



## Meeting of Committee on Observations and Networks (CON)

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 10-11 AM EST / 16-17 CET (Teleconference)  
Minutes

### 1. Welcome to the call

The participants introduced themselves. The list of participants is found in Appendix 1.

### 2. Terms of Reference (ToR) - review

A draft ToR had been provided, and Lisa Loseto explained that the draft was an update to the 2014 version, also taking into account the outcome of the external review of SAON. Sarah Kalhok (Canada) had provided comments to the document.

The length of the work plan was discussed, and it was agreed to let it be synchronised with the Arctic Council chairmanship duration, i.e. 2 years. The coming period is 2017-19.

Larry Hinzman reminded the meeting that CON needs a plan, and that a plan with tasks can be used for applying for money. He advised the Committee to create an overview of tasks and activities.

It was agreed to update the document and have it ready for approval for the next Board meeting.

### 3. Other

#### Arctic Data Committee

Peter Pulsifer reported from the meetings held in Frascati in November 2016:

- The objective of the workshop 'Polar Data Interoperability' had been to provide the science community, data managers, policy makers, Arctic residents, and others with an improved understanding of standards, interoperability and its gaps and actors. In preparation, a survey within the community had helped address the questions. The outcome will be a summary aimed at leaders in the science community, policy makers, government agencies, Indigenous organizations and other interested users. 13 organisations had supported the workshop.
- The third meeting of the Arctic Data Committee reviewed the outcome of the workshop with the aim of revising its work plan. In addition, the Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference and MoCs, especially with SCADM and SOOS.
- An EU-PolarNet meeting had discussed the deliverable "Data management recommendations for polar research data systems and infrastructures in Europe". The group had discussed input, involvement and an overall plan for the preparation of the deliverable. The associated deliverable "White paper on European polar data accessibility, including proposals for capacity building methodology to interconnect the existing and upcoming polar research data systems and infrastructures and thus

ensure data are made more widely available and in a timely manner” had also been discussed.

### **GEO XIII and GEOCRI**

A SAON statement had been submitted to GEO XIII, and the meeting had had two SAON delegates, Mikko Strahlendorf and Hannele Savela. There had been a GEOCRI side event with a SAON presentation. The work plan has 6 tasks that will be developed through a series of teleconferences.

### **SAON Board/Arctic Science Ministerial/Arctic Observing Framework**

A follow-up from the Arctic Science Ministerial is an initiative to establish an Arctic observing framework with a focus on defining the Social Benefit Areas (SBAs) that will drive a coordinated Arctic observing system. The SAON Board has been asked to nominate experts for a workshop that will be held in January 2017.

Hannele Savela reminded the meeting of GEO’s SBA and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The workshop has been asked to take also these into account.

As another follow-up to from the Arctic Science Ministerial, Larry Hinzman mentioned that USA has established a national SAON office. It was agreed that he should seek to arrange a meeting between the SAON chairmanship and the office.

The SAON Board will meet during ASSW 2017, and the Committees will be invited to participate in part of the meeting.

### **EU-Polarnet deliverables**

The AMAP Secretariat is responsible for a series of deliverables, including “Roadmap for optimisation of monitoring and modelling programmes” (due February 2018). It is preceded by “Strategic analysis of the different monitoring and modelling programmes and related infrastructures”. Both deliverables are of interest to the Committee, and it was discussed, how it can contribute. It was agreed to invite Nicole Biebow from EU-PolarNet and the associated Work Package leads to present the deliverables to the Committee.

### **Integrated Arctic Observing System - INTAROS**

INTAROS is an EU-funded Horizon 2020 project, led by the Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center, Norway. The overall objective is to develop an efficient integrated Arctic Observation System by extending, improving and unifying existing and evolving systems in the different regions of the Arctic. INTAROS should benefit SAON, and the SAON chair, Christine Daae Olseng, has met the project leads. Agnieszka Beszczynska-Möller is lead for WP2 (“Exploitation of existing observing systems”).

## Appendix 1: Agenda

- 1) Welcome to the call
- 2) Terms of Reference - Review
- 3) Other, including
  - Arctic Data Committee
  - GEO XIII and GEOCRI
  - SAON Board
  - Arctic Science Ministerial
  - Arctic Observing Framework
  - EU-Polarnet deliverables:
    - Inventory of existing monitoring and modelling programmes (August 2016)
    - Strategic analysis of the different monitoring and modelling programmes and related infrastructures, (October 2017)
    - Roadmap for optimisation of monitoring and modelling programmes (February 2018)

## Appendix 2: List of Participants

Name	Affiliation
Agnieszka Beszczynska-Möller	Poland
Hannele Savela	SAON CON co-chair, Finland, INTERACT
Jan Rene Larsen	AMAP Secretariat
Kjetil Tørseth	Norway
Larry Hinzman	SAON vice-Chair, USA
Libby Larson	USA
Lisa Loseto	SAON CON chair, Canada
Peter Pulsifer	ADC chair, USA
Reidar Hindrum	Norway
Rodica Nitu	WMO
Susan File	Canada
Tetsou Sueyoshi	Japan

More information about the participants and their affiliation is found at <http://www.arcticobserving.org/governance/board/board-members>

### Appendix 3: Actions

Action No	Action	Who	When
1	Update and circulate ToRs	Hannele Savela, Jan Rene Larsen, Lisa Loseto	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
2	Provide input to work plan	All	15th January
3	Invite Nicole Biebow (AWI) and Johan Etourneau (CNRS) to discuss EU-PolarNet deliverables	Jan Rene Larsen	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
4	Circulate link to INTAROS document	Jan Rene Larsen	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
5	Circulate list of Arctic Observing Framework workshop nominees	Jan Rene Larsen	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
6	Set up a Doodle for the next Committee call, end January	Jan Rene Larsen	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016