

**Meeting:** Meeting of Bergen Hub Advisory Group (BHAG) of AEkhRB

**Meetingplace:** Boardroom, BRB Strandgt. 6 (The AEkhRB premises at BRB)

**Date:** Wednesday 27. August 2014 1530-1730

**Present:** Dag Rune Olsen (MAE/UiB), Svend Erik Larsen (MAE/UiAa), Einar Hope (MAE / NHH), Petter E. Bjørstad (MAE/UiB); Leiv K. Sydnes (MAE/ UiB); Jan S: Vaagen ( MAE/ UIB); Vidar Totland (BRB)

Also present Lars Sætre (UiB institute for literature)

**Referent:** Vidar Totland (BRB)

**Apologies:** Ole Hope (BRB); Laszlo Csernai (MAE/ UIB); Ole Arve Misund (MAE/ UIB)  
Anne Gro Salvanes (MAE/ UIB); Sigmund Gronmo (MAE/ UIB);

## MINUTES

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#### PROGRAM

1. Brief summary of last BHAG meeting 26 June and remarks to the minutes (HC) – status for follow up of hub tasks (enclosure).
2. Recruiting of new members to AE from RB – reports from section members.
3. Hub participation at AE-2014 Annual Meeting in Barcelona and Lessons. (Enclosed Report from HAD). See also website [http://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad\\_Main/Events/Annual%20Conference%20Barcelona%202014](http://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Events/Annual%20Conference%20Barcelona%202014)
4. Status for Hub projects (HAD).
5. Adjusted plan for BHAG autumn meetings (enclosed).
6. Other business.

The meeting was completed according to schedule.

1. **Brief summary of BHAG meeting 26 June** by Chair (HC).  
HC welcomed the Nordic BHAG member Svend Erik Larsen from the University of Aarhus, also AE board member.

Larsen and Sydnes have contacts relevant for UiB's Unesco chair application. HC Rector Olsen provides the link to the Norwegian Unesco chair Tora Aasland, and will forward the potential role of the hub in future competence evaluations. Official and unofficial contacts should be established.

*BHAG Approved*

2. **Reports on efforts to recruit new AE members** were discussed, and barriers that seem related to a Section structure that does not fully reflect present days science activities, in particular cross field collaborations. In Barcelona the Bergen HAD raised the question of how to fulfil mission statement obligations if the hub cannot find relevant competence within AE. A temporary solution is to link in hub associates, some of whom may in time become full AE members. Also YAE is important as a partner. Concerning the election process the degree of insight was discussed. Larsen expressed that one should work at making the process more transparent.

*BHAG Approved*

### 3. **AE Annual Meeting 2014 in Barcelona.**

The Barcelona report (HAD) was well received, and sparked off discussions concerning future joint ventures with the other hubs, the hubs as tool for AE, and Bergen's mission statement. The Nordic Model (TNM) issue came in particular focus, also outside the official agenda.

BHAG will promote a project addressing TNM in our times, and will take initiative to compose a local task team. TNM has increased current interest, induced also by recent publications such as that by Thomas Piketty, and also 'cold war' like political developments, affecting in particular the Nordic region. It was decided to invite UiB's Prorektor Anne Lise Fimreite to give a BHAG thematic talk on TNM, scheduled for the October meeting.

The Bergen hub aims at being visible at AE-2015 in Darmstadt with contributions being linked to both TNM and technology&society and their interplay (Med./Phys./Comp). More on this under BEAMED.

Participation in the fall 2015 inter-Section meeting in Lisbon on Maritime/Culture, 'Paths on the Seas: The Routes to Discoveries' was also discussed, with a positive outcome.

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### 4. **Status for Hub projects (HAD).**

BEAMED: Contact with Hordaland County, administrative representatives.

HAD plans participation in 2-3 October Uppsala Seminar on particle therapy, at the new Skandionkliniken, as member of a Bergen task team.

The Hub will be co-organizer of an international workshop on particle therapy in Bergen in fall 2015.

HAD informed that Region Bergen (RB) in a joint venture, has submitted a theme-related SFI application ('Maritime Clean Tech') to the Norwegian Research Council (NFR). The Hub may be network and quality guarantee provider.

This application may serve as case study for how AE/AEkhRB may take part in focused programme studies (SFF,SI,FME,...) – in particular linked to hub partners UiB and NHH. These initiatives often emerge as bottom up initiatives from institutes/faculties and provide a possible training ground for the hub in its interaction with the infrastructure of its partners. This is a 'must' for fulfilling the Hub's mission statement using base Bergen as central competence partner. AE will provide added value.

The BHAG Sections should work out this idea systematically, inspired by Larsens Triple-Win. The partners (UiB/NHH) and their leadership will also benefit from this additional insight in ongoing process and alliances where the Hub may add its "Letter of endorsement".

The Hub will assist its partners, but the partners have to help map out the terrain using their RB contacts with business and decision makers, and their lobbying experience. This includes network organizations like Maritime Forum.

#### *Larsen's Triple Win*

Svend Erik Larsen (Aarhus) was invited to provide the hub his reflections on a triple-win (win-win-win) situation relevant for the hub. The note from Larsen is received after the meeting and is enclosed (page 4-5) in Danish language.

*BHAG Approved*

#### **5. Adjusted plan for BHAG autumn meetings**

New dates has to be established immediately and to be approved in the next meeting for BHAG

*BHAG Approved*

#### **6. Other business.**

None put forward

*Enclosed  
Larsen's Triple win*

Notat til mødet i AE/BH 27. aug. 2014

*Svend Erik Larsen*

**Generelt:**

a) En win-win-win situation:

1. AE – skal have integreret alle discipliner og række uden for medlemskredsen
  2. AE –medlemmer skal engageres i et projekt gennem AE
  3. Bergen U + Region Bergen skal have 1) markeret sig som investorer i forskning af kvalitet i emner på den internationale forskningsdagsorden og 2) have forskning af lokal relevans
- Alle tre tilfredsstilles med TAS-projektet (*Text, Action, Space*) via BH

b) Engagerer man sig i forskning af kvalitet, vil ikke alting passe ind i et givet tema eller give umiddelbart afkast. Det er erkendt af de fleste store fonde (fx i DK Velux, Rockwool, Carlsberg, Egmont der investerer specifikt i fx teknologi, kunst/arkæologi, medicin, fremtidsscenarier OG samtidig i brede kultur- og samfundsvidenskabelige emner). Det brede engagement fremmer også den målrettede forskning. Se brochure fra Danmarks Grundforskningsfond *Curiosity Pays Off* (via [www.dg.dk](http://www.dg.dk)).

c) Bergen Hub's betydning skyldes ikke kun det man sætter i gang, men det man tiltrækker af eksisterende kvalitetsforskning. Akkurat som universitetet eller regionen som helhed kvalificeres af dette dobbelte og sideordnede perspektiv.

TAS er model for krav til projekter der tiltrækkes af BH.

**Specielt**

BH-indlejrede projekter bør

- 1) have etableret internationalt status og synlige resultater og/eller være nyt projekt med initiativtagere med international status
- 2) have deltagelse af AE-medlemmer sammen med andre og af unge forskere/doktorander. AE initiativer skal aktivere forskere uden for AE.
- 3) en *endorsement* fra AE gennem den relevante sektion
- 4) have klar aktivitetsplan med regional profil. Det er ikke åbne nygrundforskningsprojekter der tiltrækkes. De hører universitetet til. Men projekter der så langt fremme at en aktivitetsplan foreligger
- 5) medbringe delfinansiering medbringes
- 6) synliggøre BH i publikationer, annonceringer, folders etc.
- 7) kvalitetssikringprocedure

BH/AE bør tilbyde

- 1) annoncering på BHs hjemmeside og AEs hjemmeside og måske på andre måder
- 2) medfinansiering eller budget garanti for dele af budgettet hvis restfinansiering ikke opnås.

3) anden støtte efter behov (organisation, kontakt etc.)

Det sidste punkt kræver nogle klare opstillinger af budget BHAG ikke har ikke i øjeblikket og nogle retningslinier måske strategier for hvad BH kan magte.

Kvalitet er et nøgleord. Kvalitetssikring i TAS-projektet

- 1) gennem samarbejde i gruppen: præ-cirkulerede papers til to seminarer med opponenter
- 2) gennem resultater: intern peer review/redaktionel screening og dertil peer review hos forlag/tidsskrift
- 3) gennem forskeruddannelse: integrering af PhD studerende i hele processen, herunder i særlige sektioner eller seminarer for dem, og en plads i redaktion til at få publikationserfaring.