



Meeting of Committee on Observations and Networks (CON)

9th February 2016 10-11 AM EST / 16-17 CET (Teleconference) Minutes

1. Inventory status/updates

Lisa Loseto (CON chair, Canada) welcomed the participants and asked them to report on the national status on inventory work:

Vito Vitale (Italy): Will have a meeting this week in Rome in order to discuss with people on the inventory work. Italy will use the SAON CON plan as the basis for their work, but will likely extend it with more information, including names of the researchers.

Peter Pulsifer (ADC chair, USA): There are a number of different points in the activities that can be connected to, including ADC. For USA, the most efficient group to connect to will be the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC). This connection should be established through Jeremy Mathis who is also the USA representative for SAON. Peter Pulsifer has recently become the co-chair in the IARPC data committee.

Tetsou Sueyoshi (Japan): Japan maintains national inventories that can contribute to the plan. For monitoring, the inventories has records for Svalbard since 1992. The activities are not yet fully coordinated at the national level.

Larry Hinzman (SAON vice-Chair, USA) asked if Japan would be able to contribute with the records from Tiksi (Russian Federation). Tetsou Sueyoshi responded that this would be possible after some restructuring of the data.

Susan File (Canada): The Canadian Polar Commission has organized an inventory with a focus on monitoring since 2014, and it currently contains 1000 entries, but also with additional information compared to the CON plan. She reported that the data sets are available, and there is also a report on the activity.

Wenche Aas (Norway): Norway has long term records, and these can be made available.

Vito Vitale proposed that information from the Svalbard Science Forum should be added to the CON inventory work.

2. Proposal on sub-group

Peter Pulsifer explained about a new initiative on Community Based Observations (CBO). It is meant to be an open group of individuals who interested in community based observing. Over the past months a

proposal to formalize this group has emerged, and while the dialogue started primarily with U.S. participants, there was early recognition of the importance of an internationally coordinated approach. It has been suggested that a potential route forward would be in partnership with CON. An initiative has been taken to explore the opportunities, and this will continue during ASSW/AOS. The proposal will be introduced to the Board at the coming board meeting

3. Arctic Observing Summit (AOS)

Larry Hinzman reported that the AOS has app. 300 registered participants but that more are expected. Lisa Loseto said that the focus of the CON meeting at AOS should be to present and discuss the national inventory reports. If possible, these should also be submitted as a paper to the AOS. If they are submitted early enough, there would also be time to review these. The chair and Secretariat will develop a template for the national report.

4. Any other business

Peter Pulsifer informed the meeting that the ADC will arrange a Town Hall meeting on the 14th March during AOS with the objective to better understand the polar data environment.

Lisa Loseto informed the meeting that she would like to see a co-chair to work involved in the work of CON.

Appendix 1: Agenda

- 1) Inventory status/updates
 - a. National
 - b. Theme
- 2) Proposal for sub group
- 3) SAON CON meeting at AOS
 - a. Paper status
- 4) Any Other Business

Appendix 2: List of Participants

Name	Affiliation
Jan Rene Larsen	AMAP Secretariat
Larry Hinzman	SAON vice-Chair, USA
Libby Larsen	USA
Lisa Loseto	SAON CON chair, Canada
Peter Pulsifer	ADC chair, USA
Susan File	Canada
Tetsou Sueyoshi	Japan
Vito Vitale	Italy
Wenche Aas	Norway

More information about the participants and their affiliation is found at <http://www.arcticobserving.org/governance/board/board-members>

Appendix 3: List of meeting documents

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Document no</i>	<i>Document title</i>
1	1	CON Inventory Work Plan (draft, version 13DEC2015)
2	-	Networks, Projects, Programs, and Platforms: Metadata Reporting Description (draft, version 13DEC2015)

The documents can be found at
<http://www.arcticobserving.org/committees/con>

Appendix 4: Actions

Action No	Action	Who	When
1	Prepare a template for national inventory work reporting	Chair and Secretariat	01MAR2016
2	Investigate Svalbard Science Forum contribution to the inventory work	Secretariat	01MAR2016