as a virtual meeting in the beginning of February 2021. Achim A. Beylich will invite to this virtual meeting.

The next GeoNorth/GeoNor conference is scheduled for late summer 2021. More details on the format, location and possible components of this conference (or workshop) will be discussed and decided during the business meeting in February 2021.

During the IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor business meeting on 28 May 2020 (the meeting summary report for that virtual business meeting is available at the IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor websites) it was decided that the annual IAG-membership fees for IAG GeoNorth (600 Euro to be paid jointly by Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) and IAG GeoNor (300 Euro to be paid by Norway) shall (at least in the beginning) be covered through defined registration fees for GeoNorth and GeoNor conferences or workshops (see virtual conference financial budget above). Functioning ways of financing GeoNorth/GeoNor events and activities as well as the annual IAG-membership fees for GeoNorth and GeoNor (e.g., through defined national membership fees for individuals being formal members of GeoNorth/GeoNor) need to be newly discussed and decided on during the GeoNorth and GeoNor business meeting in February 2021.

Connected to the next GeoNorth/GeoNor conference or workshop in 2021 the preparation of a GeoNorth and GeoNor publication (e.g., journal special issue) will be considered.

Selbustrand, 9 October 2020

Achim A. Beylich