

Short Report from the 92th Council Meeting

EISCAT Scientific Association

**Minutes of the 92nd meeting of the Council
KKR Hotel and Gakushikaikan, Tokyo, 11-12 June 2019**

Present: Finland: Prof. A. Aikio (Vice-Chairperson) and Dr. K. Sulonen (delegate). Japan: Prof. H. Miyaoka and Dr. S. Nozawa. Norway: Prof. I. Mann (Chairperson) and Prof. K. Ruud (delegate). P. R. of China: Dr. Z. Ding and Prof. J. Wu (delegate). Sweden: Dr. T. Andersson (delegate) and Prof. J. Gumbel. UK: Dr. M. Freeman (delegate) and Dr. I. W. McCrea. By Invitation: Mrs. M. Vannas (AFC Chairperson) and Dr. S. Buchert (SAC Chairperson). From Headquarters: Dr. C. Heinselman (Director) and Mr. H. Andersson (Head of Administration). Minute takers: Dr. Y. Ogawa and Dr. S. Nozawa

Absent: Finland: Dr. J. Virtanen

Prof. I. Mann, Chairperson, opens the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Prof. H. Miyaoka welcomes everyone to Tokyo and gave introductions.

Council related

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda is adopted after a change of sequence.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 91st meeting

The minutes are approved after correcting a typo.

3. Matters arising from the 91st meeting

In-kind contributions of SSPAs from Japan are now finalised.

Abstract deadline of the EISCAT symposium in Oulu is June 12, 2019.

Reporting

4. Report from the Director

The Director presents his report.

5. Report from the Administrative and Finance Committee

The AFC report is presented by the AFC Chairperson.

AFC has no objection to the financial development and five-years plan.

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plan.

AFC notes and recommends Council to sign the annual report of the accounts 2018.

Council asks HQ to finalize the annual reports for 2015-2016, and 2017-2018 before the November Council meeting.

Council asks HQ to prepare a revised template for future Annual Reports. The report for 2017-2018 should be prepared in the recommended form and be ready for November Council meeting.

Council appoints Magnus Friberg (Sweden) as the new Chair, and Inger Solheim (Norway) as Vice Chair of AFC starting from now.

6. Report from the Scientific Advisory Committee

The SAC report is summarised by the SAC Chairperson.

Council follows SAC recommendation and encourages the plans of the Director and HQ to prepare an EISCAT_3D technical reference paper.

Council appoints the new chairperson and Vice-chairperson of SAC (starting from now) as follows: Andrew Kavanagh (UK) as Chair and Wu Jun (China) as Vice Chair.

Council asks SAC to discuss the potential for overlapping operations between EISCAT_3D and the existing radars (UHF and VHF): What would be the scientific and experimental advantages of overlapping operations? Council needs to have the information on this by the next Council meeting.

[EISCAT_3D related](#)

7. Overall status

The Director reports on the overall status of the project.

Council asks AFC to discuss the Health and Safety Plan and to report to Council whether the plan is sufficient.

8. Financial situation

The EISCAT_3D financial status is summarised by the Head of Administration.

9. Planning: options to be ordered

Planning options are presented by the Director and discussed in Council.

15. Ownership and Timeshare formula

Council forms a group that shall develop options of the timeshare formula and membership conditions. Members of the group will be Director Heinselman, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Buchert, Dr. Nozawa, and Dr. Ding.

[Regular financial matters](#)

10. Closing of the Annual Financial Report 2018 (approval and signing)

Council delegations approve and sign the accounts.

11. Financial development 2019

Council takes note of the reported development.

12. Budget 2020

Council takes note of the Budget plan for 2020.

13. Five Year plan

Council takes note of the five-year plan.

Other matters

14. BlueBook updates

Council asks AFC to discuss the rules for conditions and process of hiring a director.
Council asks AFC to consider and comment on the Health and Safety plan of the EISCAT_3D project.

16. Science presentation

Prof. Hosokawa from the University of Electro-Communications (UEF) presents a lecture: "Coordinated Arase (EG) and ground-based observations and their results: First coordinated observations of Pulsating Aurora with high-speed optical instruments, EISCAT radar and ARASE satellite" which is followed by a discussion.

Council related

17. Restricted Session

Council meets in restricted session.

18. Any other business

The Director describes EISCAT_3D GO project: Call under EU-H2020 open to the ESFRI Landmark projects, 3.6M Euro, 326 person-months.

19. Summary of decisions and recommendations

The agreed decisions and recommendation are summarized (covered in the other agenda items).

20. Next meeting

Norway will host the next Council meeting in November. The candidate dates will be Nov 12-13 (in Tromsø) or Nov 27-28 (in Oslo), 2019.

(After the meeting, next Council was fixed to take place 27 – 28 Nov 2019 in Oslo)

Finland will host the 2020 Spring meeting on June 3-4, 2020.

Chair thanks HQ for preparing and Japan for hosting the meeting and taking the minutes. Mrs. M. Vannas and Dr. S. Buchert are thanked as outgoing AFC and SAC chairs.