



## Activity report SLU Water Forum 2020-01-11- 2020-03-12

Below follows a short summary of the activities of SLU Water Forum between mid January and mid March 2020.

### **First meeting with Uppsala kommun on ”Samverkansforum SLU och Uppsala kommun”**

14/1, Uppsala. Jens Olsson met up with Jan Franzén and Camilla Rivera from 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”. Following this, an activity plan for the cooperation has been developed, and key persons at SLU for the different activities suggested have been identified and contacted. During the process, Uppsala Vatten has also been invited to be a partner in the cooperation.

### **”Fish in the city”**

14/1, Ultuna. Screening of and discussions on Sofie Joosse’s film “Fish in the city” with invited experts at SLU from different disciplines (fish ecology and management - Göran Sundblad, Charlotte Berkström and Ulf Bergström; human health - Anders Glynn; environmental communication - Hanna Bergeå and Sofie Joosse; human rights - Alin Kadfak; urban planning and development - Daniel Bergquist; SLU Water Forum - Jens Olsson). This showcase a first try for SLU Water Forum to establish a transdisciplinary network with common research interests.

### **Seminar *Framtidens vattenförvaltning i jordbrukslandskapet***

22/1, Uppsala. Jens Olsson participated in a seminar focusing on water management in the agricultural landscape as arranged by the Interreg-project WATERDRIVE.

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

30/1. Jens Olsson participated in the second workshop on SLU:s participation in Almedalen 2020. Input on planned activities from a SLU Water Forum perspective was provided.

### **Input on SLU:s new strategy from a Water Forum perspective.**

Submitted 3/2. Input and comments on the SLU and NJ-faculty strategies from SLU Water Forum was developed and reviewed by Jens Olsson and the Coordination group for water at SLU (WaterCOD). See Appendix 1 and 2.

### **Meeting with Stockholm International Water Institute, SIWI**

18/2, Stockholm. First discussions on cooperation between SIWI – Swedish Water House and SLU. The meeting resulted in an invitation from SIWI to SLU for participation on the World Water Day seminar at SIWI 23/3. Further cooperation will be outlined later and could include participation by SLU in seminar series, thematic “Cluster groups” (for example on effects of climate change on water in the landscape) and during the World Water Week.

### **Publication record SLU Water Forum**

First meeting with the SLU Library (19/2) on how to extract publication from SLU Water Forum in SLU Pub. The meeting resulted in an extract of peer-reviewed publications produced by SLU Water Forum during 2017-2019. This record will be used to inform Water Forum on the research at SLU focused on water, and potentially also for other purposes.

### **Submission of proposal to SIDA:s call for Innovative Ideas for Capacity Development Programmes**

Project proposal (Aqua4SDGs) submitted 25/2. The proposal is coordinated by David Lymer (SLU Aqua) with partners from SLU Aqua, IVM, FAO and SEAFDEC. Focus in the proposal is to strengthen capacity within environmental monitoring and assessment in support of sustainable management of aquatic resources in freshwater and coastal ecosystems in Southeast Asia and Africa. The proposal is applying a source-to-sea concept to facilitate increased regional cooperation in Southeast Asia, and international cooperation between Southeast Asia and Africa.

### **Search profile water-related funding calls**

During February. Together with SLU:s Grants Office, a search profile for water-related funding calls in the database “Pivot” has been developed. This search profile will be used for distributing news on upcoming funding calls to SLU Water Forum.

### **Planning of a “news drive” from of SLU Water Forum during World Water Day (22 March).**

Planning started in late January. Meeting with WaterCOD for involvement was held 10/2, and a follow up meeting with communicators (Anki Hallin, Sofia Bureborn, Lisa Beste och Ulla Ahlgren) for planning the news drive was held on 27/2. A communication plan has been developed (see Appendix 3), and we plan to release up to 14 news related to water at SLU during the period 19-24/3. Central to this “news drive” is the participation by Kevin Bishop during the World Water Day seminar as arranged by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) on the 23/3.

### **Call for engagement by SLU Water Forum in Arts and Science**

3/3. Call distributed to SLU Water Forum for engagement in the project “Listen” at Färgfabriken in Stockholm. The project is centered on how science and arts could contribute to our perception and communication of climate change from an emotional perspective.

### **Meeting with Grants Office**

4/3. Meeting with Staffan Lund on engagement of SLU Water Forum in a future conference (in 2021) at SLU focusing on water management in the agricultural

landscape, how to facilitate a “MISTRA WATER” application, and input from SLU on the EU Baltic Sea Strategy (Governmental commission).

**Funding call “Voice of the Ocean” to SLU Water Forum**

4/3. Call for project proposals to the private foundation Voice of the Ocean was distributed to SLU Water Forum.

**Application field visit World Water Week 2020**

8/3. An application to SIWI for hosting a field visit at BSSC during the World Water Week 2020 was submitted. The field visit will be arranged together with Stockholm University and Skansen.

**Communication support for SLU Water Forum**

Following discussion with the HR department at SLU, it is now decided that Lisa Beste will be tasked as a communicator for SLU Water Forum during 2020. Lisa will start 1/4 and work 10% for Water Forum during April-December 2020. Lisa is currently working as a communicator in the MISTRA BIOTECH project at the Department of Crop Production Ecology.

## Plans/activities for the nearest future

**“News drive” SLU Water Forum during World Water Day**

19-24/3. See additional information above.

**Second meeting with WaterCOD**

25/3. The meeting will focus on activities of SLU Water Forum since the last meeting, information sharing, discussions on future common research projects and programs at SLU, and how to make best use of the existing “seed money” within SLU Water Forum.

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

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

**”*Samverkansforum SLU och Uppsala kommun*”**

A follow-up meeting between SLU (Jens Olsson), Uppsala kommun and Uppsala Vatten are planned to 22/4. Following this meeting, planned activities are expected to be initiated.

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

Spring.

**Newsletter from SLU Water Forum including funding calls**

Spring.

**Communication support SLU Water Forum**

During 2020. Including development of webpage, news-letter, social media, tailor made mail format for SLU Water Forum and information material.

**Cooperation SIWI and SLU**

The established contact and cooperation are foreseen to be continued and developed during 2020. Suggested activities are listed above in this document.