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## Activity report SLU Waterforum 2019/11- 2019/12

Below follows a short summary of the activities of SLU Waterforum during November and December 2019.

### **Participation in Water JPI workshop**

Dublin 22-23/10. Aim of the workshop was to update the SRIA and visions for JPI Water. Following the workshop, the outcome has been reviewed and distributed to relevant networks at SLU.

### **Video meeting *Planeringsforum för Vatten och hav*** 6/11.

### **Budget SLU Waterforum 2019 to NJ-Faculty economist** 7/11.

### **Meeting with artist Holly Keasey**

Stockholm 11/11. Discussions on future involvement of SLU Waterforum experts in workshops for a project focusing on developing a “Green and self-sustainable city in the Swedish country side”, with a strong interface between science and art.

### **Meeting with coordinator for Uppsala Vattencentrum**

Uppsala 18/11. First discussions with coordinator Sebastian Sobek on the future of Uppsala Vattencentrum (UVC) and potential cooperation with SLU. Will be further elaborated during 2020.

### **Meeting with Grants Office**

19/11. Discussions with Staffan Lund, Lars-Erik Lindell and Ulf Westerlund regarding support to SLU Waterforum from GO, future water related calls and projects, and a potential future MISTRA-program at SLU. The meeting resulted in a follow up meeting where we started to outline a search-profile related to water for extracting information on upcoming research calls. In addition, a suggestion from GO was to present Waterforum for the “SET”-group at SLU. Finally, Jens Olsson will participate in the seminar “Framtidens vattenförvaltning i jordbrukslandskapet” (21/1-2020) as arranged by the project WATERDRIVE.

### **Meeting with SLU Global**

21/11. First discussions with Sara Gräslund and Katarina Börling on potential future cooperation between SLU Global and Waterforum. The discussions was focused on SLU:s participation during World Water Week 2020, and water related work in developing countries.

### **Meeting with the private foundation “Voice of the Ocean”**

Åkersberga 27/11. Meeting with VOTO on potential future funding of research projects at SLU and discussions on the research agenda of the foundation. At least one SLU-project will be co-funded by VOTO during 2020.

### **Presentation SLU Waterforum at the “Foma board” (FomaN) at the NJ-faculty**

29/11. Presentation of SLU Waterforum to the delegates of FomaN and discussions on potential future initiatives to use development money within Foma for common water-related projects across Foma-programs.

### **Worskhop SLU in Almedalen 2020**

29/11. Participation in the first workshop on SLU:s participation in Almedalen 2020. Follow-up workshop will be held in the end of January 2020.

### **Finalization of strategy and workplan for SLU Waterforum 2019-2020**

1/12. Dnr. SLU ID: SLU.2019.1.1.1-4555 (Appendix 1).

### **Physical meeting *Planeringsforum för Vatten och hav***

Göteborg 5/12. Presentation and discussions on ongoing digitalization projects as “Enskilda avlopp”, “Sveriges vattenmiljö” and “Datavärdskap”.

### **Meeting with the ”SLU WaterHUB”**

9/12. In short, there was good support from the meeting on the suggested future operation of Waterforum. In addition, information on upcoming events/seminars/conferences of interest to Waterforum, suggestions on what Waterforum should focus on in the coming years, and first ideas on a potential future MISTRA-program related to water at SLU was discussed during the meeting. See notes and presentation from the meeting in Appendix 2 and 3 for further details. The next meeting with the “HUB” will be held during spring 2020.

### **Communication support for SLU Waterforum**

November-December. Discussion with Pär Aronsson, the communication department, SLU Global and the HR department on how this could be solved. Current status is that the coming communicator that will be contracted by SLU Global could potentially also be engaged in Waterforum. Follow-up discussions to be held with Sara Gräslund.

## **Plans/activities for the nearest future**

### **Meeting with Uppsala kommun on ”*Samverkansforum SLU och Uppsala kommun*”**

14/1. Jens Olsson will meet Jan Franzén at Uppsala kommun to discuss the first steps to be taken to realize the cooperation between the partners regarding the focus-area “Integrated water resource management”.

**Seminar *Framtidens vattenförvaltning i jordbrukslandskapet***

Uppsala 21/1. Jens Olsson will participate in the seminar as arranged by the Interreg-project WATERDRIVE.

**Provide input on SLU:s new strategy from a Waterforum perspective.**

Deadline 2/1-2020.

**Start planning potential activity of SLU Waterforum at World Water Day (22 March).**

Mid to late January.

**Launch call for seed money for cross departmental and interdisciplinary work related to water.**

TBC (early spring).

**Meetings with *Planeringsforum för Vatten och hav***

5/3, 2/4, 7/5 and 4/6.

**First planning for a joint application for a joint interdisciplinary research program focused on water coordinated by SLU.**

Spring.

**Newsletter from SLU Waterforum including funding calls.**

Spring.