

Summary from ASIAQ4: Online Workshop November 12-13, 2019

For ASIAQ4 we opted for a travel free workshop since we have noticed that it is difficult for many of our colleagues to travel. We wanted to explore this option with open minds with the hope that it would be a learning process for all of us.

Opportunities with a travel free workshop

- More choice of speakers
- Broader audience
- Saves travel time and money
- More time spent with research group and family
- More accessible which leads to better equality
- No travel -> no jetlag -> health benefit and overall safer!

Attendees was encouraged to join

- At the main physical hub in Sweden at Stockholm University
- At locally organised hubs which were organized by local hosts
- From their own device (i.e. PC/laptop, phone or tablet) via link

Local hubs

- Places, where multiple people where joining, was encouraged to organise local hubs. Two local hubs were organised, one at Stockholm university and one at University of New Hampshire.

Practicalities

- We used the software program Zoom
- Participants were asked to download Zoom software, to use network cable instead of Wi-Fi and to use headset with mic
- Participants were also asked to test their system, i.e. connection, sound and picture well in advance before the workshop began

Lesson learnt

- Zoom worked well and was easy to use
- The time difference made it difficult to find a suitable time. We opted for a 3 h long workshop with breakout in local groups and tried to schedule these 3 h on a time which was least inconvenient for all.

Outcomes from ASIAQ4

Program

Below is a list of agenda items that were handled during ASIAQ4:

- Reports from ASIAQ financed initiatives
- Recap of outcomes ASIAQ1-3

- Update of Pan-Arctic Initiative and discuss proposal from ASIAQ3 on Pan-Arctic Student Group Research Projects
- Discussion on how to finish the ASIAQ paper
- Invited plenary talk by Professor Miyase Christensen, Stockholm University
- Invitation to young scientist for a field course at Tarfala research station
- ASIAQ5

Next steps, action items, leaders, etc.

Pan-Arctic Student Group Research

It was suggested that each ASIAQ university looks into the possibility to facilitate Pan-Arctic Student Group Research Projects during spring, summer and fall 2020. All ASIAQ university are asked to please report back to Cameron Wake and Ruth Varner for this.

ASIAQ paper

Jessica Ernakovich reported on the status for the ASIAQ paper. It was decided to focus on lessons learnt from the ASIAQ collaboration and to give our perspective on the collaboration. Stockholm university will complement the current draft with a text box about ASIAQ mission, including research and educational initiatives. Jessica will work on the section that handles lessons learnt and our perspective of the collaboration. She will also circulate the draft ones more with the aim of having a coherent paper by December 2, 2019.

ASIAQ session at the ISAR-6, March 2-6, 2020, Tokyo and ASM3, 21 -22, Nov., 2020, Tokyo

Hajime Yamaguchi lead a discussion on how to organize the ASIAQ session at the ISAR-6, March 2-6, 2020, Tokyo. Tetsuo Sueyoshi lead a discussion on how to approach to/contribute on the <http://asm3.org/>. Hajime Yamaguchi will prepare and circulate a statement from the ASIAQ session at ISAR6 and present this to ASM3.

Tarfala Field Course for young scientists

Young ASIAQ scientists are invited to a one-week long field course for young scientists at Tarfala Research Station next summer. The course aims at bringing young researchers together across disciplines, within the broad domain of Arctic research and research communication, in order to build new networks and develop communications skills. **Course date will** be announced soon. The course will have room for 20 participants, which means approximately three researchers from each ASIAQ university.

Plan for ASIAQ5

ASIAQ5 will take place in Sweden October 13-15. This is in connection to the Arctic Assembly, which takes place in Iceland October 5-11. Many of our ASIAQ colleagues will be participating at the Arctic Assembly, thus they are close to Sweden and can make use of already made travel plans. Nina Kirchner and Annika Granebeck will start planning for ASIAQ5. If you would like to participate in the planning you are very welcome to contact them.

Thank you for participating in ASIAQ4!