

Date: November 16, 2022

Time: 13:45 – 16:00

Place: Meeting room Stockholm, Gamma 7, Tomtebodavägen 23A.

Zoom: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/61382608752>

Attending members:

Oliver Billker (Umeå University, MIMS director)

Matts Karlsson (Linköping University)

Erik Kristiansson (Chalmers/ Göteborg University)

Tuuli Lappalainen (KTH, Royal Institute of technology)

Fredrik Ronquist (NRM, Swedish Museum of Natural History)

Carolina Wählby (Uppsala University)

Other participants:

Olli Kallioniemi (Director SciLifeLab, Director of the DDLS research program), Chair of the meeting

Siv Andersson (KAW representative)

Jenny Alfredsson (Acting Head of Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Johan Rung (Head of SciLifeLab Data Centre)

Heidi Törmänen Persson (DDLS collaboration manager, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Titti Ekegren (DDLS coordinator, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Ulrika Wallenquist (DDLS coordinator, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Mojgan Seraji (Collaboration manager, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Björn Nystedt (Head of facility for the Bioinformatics Long-term Support, WABI)

Johan Inganni (DDLS Communications officer, Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Heidi Howard (ELSI advisor)

Per Lek (Operations Office SciLifeLab)

Pär Engström (NBIS)

Marija Cvijovic (DDLS Research school director)

Members not attending:

Niklas Blomberg (ELIXIR director)

Erik Lindahl (Stockholm University)

Janne Lehtiö (Karolinska Institutet)

Gunilla Westergren-Thorsson (Lund University/WCMM, National SciLifeLab Committee chair)

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Agenda 2022-11-16

This hybrid meeting was dedicated to discussions about two major topics (§3 and §4). All documents including presentations from the meeting can be found on NextCloud: <https://nextcloud.dckube.scilifelab.se/s/FNYpw8jAH9s57gE>

1	<p>Meeting formalities</p> <p><i>Fredrik Ronquist was chosen to attend the minutes.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the upcoming DDLS National reference group meeting the initial agenda was revised in §2 to discuss the presentation of DDLS Fellow recruitment, phase 2. The revised agenda was approved by the DDLS Steering group.</i></p> <p><i>The DDLS Steering group approved the previous minutes.</i></p>	<p><i>Presenter: Olli Kallioniemi</i></p> <p>Appendix: <i>1. Previous minutes, 221025</i></p>
2	<p>Next NRG-meeting, Nov 21</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>13:00 -13.15 Welcome, Update from Director (<i>Olli Kallioniemi</i>)</p> <p>13.15 -13.30 Start of new DDLS Fellow recruitment, phase 2 (<i>Oliver Billker</i>)</p> <p>13:30 -13.45 Models for PhD recruitments (<i>Olli Kallioniemi</i>)</p> <p>13:45 -14:45 Update from DDLS partner organizations (4 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on activities • Local organization and coordination • Challenges and opportunities <p>14:45 -15:00 Closing words (<i>Olli Kallioniemi</i>)</p> <p>DDLS fellow recruitment, phase 2</p> <p><i>At the latest SciLifeLab board meeting two questions were raised related to the DDLS Fellow recruitment:</i></p> <p><i>A. Would it be possible for partners to change subject area?</i></p> <p><i>B. Would it be possible to target the recruitments to more specific groups of researchers, such as clinical data analysis as part of precision medicine?</i></p> <p>Note: <i>In a preliminary response received after the DDLS SG meeting, KAW suggested the following answers:</i></p> <p><i>A) this is OK, but the DDLS steering group needs to approve any such changes suggested. As a default, each partner should continue as before. B) KAW suggests this is not OK.</i></p> <p><i>The period for the announcements of positions in phase 2 was discussed and it was suggested to postpone the period to July 15 until Oct 15 to better suit the US researchers.</i></p>	<p><i>Presenter: Olli Kallioniemi, DDLS SG recruitments WG</i></p>

	<p><i>The generic recruitment text is under revision by the DDLS recruitment WG and the generic subject descriptions for each RA is now including the same condensed subject area description that the candidates can be evaluated by.</i></p> <p><i>“The subject area concerns research in the general area of /xx research area/ with a strong computational profile. This research subject area aims to lead to innovative development and/or application of novel data-driven methods relying on machine learning, artificial intelligence, or other computational techniques.</i></p> <p><i>The DDLS steering group approved this text. RA-leads not present at the meeting will be asked separately.</i></p>	
3	<p>How to operate WABI within DDLS (see presentation “DDLS WABI reference group 221116” for details)</p> <p><u>Background</u> To ensure that WABI is optimally anchored/connected within the DDLS program adjustments to the current operations of WABI may be needed. This could include improvements to the prioritization process, altered scope (e.g. increased focus on re-usable tools/resources), and synchronized activities/projects between the bioinformatics support, the Data Platform, and the priorities of the RA leads/expert groups. In addition, some practical issues regarding rules of process for WABI under the DDLS funding need to be worked out. A working group with SG members together with Björn/Johan will work out principles of this collaboration and, if needed, anchor any concrete suggestions for adjustments of the WABI operations, including both strategical and practical issues.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Some comments from the DDLS SG members and KAW representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spin-off tools are important to investigate, including maintenance, prioritization, budgeting and staffing. • How do we get all people at each site from NBIS, bioinformatics platform, DSN and related infrastructures to interact and avoid silos? • The working group should investigate operational questions also related to Databases and the data support package • The relationship between funding and reporting of a team vs a function should also be addressed • Important with open calls to invite all researchers of the research community to apply. • The process for project prioritizing is very important; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ who will propose and decide about projects to support? ○ who will support the project (WABI/DSN personnel /DC / NBIS (team vs function)? ○ how to handle Col? 	<p>Presenter: Björn Nystedt</p>

	<p><i>The working group should consider new opportunities over the life-span of the DDLS program, not just current everyday organizational matters.</i></p> <p><i>The suggested timeline for the working group is to propose suggestions during Q1 2023, with decisions taken Q2 2023, and the adjusted framework being operational during the fall 2023.</i></p> <p>Action:</p> <p><i>A working group is suggested to investigate and propose new or adjusted frameworks for DDLS WABI and DDLS Databases and data support regarding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - resource priority processes - scope and criteria - possible cross-program efforts - funding and reporting of a team vs a function <p><i>The working group members are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolina Wählby (SG) • Erik Kristiansson (SG) • Tuuli Lappalainen (SG) • Matts Karlsson (SG) • Fredrik Ronquist (SG) • Björn Nystedt (NBIS) • Pär Engström (NBIS) • Johan Rung (Data Centre) <p>Timeline/Workload</p> <p><i>Nov 16 Assignment defined and WG appointed at the next SG meeting</i></p> <p><i>Jan/Feb 2 h zoom start-up: working time/emails; 1-2 on-site meetings</i></p> <p><i>Feb/March Suggestion circulated to SG + RA + DSN reps</i></p> <p><i>March/April Revised rules/processes endorsed by SG</i></p> <p><i>May/June Decision(s) by KTH/SciLifeLab board/KAW if any</i></p> <p><i>August Operational</i></p>	
4	<p>Dialogue with Industry (see presentation “221116 DDLS Industry Dialogue-MS” for details)</p> <p><i>Presentation of the aim, preliminary agenda and questions for the upcoming Dialogue with Industry meeting, Nov 30.</i></p> <p><i>Overall discussion on how to stimulate the DDLS-Industry PhD program and collaboration with Industry:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage collaborative applications from two or more PIs • Attach a travel grant for lab-rotations? • Evaluate both supervisor and co-supervisor (co-supervisor linked to 	<p><i>Presenter: Mojgan Seraji</i></p>

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	<p>DDLS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matchmaking events for supervisors? • Set rules for the PhD program • Define in what ways we can work with industry • Define industry (larger industries/ small start-ups/ SME's) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We cannot exclude small companies that are high-risk but we need a plan for the PhD if the company will not survive • It must be clear that the industry takes on a student and not another employee. Industrial PhD students must be given time for mandatory courses • Marketing is essential <p>Mojgan will work together with Marija and Per Lek to reach out to industry. SwedenBIO and LIF should be approached individually.</p>	
11	<p>Other issues</p> <p>No further issues. The chairman thanked all participants for a nice meeting!</p>	<p>Presenter: Olli Kallioniemi</p>



Olli Kallioniemi, chair of the meeting

Fredrik Ronquist

Fredrik Ronquist, Attending minutes