

## **DDLS Steering group meeting no. 39, 2025**

**Date: March 13, 2025**

**Time: 12.30 - 13.00**

**On-site DDLS Strategy Day, World Trade Center, Stockholm**

### **Attending members:**

*Oliver Billker (Umeå University, MIMS director)*

*Matts Karlsson (Linköping University)*

*Erik Kristiansson (Chalmers/ Göteborg University)*

*Erik Lindahl (Stockholm University, §1, §3-4)*

*Fredrik Ronquist (NRM, Swedish Museum of Natural History, §1, §3-4)*

*Sara Hallin (SLU, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)*

*Carolina Wählby (Uppsala University, §1, §3-4)*

### **Other participants:**

*Olli Kallioniemi (Director of the DDLS research program, §1 (§2 partly) §3-4), Chair of the meeting*

*Siv Andersson (KAW representative, §1, §3-4)*

*Jan Ellenberg (Director SciLifeLab)*

*Margit Mahlapuu (chair, DDLS research area expert group in Cell and molecular biology)*

*Jenny Alfredsson (Head of Operations Office SciLifeLab)*

*Johan Rung (Head of SciLifeLab Data Centre, §1, §3-4)*

*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)*

*Johan Inganni (Communications officer, Operations Office SciLifeLab)*

*Björn Nystedt (Head of unit Bioinformatics Long-term Support, WABI, §1, §3-4)*

*Wojtek Potrzebowski (Data Science Coordinator, SciLifeLab Data Centre)*

*Ola Spjuth (AI-lead SciLifeLab, §1, §3-4)*

*Skirmante Venaliene (DDLS controller, KTH)*

*Hanna Kultima (Vice Head of SciLifeLab Data Centre, §1, §3-4)*

### **Members not attending:**

*Tuuli Lappalainen (KTH, Royal Institute of technology)*

*Janne Lehtiö (Karolinska Institutet)*

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

*Next meeting: April 24, June 10, August 27, October 2, November 11, December 15, 2025*


## Agenda 2025-03-13

All documents including presentations from the meeting can be found on NextCloud:

<https://nextcloud.dc.scilifelab.se/s/pabrDgjXL8nr9pD>

1	<p><b>Meeting formalities</b></p> <p><i>Oliver Billker was chosen to attend the minutes. Due to a conflict of interest for Olli Kallioniemi in the decision of NEST projects outlined in §2, the decision part of §2 was chaired by Erik Kristiansson.</i></p> <p><i>The DDLS Steering group <b>approved</b> the previous minutes.</i></p> <p><u>Other issues:</u> <i>Research area lead for Data-driven Evolution and Biodiversity</i></p>	<p><i>Presenter:</i> Olli Kallioniemi</p> <p><b>Appendix:</b> <b>1. Previous minutes,</b> 25-01-22</p>
2	<p><b>NEST call outcome</b></p> <p><i>The call closed in late October 2024. All 24 applications were evaluated by international reviewers representing both WASP and DDLS, with six reviewers focusing on WASP and six on DDLS. Each application was reviewed by two WASP reviewers and two DDLS reviewers.</i></p> <p><i>Following the evaluation, seven applications were recommended for funding, and ultimately, three projects will be approved for funding by the two boards involved: SciLifeLab National Board and the WASP Board.</i></p> <p><i>Before presenting the list of three projects recommended for funding, all participants in the meeting with a conflict of interest (Col) - whether as a PI or co-PI in any of the top seven applications or having a conflict with an applicant - left the room.</i></p> <p><u>People reporting Col (in parenthesis the role in this meeting):</u>  <i>Olli Kallioniemi (chair)</i>  <i>Fredrik Ronquist (SG member)</i>  <i>Carolina Wählby (SG member)</i>  <i>Erik Lindahl (SG member)</i>  <i>Ola Spjuth (participant)</i>  <i>Johan Rung (participant)</i>  <i>Hanna Kulima (participant)</i>  <i>Björn Nystedt (participant)</i>  <i>Siv Andersson (participant)</i></p>	<p><i>Presenter:</i> Olli Kallioniemi / Erik Kristiansson</p> <p><b>Appendix:</b> <b>1. List of projects suggested for funding</b></p>

	<p><i>The list with projects suggested for funding was presented. All projects were scored by the reviewers on defined criteria, and ultimately ranked in relation to the other projects the reviewer scored. The 3 highest ranked projects were suggested for funding.</i></p> <p><u><b>Comments from the Steering Group:</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It's a very close gap between project number 2 of the top ranked projects and the rest of the projects in the list</i></li> <li>• <i>The Steering group suggested to provide feedback to projects ranked 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup></i></li> <li>• <i>Can extra funding be made available to fund more NEST projects?</i></li> <li>• <i>Important to give the funded NEST projects possibilities to present their plans and research progress in DDLS events.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> <i>The DDLS Steering approved the call process and agreed to send the final list of top three applications to the SciLifeLab board for a decision.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The top three applications also need to be approved by the WASP board (on March 25, 2025) before they are finally announced as approved NEST projects.</i></p>	
3	<p><b>Renewed/new mandate period for members of the Research School management group</b></p> <p><i>Presentation of the members of the DDLS Research School Management Group. For all RSMG members listed for a renewed mandate, the current term ends on May 10, 2025. All members are eligible for re-election for a two-year term.</i></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> <i>The DDLS Steering Group SG approves to renew the mandate of the suggested RSMG members and for the DDLS director to make the final decision.</i></p>	Olli Kallioniemi
4	<p><b>Other issues</b></p> <p><u><i>Research area lead for Data-driven Evolution and Biodiversity</i></u>  <i>Fredrik Ronquist will, due to other assignments leave the DDLS steering group and the task as a RA-lead. Sara Hallin has been asked to take on the role as the RA-lead for Data-driven Evolution and biodiversity and accepted. Her mandate will be from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 and can be renewed.</i></p> <p><i>No further issues.</i>  <i>The chairman thanked all participants for a nice meeting!</i></p>	Olli Kallioniemi



*Olli Kallioniemi, chair of the meeting (§1 (§2 partly) §3-4)*



*Erik Kristiansson, chair of the meeting, §2 project decision*

*Oliver Billker*

*Oliver Billker, Attending minutes*