

Working Group Minutes

October 2022

Working Group 2 University

Meeting # 3

Date: October 3rd, 2022

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – October 4th, 2022

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Andreas Eriksson	Present
University of Gothenburg	Mikaela Green	Present
Jönköping University	Mudar Hill	Not present
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Ronald T Nordqvist	Present
Linköping University	Caroline Sturesson	Not present
	Margareta Alfredsson	Present
Linnaeus University	Ingela Åberg	Present & Group Leader
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Present
Lund University	Pouneh Eftekhari	Present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Present
Mälardalen University	Pablo Camacho Sanhueza	Present
Uppsala University	Philipp Baur	Not present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Hanna Bergman	Present
	Louise Murphy	Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - c. Review of extra in-person meeting @ KTH
2. Review of Exchange Programs Mapping
3. Top Interest Areas
 - a. Internships

- b. Short term activities
 - c. Virtual exchange
 - d. Ambassadors
4. What works!
 5. Next meetings

Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting. This ppt presentation will be archived on the SIREUS website alongside the minutes.

Minutes

1. After a brief introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed. Ingela thanked all the participants for the in-person meeting @ KTH a couple of weeks ago and specifically Ronald for being a wonderful host. Ingela will send out minutes from that meeting separately.
2. Ingela mentioned that one of the key topics from the in-person meeting was that Louise & Hanna presented the result from mapping of Exchange programs. The summary map was shown and Ingela ask Louise & Hanna to post the complete presentation on the SIREUS website once the final input have been processed and included.
3. During the in-person meeting, the group agreed to have subgroups in a couple of top interest areas and Ingela explained the idea behind subgroups and announced the members of the subgroups.
 - a. **Internships.** This is a very important area and Ingela asked the group to highlight good examples and maybe do some mapping also for internships.
Group leader: Mikaela Green, GU
Members: Mia Bjerke, KI (was added to the group)
 - b. **Short term activities.** During the in-person meeting several examples for short term creative activities were discussed and this group will brainstorm about good examples and what can be done.
Group leader: Ronald Nordqvist, KTH
Members: Caroline Sturesson, LiU, Andreas Eriksson, Chalmers, Mudar Hill, JU
 - c. **Virtual Exchange.** During the in-person meeting Philipp Baur explained his thoughts about virtual exchanges and got the task of having a group exploring this new area. Philipp announced that he couldn't start this work until later this fall.
Group leader: Ronald Nordqvist, KTH
Members: Pablo Camacho Sanhueza, MDU, Pouneh Eftekhari, LU (was added to the group)
 - d. **Ambassadors.** One important topic in the SIREUS project is the notion of Ambassadors. We have decided to define the term better and how can we involve the ambassadors/champions in SIREUS.
Group leader: Ingela Åberg, LIN (volunteered for this)
Members: none yet – looking for members.

The group also talked about the need for coordination between WG 1&2 for internships and research. Another topic that was brought up was regarding how we cooperate with at other universities and how can we build a network for internships research. The need for financial support was also brought up as a very important topics for research & internships exchange.

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Maria Brogren informed the group about the different government MOU that is relevant and status of those. She will create a document that describe the situation for SIREUS members.

4. **What works!** This was another interesting topic that was brought up at the in-person meeting. The idea is that one of the participants will present an idea, an initiative or activity that could be interesting for the group. For this meeting, LiU volunteered for a very interesting initiative that has been developed. Margareta Alfredsson described the initiative between LiU, Washington State University, Boeing, and SAAB. They have together created a 4-parts agreement within the computational mathematics field. This is a 3 year project, involving 7 Swedish + 7 US students during per academic year. It includes a semester abroad, partly new curricula and research in the field. Financial support has been secured from both STINT and NSF (US). The group congratulated LiU to the project and started to think how we can replicate this initiative for other universities and companies. Ingela thanked Margareta for a very interesting **What works!**
5. Next scheduled meeting is on November 22nd @ 15.00. Christer presented a meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation). All the dates seemed to be working. During the meeting the group had a comment on the meetings in June and August – therefore the new proposal is as follows.
 - a. January 24th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - b. March 21st @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - c. May 9th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - d. ~~June 20th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
 - e. June 13th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - f. ~~August 15th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
 - g. August 22nd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - h. October 3rd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - i. November 28th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)The group agreed and Christer will invite to all the meetings. The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

No other topics was discussed, and Ingela thanked the members for the meeting.

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