

NKS coordination meeting 22 March 2022 (Teams meeting)

Participants:

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

Program: 22 March Teams meeting 9:30 to 11:30 (CET) Coordination meeting

Agenda:

Minutes (draft):

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 9 December 2021.	SMM welcomed the participants. FP was appointed meeting secretary. The agenda of today's meeting was approved. The minutes of the December meeting were approved and it is hereby noted that all actions from the December meeting have been carried out.
2	Board meeting 26 January 2022 – follow-up.	Action A from the January meeting: see meeting item 8.
3	Accounts, annual report and auditing 2021.	FP and SMM discussed the first draft financial statements received from the auditor – dated 21 March. The first impression is that the document reflects business-as-usual.
4	Financial status report March 2022.	FP made the presentation: Auditing is still on-going and the financial situation is – as planned – as only payments according to budget have been made since the last board meeting. The old financial system Navision will be exchanged with the new e-economic system. The plan is to open the 2022 accounts beginning of May the latest in due time before the May board meeting.
5	Financial situation 2022.	The invoicing of the owners and co-financiers is on-going and about half of the contributions for 2022 have been received.
6	Financial situation 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next year's contributions.	SMM will propose activities' budgets in 2023 of a minimum of 3,0 MDKK for both R and B activities. SMM expects funding at approximately the same level in 2023 as in 2022, and SMM will late summer be contacting the co-financiers concerning next year's funding.

7	<p>Brief administrative status report from R and B incl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short presentations by the PC's - R and B. • Call for Proposals Autumn 2022 – schedule and CfP material. • Budget frames for new R and B activities 2023. 	<p>APL reported: Overall, the work in NKS-R is progressing well. Most CfP 2021 projects experience problems.</p> <p>Status for the activities from CfP 2022: Contracts signed for 5/6 activities. BREDA 2022 contract is still missing. No major delays reported.</p> <p>Status for the activities from CfP 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 out of 6 activities from CfP2021 completed and report published on website (BREDA 2021) - COCOS has requested more time due to delays in experiments done earlier - STATUS expected to have the final report ready in May - THEOS report most likely delayed until summer/fall. CfP2020 report published in September, 2021. - POMMI project is preparing a manuscript to “Journal of Plasticity” and hence the delay of the final report. <p>Manuscript ready to be submitted in late April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WPS-MAF has difficulties with personnel. Two people have resigned, and report will be delayed until August-September. <p>Further about the CfP 2022 activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FEMMA is planning a seminar to be organized at KTH - No requests or inquiries for young scientist travel support have been received in 2022 so far. <p>KGA reported: Overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well:</p> <p>Since last NKS-B status report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLIM 2020 report published (4 March) - was approved long ago, but awaited permission. <p>A journal paper is under preparation. ‘There is no reason to hold back the NKS final report on SLIM any more’.</p> <p>Delayed activities (from before 2021):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRESCENT (final report expected by 31 July) <p>Activities commencing in 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 (of 7) completed, 3 nearing completion <p>Activities commencing in 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 8 contracts signed, work on schedule
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8	<p>Administrative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Handbook for NKS Applicants and Activity Leaders" – to be updated as needed based on the new NKS agreement 2022-25. • "NKS Administrative Handbook" – to be updated as needed based on the new NKS agreement 2022-25. • The document "Instructions for evaluators: Call for Proposals" – to be updated as needed. • The new pamphlet (2022) – ready for the NKS R and B seminar for printing. • Framework for NKS B and NKS R – to be updated as needed. 	<p>After the board's signing of the NKS agreement 2022-25 the group was asked for a rundown of the two handbooks in order to include any updates or revisions needed according to the new agreement. APL and KGA had prepared the needed revisions for the handbook for NKS applicants and activity leaders. The group agreed to these revisions and FP will prepare the handbook document including visible changes for the board at it's May meeting. FP had prepared the needed revision for the administrative handbook – namely a new (updated) attachment 7 "Roles and responsibilities". The Annex 1 of the Rules of procedure will be included in the handbook for presentation for the board (at it's May meeting). The instructions and framework documents were concluded to be up-to-date and are to be updated as needed. The 2022 pamphlet is ready for printing in a limited number for the May seminar.</p>
9	<p>NKS R and B seminar 2022 – on-going planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on 24-25 May or postponement? • Presentation of final seminar program. • Start-up of registrations. • Abstracts. 	<p>It was decided to carry out the seminar – as planned – on the 24-25 May. The presented seminar program dated 3 December 2021 is still valid, but KGA will make a revision including the headlines of the individual presentations as these have been presented to the PC's in the presenters' abstracts. It was decided to open for registrations asap with registration buttons on</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical questions: seminar and Corona crises. 	<p>the welcome site and distribution of a NewsFlash. SMM, APL and KGA will remind the presenters, who still haven't forwarded their abstracts, to do so. The PC's will give the presenters a final opportunity to revise their 2021 abstracts already handed in.</p>
10	<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 May board meeting. The running website user (visitor) statistics for the first couple of months 2022 indicates a start of the year with business-as-usual. Both the May seminar and the CfP 2023 in September and October should be traceable in the statistics later this year. FP presented "www.nks.org top 10 downloads 1 January - 9 March 2022". Since the January board meeting one NewsFlash has been distributed. NKS now has 163 followers on LinkedIn.</p>
11	<p>The May 2022 Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Material for the Board, schedule • Other questions 	<p>The draft agenda was presented and adjustments will be made by SMM. About the meeting program: 23 May at SSM: 10-12 board, PC's and SEK – 13-17 board only. Joint dinner in the evening. 24 May (if needed) at Finlandshuset: 9-11. FP will open the meeting website during the first week of May and all meeting material should be uploaded no later than one week before the meeting. NewsLetter to be distributed no later than one week before the meeting. NewsFlash to be distributed no later than one week after the meeting.</p>
12	<p>Any other business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from EU project on Nuclear Materials • Report by the PC-R 	<p>No news. During upcoming coordination meetings APL will report from the EU project as needed.</p>
13	<p>Time (and place) for the next coordination meeting</p>	<p>Tentatively it was decided to have the next meeting in Roskilde on 23-24 November 2022. The meeting will start 12 noon on 23 November and end no later than 13:00 hours at 24 November.</p>