**ArcTrain AAM 2022, Advisory Board Meeting – Virtual Through Zoom and In-Person**

May 16th 2021, 13:00 (EDT time) 19:00 (CEST time)

**Zoom**   
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**Agenda**

**13:00-13:30 (EDT time) -- Meeting with Students**Report from the student meeting

**13:30-14:30 (EDT time) 19:30-20:30 (CEST time) – Meeting with the whole ArcTrain group**

**1.** Welcome and tour de table

**2.** ArcTrain-Germany and ArcTrain-Canada joint activities

**3.** ArcTrain-Germany updates

**4.** ArcTrain-Canada updates

**5.** Future of the consortium beyond ArcTrain funding period

**6.** Varia

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**Advisory board members:**

Martin Fortier, Executive Director of Sentinel North, Laval U.

Roberto Racca, Chef Communications Officer and Senior Scientist, JASCO Applied Sciences

Hans Petter Sejrup, Professor at the University of Bergen   
(excused) Stephen Locke, Director General, Atlantic and Western Canada Branch, Geological Survey of Canada

**ArcTrain directors:**

Anne de Vernal, ArcTrain speaker for Canada

Michal Kucera, ArcTrain speaker for Germany

**Student representatives:**

Kelsey Koerner (UQAR), ArcTrain Canada

Antoine Savard (McGill), ArcTrain Canada

Linda Thielke (U. Bremen), ArcTrain Germany

Kevin Wiegand (U. Bremen), ArcTrain Germany

Jennifer Wesselbaum (U. Bremen), ArcTrain Germany

**PI participants:**

Bruno Tremblay (McGill)

Shawn Marshall (University of Calgary)

Tilo von Dobeneck (Uni Bremen)

Ben Marzeion (Uni Bremen)

**Student participants:**

All Annual Meeting participants (27) + 1 online

ArcTrain-Canada co-speakers: Shawn Marshall (University of Calgary), Bruno Tremblay (McGill)  
Paul Meyers (U. of Alberta) and André Rochon (UQAR) [last 2 did not participate]

ArcTrain-Germany co-speakers: Maren Walter, (U. Bremen) and Christian Haas (AWI) [both did not participate]

**All Meeting Start: 13:38 AM**

Chair: Kelsey Koerner

1. **Welcome and tour de table**

Kelsey names the PIs attending in Person

1. **ArcTrain-Germany and ArcTrain-Canada joint activities (13:38 –13:25) by Kelsey**

Annual 8th Meeting was online and in person with good attendance; there was an online exchange between Germany and Canada

ArcTrain Game is ongoing, about to improved and will be tested during the current AAM

ArcTrain merchandise store is ongoing

Active on ArcTrain Blog and Twitter channel

Website statistics show many visits

PI Seminar Series for more PI engagement (monthly, with one German and Canadian PI) with 20-30 people in attendance

Many research stays happened during Winter 2022 (2 Canadian, 6 German, more to come in Summer from the German side)

Floating University May 22nd - 30th from Las Palmas to Bremerhaven with 6 students from ArcTrain (ocean and geology training)

Current 9th ArcTrain Annual Meeting with 39 in total participants in person, 14 Canadian students and 13 Germany students presented; very active poster sessions also between the disciplines

1. **ArcTrain-Germany updates (13:46-13:51) by Michal**

3rd cohort with 12 PhD students are in their final year

1 thesis submission of associated PhD student

Possibility to extend contracts for ArcTrain funded PhD students by 6 months

Extension of the project gives the possibility to hold a final meeting in Germany in

winter/spring 2023, funding only for contracts, not further funding

Career workshop planned for summer for the 3rd cohort

1. **ArcTrain-Canada updates (13:52-13:54) by Anne**

17 PhD, 12 Msc, 7 postdoctoral fellows

3 new students (Pouneh, Juliette, Ann; all PhDs)

Interest of new universities to join

1. **Future of the consortium beyond ArcTrain funding period (13:58-14:02) by Kelsey**

Bruno updates about new applications: this year’s application was not successful, but new application with additional approach for the next year (including northern communities)

9 associated PhDs (number increased)

What the students want to keep: Size of ArcTrain good, Canadian-German collaboration, Networking

What the students want more of : PI engagement, Involvement of Alumnis, interdisciplinary events

1. **Report from the PI Meeting (14:02-14:10) by the PIs**

From the 5 PIs which are here in person

Propose to have the next meeting around EGU 2023 in Bremen or Obergurgl

Money for research stays could might be made possible for Canadian students, exchanges are welcome  
 Funding is mostly gone, but they want to continue on this  
 Potential avenues for future funding:

- Consortium model with a group of funder with some input from some institutes and new interested collaborators (e.g., Dany Dumont) to at least finance one meeting per year  
 - Possible funding option: NSERC Alliance funding/CREATE/Canadian Institute for Advanced Research/POLAR Knowledge Canada/Other Government partners

**Discussion (14:10 – 14:39):**

14:10 – Martin: Institute’s connected to ArcTrain applied for funding which could be asked for; new collaboration could be considered (e.g, U Manitoba); there can be opportunities in consulting with northern communities; There are different and existing opportunities with Northern Communities there might be built on to not start from the beginning again; Covid influenced the collaboration

14:146– Bruno: Focus on ocean and sea/land ice, but with the new application there might be a change of PIs; points out lacking interaction with northern communities

14:17 – Martin: Better coordinate the visits to the northern communities because there might have been many similar visits before, but it is could to stay involved to be connected; maybe use joint forces of existing organizations

14:21 – Martin: The idea of the consortium is partly unclear

14:22 – Anne: Explains that the consortium is a recent concept, there is no clear plan

14:22 – Martin: Brings up the issue from the students with the lack of interest of the PIs

14:24 – Michal: Also sees this as a problem on the German side

14:25 – Martin: Quite late to correct this issue, but should be worked on for the last cohort

14:26 – Roberto: Points out that some PIs might be a good supervisor but might not have the ability to join the ArcTrain meeting and see ArcTrain as possibility for the students to participate

14:27 – Kelsey: Students are sometimes discouraged or disappointed if PIs are not there to discuss about their research

14:28 – Roberto: Was there a decrease with time? He has the feeling that there are less PIs present than during earlier in-person meetings

14:30 – Martin: About Kelsey’s comment (missing interaction during the AAM); students should contact the persons directly

14:34 – Linda: Unplanned conversation/networking can only happen during an in-person; only already planned question can be addressed by emails

14:35 – Martin: Understand the comment, but says that it is normal that not all PIs show up

14:39 – Kelsey: Closes the meeting

**14:39 – End of the advisory board meeting**