



Activity report SLU Water Forum 2021-01-22 - 2021-03-30

Below follows a summary of the activities and work within SLU Water Forum between mid-January and March 2021. After this there is a short outlook on future plans and activities of the forum.

Planeringsforum Vatten och hav

29/1. The first meeting in 2021 with the "Planeringsforum". The meeting included "Programstyrgruppen" of the forum and focused on the future work and forms of collaboration within "Smart miljöinformation" including discussions on ongoing initiatives (*Små avlopp*, *Vattenkvantiteter*, *Vägdagvatten* and *Nytt VISS*) within the specific forum.

Samverkansforum SLU och Uppsala kommun

January-March. During this period (late January to March) there has been a rather low level of activity for the collaboration between SLU and Uppsala kommun. The focus has been on getting input from Uppsala kommun on subjects for student thesis work at SLU, and on collaboration within a potential project focusing on filtration of stormwater.

Reporting of projects funded by SLU Water Forum "seed-money" in 2020

February. A template for project reporting was developed and distributed to the project leaders receiving funding during 2020. The deadline for reporting was set to the 30th of May 2021. To date, the project *Fiskhälsa i fokus* have reported their activities (Appendix 1).

Meeting SMI at SLU

12/2. The fourth meeting of the internal group for coordination of SLU's work related to SMI (Smartare miljöinformation). This group relates to "Planeringsforum för Vatten och hav" in which Jens Olsson is representing SLU.

SLU Seminar: *Current and future perspectives on water research at SLU - a seminar for collaborative activities*

15-16/2. <https://www.slu.se/en/ew-calendar/2021/2/seminar-current-and-future-perspectives-on-water-research-at-slu/>. The seminar was attended by ca. 60 persons and the presentations held can be found here <https://internt.slu.se/riktat/lasta-interna-sidor/vattenforum/ovrigt/slu-vattenseminarium---slus-forskning-idag-och-i-framtiden/>. In general, there was good engagement of the participants in the seminar and the digital format worked perfectly fine. After the seminar, a "survey-monkey" was distributed to the participants. The result of the survey

(<https://sv.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-D72SYHCK9/>) will serve as the basis for arranging future and similar initiatives.

Report on SLU's contribution to EUSBSR

Early March. The joint reporting by SLU Grants Office and SLU Water Forum on SLU's contribution to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region was published as two reports (Appendix 2 and 3), and submitted to the Swedish government.

Launch of seed-money from SLU Water Forum 2021

4/3. Seed money from SLU Water Forum for 2021 was launched in the beginning of March, <https://www.slu.se/ew-nyheter/2021/3/mojlighet-att-soka-medel-for-att-starka-samarbetet-inom-vatten-pa-slu/>. The deadline for submission of a proposal/application is set to 30th of April.

The second newsletter from SLU Water Forum

5/3. The second newsletter from SLU Water Forum summarizing the activities within the Forum during fall 2020 and winter 2021 was released in early March.

For more information see

<https://www.anpdm.com/newsletterweb/4743514B7940465E4A72414B59/44425C417448475C4A77464B5F4A71> (in Swedish) and

<https://www.anpdm.com/newsletterweb/4743514B7940445E4A70434759/44425C417448475C4A77464B5F4A71> (in English).

Input from SLU Water Forum on Formas national research program on oceans and water

February-March. Jens Olsson was contacted by senior research officer Petra Wallberg at Formas regarding input from SLU on the planned strategic research agenda of the research program. Based on the input from WaterCOG, the input from SLU Water Forum (<https://internt.slu.se/riktat/lasta-internsidor/vattenforum/ovrigt/inspel-till-formas/>) was submitted to Formas on the 12/3. Participants within SLU Water Forum also joined the webinar (23/2) where information on the program was presented by Formas and Rymdstyrelsen.

Input SIDA-helpdesk

February-March. A selected group of experts within SLU Water Forum has provided input on two reports by SLU's SIDA-helpdesk focusing on evidence mapping related to water. The first report focused on evidence on water resources and freshwater ecosystem management, and the second on WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene).

SLU's participation at SIWI's webinar during WBD 2021

March. Jens Olsson was contacted by the Swedish Water House at SIWI on the potential participation at a webinar focusing on biodiversity in water during the World Biodiversity Day 2021 (20/5). To date, Sara Bergek (SLU Aqua) and Brendan McKie (Aquatic Sciences and Assessment) have confirmed their tentative participation in the webinar.

SLU Water Forum at World Water Week

February-March. Based on the seminar *Current and future perspectives on water research at SLU - a seminar for collaborative activities* held at SLU (15-16/2), Jens Olsson and a few presenters at the seminar submitted an abstract to the World Water Week, held digitally in August 2021. The title of the abstract is "SLU – a

knowledge hub for sustainable water resource management", and the idea is to showcase SLU's competence on water and contribution to the water related aspects of Agenda 2030. The abstract was recently accepted for a session during the World Water Week, and the work of planning the session will soon be initiated.

Meeting on SLU's contribution to the Stockholm50+ conference

12/3. SLU Global (Sara Gräslund), SLU's management unit (deputy vice chancellors Ylva Hillbur and Anna Lundhagen), SLU's Division of Planning (Kalle Mälson) and SLU Water Forum (Jens Olsson) participated in a meeting with the organizing committee of the Stockholm 50+ concerning SLU's potential involvement and contribution to the upcoming conference (to be held in 2022). Following this initial meeting, a follow-up meeting in April is planned to detail SLU's engagement and contribution.

Input meeting between SLU and HaV

21/3. SLU Water Forum was asked by deputy vice chancellor Anna Lundhagen to provide input on SLU's competence and perceived knowledge needs on water for the meeting with "myndighetsgemensamma gruppen" at HaV and SLU (25/3). The input (Appendix 4) from SLU Water Forum was based on the survey on knowledge needs on water at SLU and issues raised during the seminar *Current and future perspectives on water research at SLU - a seminar for collaborative activities*.

News-drive from SLU Water Forum during the World Water Day 2021

22-25/3. A news-post highlighting the World Water Day and SLU's work on water was produced by Jens Olsson and Lisa Beste, and released on the 22/3, <https://www.slu.se/ew-nyheter/2021/3/slu-satter-ljuset-pa-vardet-av-vatten/>. Following this, a series of news posts (<https://www.slu.se/ew-kalender/2021/3/slu-satter-fokus-pa-vardet-av-vatten-pa-varldsvattendagen/>) was added on social media via SLU Water Forum and other relevant accounts (SLU Miljöanalys, SLU Future Food, SLU Global, SLU Aqua, SLU Wild Research, Nationellt Kompetenscentrum för Vattenbruk).

Based on the statistics from Twitter, the number of views at the SLU Water Forum account went from on average 250 per day during the period January-March 2021 to over 3700 views on the 22/3 and between 1500-2000 views on the 23-25/3.

Webinar on water related calls and partnerships within the Horizon Europe programme

30/3. Following a joint effort between SLU Grants Office and SLU Water Forum, Fiona Reid and Ulf Westerlund from Grants Office held a webinar on the water related calls of the new EU Horizon Europe programme and associated partnerships. The webinar was attended by 32 participants. The presentation held during the webinar, and an extract of the call texts related to water within the programme was distributed to the SLU Water Forum mailing list.

News feed and Twitter

January-March. From 22/1 to 30/3, 22 news/press-releases related to water at SLU has been posted in the news feed at the SLU Water Forum web. These posts and other relevant issues on water related to SLU have routinely also been posted at SLU Water Forum's Twitter account (@SLUwater).

Information on water related funding opportunities and events

January-March. During this period, seven e-mails on upcoming funding opportunities and events related to water have been distributed to the SLU Water Forum mailing list.

Plans/activities during spring-summer 2021

Strategy and work-plan SLU Water Forum 2021-2022

Update of the current strategy and work-plan of SLU Water Forum for the years 2021-2022. Input from WaterCOG is anticipated.

Planning the SLU Water Forum session during the World Water Week

April-May. Jens Olsson and a handful of researchers within SLU Water Forum will plan the content and outline the format of the session showcasing SLU's competence on water and contribution to the water related aspects of Agenda 2030 during the 2021 edition of the World Water Week.

Knowledge needs on water and future internal cooperation at SLU

Summarizing the suggestions and input received from WaterCOG in thematic areas. A dedicated workshop focusing on how to take this further will be arranged during spring 2021.

WBD webinar at SIWI

20/5. As outlined above, SLU Water Forum will be engaged in the webinar arranged by the Swedish Water House at SIWI during the 2021 World Biodiversity Day.

Havs- och vattenforum

25-26/1. Jens Olsson will participate in the 2021 edition of the conference that will be held digitally and focus on *Future fisheries and sustainable oceans*.

Samverkansforum SLU och Uppsala kommun

Establishing a "Collaboration platform" in TEAMS.

Follow-up meetings within the different thematic areas of the dialogue meetings to foster further collaboration.

Publication-record SLU Water Forum

List of publications from people included in the SLU Water Forum mailing list. Following this, the selected publications will be visualized and communicated both internally and externally to highlight water related research at SLU.

List of "water-experts" at SLU

A list of experts on water at SLU to be displayed on the Water Forum web are planned. The current list of "Baltic Sea-experts" at SLU (<https://www.slu.se/om-slu/pressrum/ostersjoexperter-slu/>) will serve as the basis for the "water-expert" list.

Outline and structure of the SLU Water Forum web

Update of the web to make it more accessible, structured and informative.