IMAP meeting 1, February 27, 2013 (Minutes by Gesche Braker)

Participants: Gesche Braker, Thomas Larsen, Kristian Laß, Sven Neuling, Lavinia Patara, Anke Regenberg, Tobias Steinhoff, Yoshi Takei, Yiming Wang;

excused: Jan Dierking, Olaf Duteil, Rainer Kiko, Ulrike Kronfeld-Goharani, Barbara Neumann, Jörn Schmidt;

Guests: Joanna Miest, Zhenia Ryabenko

Venue: CAP4, Room 519

Time: 9.00-10.45

Brief introduction of the participants

Agenda

1) Ruth Kamm Introduction herself and via:mento-Ocean
2) next meeting
3) Important dates 2013
   11.03.2013 Meeting IMAP Advisory Panel
   13.03.2013 IMAP-Stammtisch: with Postdocs des SFB754 and ExCl 'Inflammation'
   7.-12.04.2013 EGU Vienna
   17.04.2013 IMAP meets Muthesius - 4: Status Collaboration IMAP-Muthesius
   24.03.2013 Social Media Workshop
   16./17.05.2013 IMAP Retreat
   10.-14.06.2013 Visit of Cluster responsible person from the DFG
   17.-19.06.2013 Leadership Skills Course – Introductory level
   20./21.06.2013 Leadership Skills Course – Advanced level
   9./10.09.2013 Cluster Retreat Schleswig
   23.-25.09.2013 Young Scientists Conference Hamburg
   24.-25.09.2013 Scientific Advisory Board
   2.10.2013 Careerday
   4.-6. or 18.-20.11.2013 Higher education teaching & didactics
   20.11.2013 General assembly
   9.-13.12.2013 AGU San Francisco

4) Courses
5) Retreat
6) IMAP questionnaire
7) Homepage
8) Discussion Evaluation of Postdocs/Mentoring
9) Miscellaneous
Ad 1) canceled: Ruth Kamm is sick and excused, Gesche tried to explain as much as she knows

Ad 2) next IMAP meeting 2 will take place on March 20, 9-11 am, CAP4, Room 519.

   Major topic: Introduction Ruth Kamm and the via:mento-Ocean mentoring program for female IMAPs/postdocs, again inviting the Postdoc-Frauen from GEOMAR to participate

Ad 3) Important dates were listed and explained by the coordinator

Ad 4) IMAP members welcome the opportunity to participate in courses, but agree that 2 offers per year are sufficient.

   Courses 2013:
   Scientific leadership skills, IMAPs who had already participated ask for opportunity to refresh/reflect their knowledge and its application. Gesche will ask instructor Saso Kocevar whether and how this can be organized within the frame of the courses offered already. If necessary postdocs from ExCl ‘Inflammation’ will be asked to fill surplus of available places.
   Higher education & teaching, preferred date will be November 4-6, 2013

   Courses 2014:
   Professional networking (alternatively at the retreat 2013)
   Where am I and where do I want to go in my career?

   Suggestions for future courses:
   Interview training, 2 min-elevator talk: How to briefly present yourself and your research?

   Generally IMAPs consider it very desirable to get a certificate stating the duration and the content of the courses they participated in. This will be asked for from the instructors.

Ad 5) The program/topic of the IMAP-retreat in May is still in planning. If we can get a suitable trainer on professional networking, it will be first priority to organize such workshop for Day 1. Day 2 will be dedicated to briefly presenting IMAP research projects to the peer group.

   For the social on May 16 evening, Martin Visbeck has agreed joining to inform about the Cluster’s perspectives, Gesche will invite Ralph Schneider asking him to talk about KMS and its perspectives, she will also invite Sebastian Krastel, Birgit Schneider and Gernot Friedrichs in their function as members of the IMAP Advisory Panel.

   If no instructor for the networking topic can be found, an alternative topic needs to be discussed at the next IMAP meeting 2.
Ad 6) IMAP speakers and coordination are planning an online questionnaire to collect information on e.g. how IMAPs are employed, their past careers and their plans for the future. This information was asked for at the last IMAP panel meeting. Gesche has started drafting the questionnaire and will discuss it first with the IMAP speakers and then with the peer group at the next IMAP meeting.

Ad 7) Gesche informed that the IMAP section on the Cluster's homepage is to be redesigned hopefully including more features such as an up to date calendar with all important dates, an archive to collect all information sent out by the IMAP coordinator etc. Gesche pushes to get pictures and short project descriptions from all IMAPs, and pushes IMAPs to get their own homepage even if their host institution does not provide such opportunity.

The generation of an IMAP specific calendar to remind IMAPs about upcoming events was suggested, this idea will be followed up by Gesche.

Ad 8) Evaluation of postdocs joining the Cluster in response to the Postdoc-Project call 2012. Gesche has drafted an evaluation sheet which was discussed. Generally IMAPs agree with it as it covers all fields they are involved with: Research, teaching, networking, funding. Some modifications were suggested which were included in the revised version attached.

Ad 9) Childcare: Is the Cluster still involved?

Funding opportunities offered by the Cluster
Postdoc evaluation (first 18 months of your project):

I Overview of research project and major accomplishments (1 page max.)

II Scientific performance

1) List of publications (submitted, in revision, accepted; no manuscripts in preparation)
2) Third party funding (including applications submitted)
3) Awards
4) New areas of research or technical expertise

III Scientific presentations/Outreach

1) Invited presentations
2) Presentations at conferences (include meeting title, oral or poster, venue and date)
3) Outreach activities (Schülerlabor, Girls Day, etc)

IV Teaching

1) Teaching (Lectures/lab courses taught)
2) Committee or other service activities
3) Theses supervised, technicians/HiWis overseen

V Networking

1) Collaborations (within and outside the Cluster, national and international)
2) Organization of conferences/workshops, chairing sessions etc.

VI Other professional activities

1) Professional affiliations
2) Reviewer/Editorial board member, other
3) Participation in training opportunities (Mentoring, courses, seminars, lab rotations)