

Skógvatn - ForStreams

3. general meeting 19. of October 2007

Attending: Bjarni Diðrik Sigurðsson (fundarstjóri), Helena Marta Stefánsdóttir (ritari), Jón S. Ólafsson, Guðmundur Halldórsson, Gísli Már Gíslason, Sigurður Guðjónsson, Karólína Einarsdóttir, Gintare Medelyte, Karólína Einarsdóttir, Julia Broska.

Excused: Freysteinn Sigurðsson, Hreinn Óskarsson, Edda Oddsdóttir, Brynhildur Bjarnadóttir, Berglind Orradóttir.

Missing: Franklín Georgsson, Hlynur Óskarsson

Agenda:

1. Notes from last meeting revisited and accepted.
2. Jón S. Ólafsson introduces the ForMan (COST) meeting which he and Edda attended in Göttingen.
3. Introduction of new students (Gintare, Julie, Karólína).
4. Discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding and who will be part of the coordinating team.
5. Fix dates for measurements in S and A Iceland during the next months.
6. Other issues.

The meeting started 9:10

Bjarni Diðrik proposed that English will be adapted as the main working language of the ForStreams project – and most documents, etc will be written in English.

The reason is that we now have two new graduate students that are more fluent in English than Icelandic. We also have started collaboration with Nikolai Friberg in the UK and an active participation in the EU-ForMan project. Therefore it saves both time and effort within the project to switch to English.

This was accepted by the general meeting.

1. Notes from last meeting revisited and accepted.

Bjarni already rented www.forstreams.is and www.skogvatn.is.

OR (main funder) does not need a full progress report now as Bjarni thought. We therefore don't need to have ready financial information and working hours of all participants until ca. February 2008.

2. Jón S. Ólafsson introduces the ForMan (COST) meeting which he and Edda attended in Göttingen.

Notes and the aims of the ForMan project have already been sent to all participants of ForStream. Our (ForStreams') input is valuable for FORMAN, because of our focus on ecology of stream ecosystems and communities.

In November there will be a call for STSM (funding for student travel). There was a discussion that maybe it was a little early to send in an application for some of our student(s) – or if we should use this year's "slot" to send in at least one application. E.g. for Helena to go to McCollie and work a little with Nikolai??

Another idea that was put forward at the ForMan meeting in Göttingen was that we (SkógVatn / Iceland) will host a workshop in 2009/2010. There are about 50 participants in each WS. Possible dates could be in spring 2010 (autumn 2009). The students would take part in organising the workshop. The group did not make a firm decision about this – but this may be revisited.

3. Introduction of new students (Gintare, Julie, Karolína).

Gintare Medelyte is an environmental scientist (B.Sc.) from Lithuania. Focus of her project will be on the food chain (invertebrate/algal? communities) in the water. Gintare's email is elkskan@hotmail.com (and she will soon get a new e-mail under Veiðimálastofnun).

Karolina Einarsdottir is a biologist (B.Sc.) from Univ. of Iceland. She is interested in making a MS project within SkógVatn. She is especially interested in the transport of nutrients, both aboveground and belowground, between the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem. Her email is karolie@simnet.is or Karolina@lbhi.is

Julia Broska is a diploma student in biology from Germany, who is staying at the Biology Department of HI as an exchange student until spring 2008. She will make a study on fish density in the ForStreams' streams and some destructive sampling of fish further down the catchments. E-mail: jub5@hi.is

4. Discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding and who will be part of the coordinating team.

In this co-ordinating group there will be 6 people, one from each institution involved, and if there are any disagreements where the votes would fall 3-3, the vote of the project manager will count double.

The formal co-ordinating group will be:

Bjarni D. Sigurdsson (LbHI)

Gisli M. Gislason (HI)

Jon S. Olafsson (Veiðimal)

Franklin Georgsson (MATIS)

Edda Oddsdottir (Sr)

Gudmundur Halldorsson (Lr)

Everybody should also read the Samstarfssamningur (Memorandum of understanding) and suggestions of any changes should be made before the next meeting (besides the names, here above). If no suggestions will be sent in, the memorandum will be considered accepted and signed at the next meeting. If some suggestions will be sent in,

we will have a general discussion on the document on the next meeting and not sign it if not all those that are attending the meeting agree on the changes.

5. Fix dates for measurements in S and A Iceland during the next months.

Southern site

- 23. Oktober
- Around 20th November
- End of January
- Around 20th of every month

Eastern site

- Around 20 November
- End of January
- Around 20th of March
- Approximately every other month

6. Other issues

- **CAR-ES meeting** in Denmark on 8-9 of November which Bjarni is attending. He will introduce the ForStreams project there. CAR-ES is funding us by 500.000 ISK annually.
- **Fræðaping landbúnaðarins, 7-8 February.** We will aim on having at least one talk where the project will be introduced + we will offer to give four posters from the project (one for each student) – but after talking with the organizers of Fræðapingið, it seems realistic to get one talks and maybe 1-2 posters accepted.
- **www.forstreams.is - www.skogvatn.is has now been bought.** The general structure of the homepage was discussed – and the first preliminary design was accepted. Bjarni continues to work on this.
- **Landsvirkjun and Fræðuslunet Suðurlands funding.** Both will have a deadline for application in November. It was accepted that Karólína should send an application to both of those – and she can put the whole project in as a supporting organ.
- **Next general meeting** of SkógVatn planned on 18th of January, 2008.

Meeting closed 11:45