

NKS coordination meeting (Teams) 12 December 2023

Participants:

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PC = programme coordinators (KGA, APL). SEK = secretariat (FP).

Program:

12 December: Teams meeting 10:00-ca.17:00 CET (including lunch break)

Agenda:

Minutes (draft):

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 23 May 2023.	SMM welcomed the participants – with a special welcome as this would be his last coordination as Chairman of NKS. FP was appointed meeting secretary. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the May meeting were approved and it is hereby noted that all actions from the May meeting have been carried out.
2	Board meeting 13 June 2023 – follow-up.	All actions from the June board meeting involving the coordination group have been carried out.
3	Financial situation 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next year's contributions.	The owners expect their contributions in 2024 to be at the same level as in 2023. Fortum will continue its contribution in 2024 at € 27,500 (as in 2023). TVO unfortunately does not contribute to NKS in 2024. Ringhals, Forsmark and OKG continue their contributions of € 13,000 in 2024 (as in 2023). IFE is expected to continue its contribution of NOK 120,000 (as in 2023) in 2024. SMM will contact Ingrid Helen Hauge at IFE for a confirmation.
4	Financial status report November 2023.	FP presented the present financial situation, which is as planned. The reserve level is ca. 0,56 MDKK.
5	Brief administrative status report from R and B incl. Call for Proposals. Budget frames for new R and B activities 2024.	APL presented the status of the R-part: overall the work in NKS-R is progressing according to plan. Status for the activities from CfP 2023: Contracts signed for all 6 activities. Data4Decom requested more time for the completion of the

report. INSOLE also requested extra month to complete the report.
Almost all, 1st payments of the grants are done.
Generally, activities progressing as planned
Status for the activities from CfP 2021 and CfP2022:
WPS-MAF is delayed further. The combined report for 2021 and 2022 was due August but no report was received. The project leader has not replied to status request.
Published reports in 2023: FEMMA, BREDa, ORTEF, POSEIDON and STATUS.
NKS-R seminars/workshops:
DATA4Decom project is having a seminar related to decommissioning issues.
Young scientist travel assistance: No requests for young scientist travels.

APL presented the status of CfP 2024:

- 11 NKS-R proposals were received
4 continued activities (FEMMA, INSOLE, STATUS and POSEIDON)
7 new proposals (CURES, HOSFLEX, Nordic-Smart, PAS-SMR, PRILIS, REPoUSESS, TAPTE)
Increased number of proposals by one, in CfP 2023 10 proposals Applications from 6/7 NKS themes (Severe accident, Decommissioning, Plant life management & Ex., Reactor Physics, Organisational issues and safety culture and Thermal Hydraulics).
- CfP 2024 proposals amount to 5965 kDKK
sum of continued activities: 2160 kDKK
- Available funding for 2024: ~3000 kDKK (estimated)

APL presented his findings from the applications:
The six projects with the highest average score cost 3255 kDKK (7% general cut 3028 kDKK).
The first five + POSEIDON is 3160 kDKK (3% general cut is 3065 kDKK)
PC's choice
REPoUSSES, FEMMA, INSOLE, PAS-SMR, POSEIDON, HOSFLEX/STATUS 3160 kDKK; 3% cut 3065 kDKK

		<p>KGA presented the status of the B-part: overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well.</p> <p>Delayed activities initiated before 2023: None.</p> <p>Activities commencing in 2023: All activities progressing according to (in some cases revised) schedule.</p> <p>One young scientist travel claim in 2023.</p> <p>Final reports received or published on NKS website (since last board meeting):</p> <p>RNSARBOOK (August 2023) – 270 downloads by 1 December</p> <p>RNSARCARDS (August 2023) – 248 downloads by 1 December</p> <p>GAMMASKILL (November 2023) – 26 downloads by 1 December</p> <p>NKS-B seminars in 2023: ANTHROPIC and GAMMASKILL.</p> <p>Summary of CfP NKS-B 2024:</p> <p>9 proposals for NKS-B activities were submitted. 2 proposals were for continued activities.</p> <p>Emergency preparedness 6 activities, 2369.00 kDKK</p> <p>Measurement technology and strategy 3 activities, 1189.60 kDKK</p> <p>The total amount requested was 3558.6 kDKK from an expected budget of 3000 kDKK.</p> <p>The seven projects with the highest average score cost 3000 kDKK.</p> <p>SMM noted that the expected grant for activities in both R and B will be about 3 MDKK.</p>
6	<p>Administrative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts PC, SEK, auditor. <p>Documents to be presented to the advisory group and board at their January 2024 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document "Instructions for evaluators: Call for Proposals" – to be updated as needed. Framework for NKS B and NKS R – to be updated as needed. 	<p>FP had prepared new contracts: APL/STUK and KGA/DTU. FP will after the meeting also prepare the contract concerning FP/FRIT.</p> <p>The programme coordinator contracts are changed compared to this year including 33% less contract sum for 33% less workload. The draft contracts will be forwarded to the involved parties and the final drafts will be uploaded to the board meeting website. The agreement with the auditor is nearly unchanged and will be uploaded to the board meeting website.</p> <p>It was noted that the Framework documents as well as the "Instructions..." document were to be presented to the advisory group (and board) at the January meetings.</p>
7	CfP 2024 documents – which ones?	<p>It was noted that the PC's will make the documents "combined evaluation" (also in PC report) and a document consisting of all proposals</p>

		with a one sheet presentation of each proposal ready for upload to their respective meeting item "CfP 2024 proposals: evaluation and funding of new activities" at the AG and board January meeting. The sheet for evaluators will also be uploaded to the same site.
8	<p>The Website and other information activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website statistics • NewsLetters, NewsFlashes • NKS and LinkedIn 	<p>FP presented the document "Short note on status of the website, NewsLetters etc." The presentation of present ongoing information activities will be given by FP at the January board meeting. The running user statistics have been focused on the monthly number of visitors. A relatively high level of visitors was - as through many years – noted in connection with this year's CfP in September and October.</p> <p>Since the June board meeting 3 NewsFlashes have been distributed: June 20: Summary Report from the June board meeting. September 1: CfP 2024 – announcement. October 2: CfP 2024 – reminder.</p> <p>There is a list of addresses to which our newsletters are distributed of more than 450 addresses.</p> <p>A NewsFlash will be distributed no later than a week after the board meeting.</p> <p>NKS now has 234 followers on LinkedIn.</p>
9	NKS seminar 2025?	<p>The preliminary booking made for a seminar in May 2025 has been made for the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday and Wednesday 20 and 21 May 2025. • Wednesday and Thursday 21 and 22 May 2025. • Tuesday and Wednesday 27 and 28 May 2025. • Wednesday and Thursday 28 and 29 May 2025. <p>The board may decide to reserve one pair of these dates at its January meeting.</p> <p>The board may decide to define a seminar planning group at its January meeting.</p>
10	Preparations for the January 2024 meetings	<p>Besides the usual documents the PC's will also prepare the documents listed under meeting item 7: combined evaluation, overview including comments and the document consisting of all proposals with a one sheet presentation of each proposal ready for upload to their respective meeting item "CfP 2024 proposals: evaluation and funding of new activities" at the January meetings.</p>

		The PC's will send these documents to FP for upload as AG and board meeting material.
11	<p>The 17 January 2024 Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Budget • Material for the Board, schedule • Other questions 	<p>The draft agenda was presented. FP will make minor adjustments and then forward the document to SMM for approval.</p> <p>The budget proposal of 8 December was discussed, and SMM and FP will continue work on the budget until final upload of board material.</p> <p>All meeting material should be uploaded no later than 10 January 2024.</p> <p>The site will be opened 19 December 2023.</p> <p>NewsFlash to be distributed no later than one week after the meeting.</p>
12	<p>The 16 January 2024 Advisory Group meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda 	The draft agenda was presented. FP will make minor adjustments and then forward the document to SMM for approval.
13	Any other business.	FP had prepared the document for changing of the right to subscribe to the NKS association in bank transactions. The document will be uploaded as meeting material for the board at its January meeting under meeting item 17 Other issues.
14	Time (and place) for the next coordination meeting	Time and place to be agreed with the new NKS chairman Per Seltborg. SMM thanked the group for this and many earlier meetings – as always constructive, efficient and good meetings.