

IMAP meeting 3

Venue: CAP4, Room 1304a

Time: July 01, 2013; 2.00-4.00 pm

Participants: Jin Ba, Jan Dierking, Mohammad Heidarzadeh, Thomas Larsen, Kristian Lass, Carolin Löscher, Barbara Neumann, Jörn Schmidt, Jie Song, Yiming Wang

Guest: Birgit Schneider

Excused: Ulrike Kronfeld-Goharani, Sven Neulinger, Lavinia Patara, Mahasweta Saha, Arvind Singh,

Agenda

- 1) Resumé of the IMAP-retreat
- 2) Bylaws
- 3) Miscellaneous: Next dates

Ad 1) Coordinator and speakers briefly summarized the discussion at the retreat on how IMAPs wish that their future positions should look like. They also reported Martin Visbeck's conclusion that the preference on research and independency together with more security in perspectives and employment resembles very much the description of a professorship position.

The participants agree that with the diversity of IMAPs the diversity in the ideal future employment models increases and that in IMAP three groups of postdocs exist: early postdocs, international postdocs and researchers that have been on temporary contracts for long term (some more than ten years). This may lead to different perspectives and needs which should be considered in future discussions. The group agrees to adjust the IMAP position paper written in 2011 and furthermore agrees to collect opinions/needs via an internal questionnaire planned for this summer. The coordinator/the speakers will design the questionnaire asking for input from Ruth Kamm (Coordinator for Gender Measures of the Cluster) and IMAP Advisory Panel speakers Birgit Schneider/Sebastian Krastel. The results of the retreat's discussion and of the questionnaire will feed into the position paper update which will be written iteratively between the coordinator/the speakers and the IMAP members.

Ad 2) Update of the IMAP by-laws. The participants evaluate and discuss all points of the by-laws to account for the facts that i) the Cluster funding is in its second phase and ii) that in the meantime a professional coordinator was hired. An updated version is in the annex.

Ad 3) The coordinator reminds about the following dates to save:

Cluster retreat: Sept. 9 – 10, 2013

Interdisciplinary Conference of Young Earth System Scientists: Sept. 23 – 25, 2013

Scientific Advisory Board Visit: Sept. 24 – 25, 2013

Career Day: Oct. 2, 2013

Course Academic instruction for junior university teachers: Against boring teaching!:
Nov. 4 – 6, 2013

General assembly: Nov. 20, 2013.

Alexander von Humboldt Research Alumni Conference, Berlin: Nov. 27 – 29, 2013.