

Stakeholders Group Minutes

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Meeting # 1

Date: August 30th, 2022

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – October 5th, 2022

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Anders Palmqvist	Not present
	Jörgen Sjöberg	Present
University of Gothenburg	Torbjörn Lundh	Present
Jönköping University	Agneta Marell	Not present
Karolinska Institute	Richard Cowburn	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Stefan Östlund	Present
Linköping University	Matts Karlsson	Not present
	Maria Engelmark	Present
Linnaeus University	Ann-Charlotte Larsson	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Pär Weihed	Not present
Lund University	Erik Renström	Not present
	Kristina Eneroth	Present
Mid Sweden University	Anders Fällström	Present
Mälardalen University	Helena Jerregård	Not present
Uppsala University	Anders Hagfeldt	Not present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Karin Olofsdotter	Not present
	Ingrid Ask	Present
	Maria Brogren	Present
Swedish Institute	Kurt Bratteby	Present
SACC USA	Signhild Hansen	Present
	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome – Signhild Arnegård Hansen, SACC-USA
2. "Team Sweden" – DCM Ingrid Ask, Embassy of Sweden, Washington, DC
3. Stakeholders Group - Participants
4. SIREUS - Progress Report – Christer Bergman, SIREUS/SACC-USA
 - Overview
 - Project Update
 - Funding Update
 - Financial Report
5. SIREUS - Information H2 2022
 - New SIREUS members
 - SIREUS Events
 - SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities
6. AOB & Next meeting

Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting.

Minutes

1. Signhild opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 1st Stakeholders Group meeting. She introduced herself and made a short presentation about the SACC network. She emphasized how proud she is to be working with all the Swedish universities in the SIREUS project.
2. Ingrid Ask, DCM (Deputy chief of mission) Swedish Embassy gave her regards from Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter, who unfortunately had other obligation during the day. She continued explaining about the Swedish government initiative "Team Sweden" and expressed on behalf of the Embassy their excitement to support the SIREUS project.
3. Signhild reviewed the governance model for the project and asked everyone to make a brief introduction and their view on the SIREUS project.
4. **SIREUS - Progress Report**

Christer was asked to make a presentation about progress of the project.

Overview. Christer referred to the press release and the project description for the overall project and emphasized that the project is well under way.

Project Update. Christer presented a timeline for the project and major milestones and was proud of the fact that in record speed, there was a website launched, social media campaign started, the SACC regional chambers are involved, and all the working groups have had their first working meetings.

Funding Update. Christer presented the basis for the project with respect to funding and updated the meeting on the status and ongoing activities to secure "government" funding.

Financial Report. Christer referred to the presentation and emphasized that although the SIREUS project is a SACC-USA program, its resources and finances are separated from the regular SACC activities. He also assured that there will be 100% transparency on resources and funds being used. The financial report is part of the Steering Committee meetings and is updated monthly.

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5. SIREUS – Information H2 2022

Christer continued with informing the meeting about key activities for the rest of the year.

Marketing/social media. He encouraged all the participants to check the website regularly since there will be updates and improvements on a regular basis. He also mentioned that all the participants have got an email with private information on how to log in to the “private” part of the website. The website is structured with a private section where all presentations and minutes from meetings will be available for everyone in the project. The steering committee did approve that there should be full transparency between the different groups and documents should be available for all members participating in the stakeholders group, the steering committee and all the working groups.

New SIREUS members. Christer did get approval on reaching out to other Swedish universities that potentially would become members in the SIREUS project on same terms as the founding members joined. Christer is in contact with several universities and will keep everyone informed about the progress.

SIREUS Events. Christer presented an outline of events that are being planned for the next period. Maria Brogren (from the Embassy/OSI) mentioned about the Life Science event being planned for early December. More information will be sent out once confirmed. Christer mentioned that a series of virtual forums are being considered, a SACC event in Sweden is planned for on February 7th, 2023, in Stockholm (SACC Transatlantic Day), more information will be available later this fall. Christer also mentioned that the first SIREUS event is being planned for on February 22-23, 2023, in Washington DC in conjunction with the AIEA conference, where several universities will attend.

SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities. Christer presented the concept of the affiliation and explained that a MOU between SIREUS and individual American universities are being planned. The MOU is being used to qualify American universities for a potential cooperation with any Swedish university member. If such a cooperation is being formed, then the respective Swedish university and the American university will agree on a separate cooperation agreement. Christer will keep the participants informed about progress on this initiative.

6. AOB & Next meeting

Since there were no Other Business for the meeting, Signhild thanked the participants for the meeting and asked for input of topics to be included in the next stakeholders group meeting. **The next stakeholders group meeting will be held via Teams on December 7th @ 15.00 CT (9:00 am ET).** Not on December 6th as the presentation indicated.

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