



2016 UArctic Rectors' Forum, St Petersburg, Russia

Business Meeting Minutes

September 13-14, 2016

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1. Approval of Agenda

Item approved unanimously

2. Approval of Draft Minutes 2015 Rectors' Forum Business Meeting

Document: [Umeå Rectors' Forum Meeting Minutes](#)

Item approved unanimously

3. Report from UArctic Research Analytics Task Force

Introduction (Lars Kullerud)

Full reports are available at <http://research.uarctic.org/research-area/research-analytics-task-force/publications/>

The Research Analytics Task Force has produced four publications, together with leading partners from the scientific publishing industry including [Digital Science](#), [ÜberResearch](#), Altmetric, and Elsevier's [Research Intelligence](#)).

- [International Arctic Research - Analyzing Global Funding Trends \(A Pilot Report\)](#)
- [Arctic Altmetrics: Alternative Perspectives on the Impact of Arctic Research](#)
- [Arctic Research Publications: Scholarly Output Trends Using the Russian Index of Scientific Citations](#)
- [Arctic Research Publication Trends: A Pilot Study](#)

The rectors welcomed the reports and look forward to further strategic relevant information on research cooperation in the Arctic and among UArctic members.

Way forward: The UArctic Research Analytics Task Force will be proposed as a UArctic Institute to the UArctic Board (UARctic Institutes are a formalized cooperation led by a smaller set of UArctic members to address specific topics. It is up to the Institute partners to decide on internal organisation and scale of operation). Rectors forum members were invited to join in the establishment of the UArctic Research Analytics Institute.

4. Report on Template Mobility Agreement Addendum

Document: [Draft Template](#)

For information only.

Mona Johnson, Director of the UArctic Mobility office presents the draft template for bilateral cooperation. It is emphasized that the template is an optional addendum for the

benefit of UArctic members wanting to strengthen bilateral cooperation in student mobility through the network. The Bilateral Agreement Template may be amended as needed by the signatory partners.

5. UArctic Rectors' Forum 2017 Aberdeen

[Presentation of program](#) (University of Aberdeen)

For information only.

The University of Aberdeen will host the [2017 UArctic Rectors' Forum](#) at its King's College Conference Centre, 23 to 26 August, 2017. The theme of the meeting will be *The Inhabited Arctic: Lands, Peoples and Scholarship in the Circumpolar North*.

6. Election of 2017 Rectors' Forum Chair and International Planning Committee members

Nominations were sought from among participants. The decision was made to seek broader representation on the International Planning Committee through an online nomination process following the meeting.

Following this process, the following members were approved as members of the International Planning Committee:

- Ian Diamond (University of Aberdeen), Chair
- John Patterson (University of Aberdeen)
- Dieter K. Müller (Umeå University)
- Sergey Aplonov (St. Petersburg University)
- Anna Mauranen (University of Helsinki)
- Taina Pihlajaniemi (University of Oulu)
- Lars Kullerud (UArctic)
- Outi Snellman (UArctic)

7. UArctic Congress 2016 Declaration

Document: [UArctic Congress 2016 Declaration](#) (Final)

Declaration text approved unanimously by Rectors and subsequently carried forward to the Council of UArctic. The Rectors' Forum thanked the Drafting Committee for their work.

8. Any other business

No other business