

# NKS coordination meeting at DTU Risø Campus 28 and 29 November 2022

## Participants:

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

## Program:

28 November:

- DTU, Build. 116, Frederiksborgvej 399, DK-4000 Roskilde 11:00-ca.17:00 Coordination meeting including working lunch in the DTU Risø Canteen
- Restaurant, Roskilde 19:00-? Working dinner

29 November: DTU, Build. 201, Frederiksborgvej 399, DK-4000 Roskilde 9:00-? Coordination meeting (incl. working lunch)

## Agenda:

## Minutes:

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| 1 | Approval of the agenda.<br>Secretary for this meeting.<br>Going through the minutes of the meeting 22 March 2022. | SMM welcomed the participants. FP was appointed meeting secretary. Additions to the agenda of today's meeting were:<br>Under item 8: APL will address the global use of the NKS website.<br>Under item 9: Evaluation procedures to be handled.<br>Under item 12: limitation in invoicing for a period after finalization of activities.<br>The agenda was then approved.<br>The minutes of the March meeting were approved and it is hereby noted that all actions from the March meeting have been carried out. |
| 2 | Board meeting 23 May 2022 – follow-up.  | Action A: under item 12.<br>Action B: under item 12.<br>Action C: SMM had informed the complainant about the board's decision.<br>Action D: The documents were included in this year's call for proposals and will be presented again for the Advisory Group at it's next meeting in January 2023.<br>Action E: SMM will keep the board informed up to and at the board's January meeting.   |
| 3 | Financial situation 2023.   | The owners expect their contributions in 2023 to be at the same level as in  |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year's contributions.</li> </ul>   | <p>2022. Both Fortum and TVO will continue their contribution at € 27,500 (as in 2022). Fennovoima unfortunately does not contribute to NKS in 2023. Ringhals, Forsmark and OKG continue their contributions of € 13,000 in 2023 (as in 2022). IFE expects to continue its contribution of NOK 120,000 (as in 2022) in 2023. SMM will contact Head of Department at IFE Ingrid Helen Hauge for a confirmation.</p>  |
| 4 | Financial status report November 2022.   | FP presented the present financial situation, which is as planned. The reserve level is ca. 0,71 MDKK.  |
| 5 | Brief administrative status report from R and B incl. Call for Proposals. Budget frames for new R and B activities 2023. | <p>APL presented the status of the R-part: overall the work in NKS-R is progressing according to plan.</p> <p>Status for the activities from CfP 2022: Contracts signed for all 6 activities despite the re-signing of the contracts. STATUS invoice from DSA and ORTEF invoice from Uni of Oslo have not been received. Generally, activities progressing as planned.</p> <p>Status for the activities from CfP 2021: 5 activities from CfP 2021 have been completed. 4 reports published by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, THEOS report publication is pending. WPS-MAF is experiencing problems due to personnel change; report is still pending. 2nd invoices from THEOS and WPS-MAF have not been received.</p> <p>NKS-R seminars/workshops: STATUS; an internal seminar planned for mid-December 2022.</p> <p>Young scientist travel assistance: Travel grant admitted to one young scientist from Chalmers University for a conference in France in October 2022. No invoice received yet.</p> <p>APL presented the status of this year's CfP of the R-part: CfP 2023 includes 10 proposals (4 continued and 6 new). Increased number of proposals by two, in CfP2022 8 proposals. Applications from 5/7 NKS themes (Severe accident, Decommissioning, Plant life management &amp; Ex., Reactor Physics, Organisational issues and safety culture). CfP 2023 proposals amount to 5164 kDKK sum of continued activities: 2183 kDKK. APL presented his recommendation in grant proposal #1 including funding of 3,065 MDKK. Furthermore APL presented 3 funding alternatives of 3,047-3,091 MDKK.</p> <p>KGA presented the status of the B-part: overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well.</p> |

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|   |  | <p>Delayed activities initiated before 2022: None.<br/>         Delayed activities commencing in 2022: All activities progressing according to (in some cases revised) schedule.<br/>         Four young scientists travel claim in 2022.<br/>         Final reports received or published on NKS website (since last board meeting): NUPFLIGHT (September 2022), CRESCENT (November 2022).<br/>         NKS-B seminars in 2022: ECOFOOD, NORDICNANO, RNSARCARDS, CRESCENT and NUPFLIGHT.</p> <p>KGA presented the summary of CfP 2023 for the B-part: KGA presented the status of the B-part: 19 proposals for NKS-B activities were submitted 0 proposals were for continued activities. The research areas were:<br/>         -Emergency preparedness 11 activities, 5354.00 kDKK<br/>         -Measurement technology and strategy 5 activities, 2122.25 kDKK<br/>         -Radioecological assessments 3 activities, 1375.00 kDKK<br/>         The total amount requested was 8851.25 kDKK. KGA presented his recommendation of funding of 3,114 MDKK. KGA also presented 5 funding alternatives of 2,829-3,281 MDKK.</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"> <li>• Contracts PC, SEK, auditor.</li> </ul> <p>Documents to be presented to the advisory group and board at their January 2023 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document "Instructions for evaluators: Call for Proposals" – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• Framework for NKS B and NKS R – to be updated as needed.</li> </ul> | <p>FP had prepared new contracts: APL/STUK, KGA/DTU and FP/FRIT. The programme coordinator contracts are unchanged. The sum of the Secretariat contract is – as agreed – 10% less than in January 2018. 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 unchanged and will be uploaded to the board meeting website.</p> <p>After some discussions it was decided that only the Framework documents were to be presented to the advisory group (and board) – not the "Instructions..." document. As a conclusion and action the PC's are to review their respective R and B Framework and propose changes (highlighted in yellow for the AG) as needed for the January meetings.</p>   |
| 7 | <p>Presentation of the "NKS R and B seminar 2022 survey" report.</p>   | <p>FP presented the result of the survey. The group agreed that the result of the survey is very positive and encouraging as was the carrying out of the seminar itself. FP will present the result (partly with comparison of</p>   |

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|   |  | <p>figures from the 2013, 2016 and 2019 seminar surveys) to the AG (and board) in January 2023. All in all the group concluded that the seminar was a success. The group proposes (to the board at its January meeting) to start working on the 2025 seminar during 2023.</p>   |
| 8 | <p>The Website and other information activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website statistics</li> <li>• NewsLetters, NewsFlashes</li> <li>• NKS and LinkedIn</li> </ul>  | <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, which has been relatively high during the month of the NKS seminar – namely May. A relatively high level of visitors was also noted in September – as through many years - in connection with this year's CfP.</p> <p>Since the June board meeting 5 NewsFlashes have been distributed:<br/> June 1: Summary Report from the May board meeting.<br/> June 9: Seminar presentations available on the website and upcoming seminars.<br/> September 1: CfP 2023 – announcement.<br/> September 30: CfP 2023 – reminder.<br/> November 16: upcoming seminar.</p> <p>There is a list of addresses to which our newsletters are distributed of more than 450 addresses.</p> <p>A NewsLetter will be distributed a week before the January board meeting and a NewsFlash will be distributed no later than a week after the board meeting.</p> <p>NKS now has 201 followers on LinkedIn.</p> <p>APL had through Google Statistics found that downloads of NKS reports could be associated with website visits of users from technical universities in USA. It was concluded that APL will give a presentation (short with few sheets and max. 5 min.) of this finding at the AG (and board) meeting in January under "Other issues".</p> |
| 9 | <p>Preparations for the January 2023 meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role and cost of the Chair, Secretariat, and PC's</li> <li>• The content of and the interface between the program areas</li> <li>• Length, funding, and number of projects</li> <li>• Evaluation process</li> </ul> | <p>With ref. to "The role and cost of the Chair, Secretariat, and PC's" SMM will prepare this document for the board.</p> <p>With ref. to "The content...." and "Length, funding..." SMM will after feedback from the PC's send final clean versions to FP for upload as AG and board meeting material.</p> <p>Regarding "Evaluation process" SMM will after feedback from the PC's</p>   |

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| 10 | <p>The 18 January 2023 Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Budget</li> <li>• Material for the Board, schedule</li> <li>• Other questions</li> </ul> | <p>The draft agenda was presented and adjustments will be made by SMM. The timing of the 2025 seminar was discussed and will be put forward to the board: January or May 2025?<br/>FP will forward Word-version of the document to SMM.</p> <p>The draft budget was discussed and it was concluded to note 2,000 € to the NSFS seminar in May in Sweden. It was also concluded to include 5,000 DKK extra to each coordination member's travel account in 2023. The budget proposal of 18 November 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 2023. The site will be opened 19 December 2022.<br/>NewsLetter to be distributed one week before the meeting.<br/>NewsFlash to be distributed no later than one week after the meeting.</p> |
| 11 | <p>The 17 January 2023 Advisory Group meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> </ul>   | <p>The draft agenda was presented and adjustments will be made by SMM. FP will forward Word-version of the document to SMM.</p>   |
| 12 | <p>Any other business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two NKS reports are no more publically available on the website</li> </ul>  | <p>Two NKS reports are no more publically available on the website following a request from EBF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NKS-96-RAK2-TR-C2</li> <li>- NKS-97-RAK2-TR-C4</li> </ul> <p>As it would be very desirable to have an Elsevier article published as an appendix to the POMMI final report just published, APL will ask Elsevier if this is in accordance with their publishing policy.</p>  |
| 13 | Time (and place) for the next coordination meeting  | About one month before the May/June 2023 board meeting maybe as a virtual meeting.  |