



Notes meeting WaterHUB at SLU 2019-12-09

Time: 10.00-12.00

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1 Background and presentation of SLU Water Forum

See attached presentation from the meeting.

2 SLU WaterHUB

New name of the group/network needed not to be confused with existing VattenNAV (Water HUB in English). Anders suggested WaterTUB©. Name to be revised in the nearest future. Suggestions more than welcome!

Comment: The existing operational areas focusing on water at SLU are well covered of the WaterHUB with addition of Artdatabanken (Ulf Bjelke) and the SITES network for research infrastructure. Not necessarily all key persons included as it is now, but the selected list of experts should serve as the basis for the future operation of the group/network.

3 Upcoming events related to water at SLU

Hydrotekniska sällskapetets Vattendag 2020: 29/1 at Ultuna. More info at <http://hydrotekniskasallskapet.se/2019/11/05/vattendagen-2020/>

World Water Week: 23-28/8. Water Forum should be in contact with SIWI on potential contribution from SLU, for example in the form of a side event as a visit to a field station and/or partner of SLU. Focus of this year's WWW is *Water and Climate Change – Accelerating Action*.

4th International Workshop on High Temporal Resolution Water Quality Monitoring and Analysis. 1-3/6 at Ultuna.

<https://www.slu.se/en/departments/soil-environment/conferences/4th-international-workshop-on-high-temporal-resolution-water-quality-monitoring-and-analysis/>

Mälarseminariet 2020. 5/11 in Uppsala. <https://www.slu.se/ew-kalender/2020/11/valkommen-till-malarseminariet-2020/>

All in the WaterHUB (and Water Forum): Please share information on upcoming events, conferences and funding possibilities via the SLU Water Forum mail-list or directly to the coordinator.

4 Operation of Water Forum 2020

In addition to what is listed in the presentation for the meeting, the following suggestions were discussed:

Newsletters. Internal and external. Including information on upcoming calls, publications at SLU relating to water (extract publications from experts in Waterforum), news focusing on projects/operation concerning water at SLU.

for Water Forum to tag news and events related to Water Forum in social media.

Presentation of SLU Water Forum for SLU's new Vice Chancellor. This would serve as a means to highlight the importance of water related work at SLU to the management of our University.

World water day 2020. 22/3. Water Forum could arrange a seminar at SLU focusing on SLU's water related work with both internal and external participants invited. Potentially we could also invite external speakers.

Waterforum webpage. Including a "dynamic" mapping of departments/groups/networks focusing on water at SLU. Publications related to water should be listed on the web page.

Mails from Water Forum. Important that the mails from SLU Water Forum have a clear sender (a unique format and signature).

Other issues. The list of people included in Water Forum should be dynamic with the possibility for people to subscribe and un-subscribe to the information available (newsletters, mailing-list etc.)

5 Future common water program at SLU ("MISTRA WATER")

Water is on the agenda with good possibilities to attract funding. Sweden is seen as country where water is a key focal area.

SLU has a unique competence and breadth (from source to sea) on water.

A future common program must be focused with clear deliverables.

Suggested ideas for a future program (at this stage):

- Kevin Bishop had ideas earlier on a SLU-wide program focusing on future monitoring programs and techniques related to water. This is worth reconsidering.
- The land-water connections (Richard J).
- FUTURE WATERS including both ecosystem service and sociological aspects of water in a changing world (Anna G).
- Nutrient enrichment of and aquaculture in hydropower dams (Anders Kiessling, Stefan B et al.).

Before further planning contacts should be made with MISTRA on potential future calls for water, and how existing programs financed by MISTRA at SLU influences the possibility to attract funding.

6 Seed money 2020

Could focus on:

- Writing support (skrivarstöd) for applications
- Workshops and meetings to plan future applications and facilitate meetings between water experts at SLU
- Development/pilot projects
- Arranging seminars focusing on water

All work financed should be cross-departmental to ensure exchange of ideas and to facilitate cooperation.

7 Water JPI

See presentation from the meeting.

Comments: Good funding (same rules for financing as Formas).

Jens will distribute proceedings of the Water JPI workshop for review to the people in the WaterHUB. Deadline for input on the proceedings is set to 20/12.

8 Almedalen 2020

Would be valuable if SLU's water profile could be presented and advertised during Almedalen – as an “umbrella topic” for several water related events?

SLU's Vice Chancellor presents SLU Water Forum and water related work?

Important to have focused and narrow-down topics for the events to attract the visitors interest.

Could be focused on climate change and invasive species as they are topics of concern and interest.

Artdatabanken will present the new Swedish Redlist of species.

Should be co-arranged with important partners as HaV, and other Universities and stakeholders.

9 Next steps

- Meeting in late January/early February to plan upcoming World Water Day 2020.
- Next meeting with SLU WaterHUB during spring 2020.
- Follow-up meeting on potential engagement at Almedalen in early spring.

Notes taken by Jens Olsson