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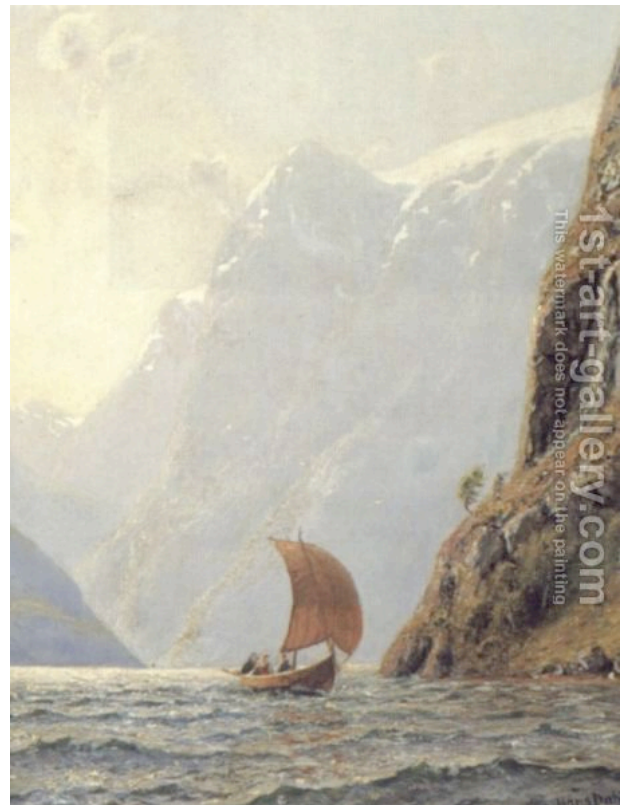
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Negotiations almost complete!

Geir and I met our research officers, Monica Menapace and Ioana-Olga Adamescu, this week to finalise the technical annex (STAN) and clear up a few outstanding issues regarding the electronic submission. They were pleased with our progress and Monica will be coming to Trondheim for the start up meeting.

The A2.5 forms are being circulated to administrators by Hilde at the moment, and should be returned as quickly as possible, as the next stage is dependent on their completion and receipt.



A scene similar to the planned excursion on the 9th.

The start date is confirmed: 1st May as planned. No news on INQUEST yet, probably sometime in April/May??

Start-up meeting

As per the last newsletter, the dates for the formal meeting are 7th and 8th May. The informal meeting on the 9th will now definitely go ahead as most of you have signed up for it. More details as they emerge but Alex Stromme promises that it will be unforgettable!

Accommodation

A block booking has been made at a Trondheim hotel and Beata Eggan is handling arrangements for the meeting Beata.Eggan@svt.ntnu.no

Venue

The science building at NTNU which houses the resource centre for science

and mathematics. Transport will be provided to and from the venue.

Costs

Meeting travel and accommodation costs will be payable by the project although there will be a short delay after the start date before funds are released from the EC. This will probably happen before the end of June. There is a slight problem over the eligibility of travel claims based on tickets purchased before 1st May. Our current advice is that you should purchase tickets as soon as possible to minimise the cost, but make the claim to your own university after May 1st. The hotel will be booked in advance by NTNU but again participants should pay their own bills and claim back from their home universities. There is unfortunately a technical reason for this, in that Value Added Tax is not an eligible cost, and it is therefore necessary to disperse it across the consortium as much as possible.

Agenda

The agenda will be quite crowded as we have a lot to get through, including individual WP meetings and a formal meeting of the management board. The following timetable is at the second draft stage so there is still time to suggest changes,

Time	Item
Thursday 7th May	
0900-0930	Official welcome, housekeeping issues
0930-1030	Workshop 1: Discussion of basic principles of S-TEAM
1030-1100	Coffee and introductions

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1100-1230	technical issues from Per Inge & Hilde, short presentation from Monica Menapace, our project officer at DG Research, Brussels Opportunity to deal with outstanding administrative/financial issues
1230-1330	Lunch NTNU, with chance to explore Resource Centre and physics trail
1330-1500	Workshop 2: The national and European context: WP2, WP3, WP9
1500-1530	Coffee and more introductions
1530-1700	Workshop3: Teacher education and professional development: WP5, WP6, Jim and Costas
1700-1900	Management board meeting (WP leaders and support team)
1900-2130	Buffet dinner at the Augustin Hotel
2130-	There's an Irish pub over the road...
Friday 8th May	
0900-1030	Workshop 4: Specialised WPs: WP4, WP7, WP8
1030-1100	Coffee
1100-1230	Workshops 5: WP 2-3-4 -5-6-7-8-9 individual meetings
1230-1330	Lunch as before

Time	Item
1330-1530	Plenary - issues from WP meetings and discussion of way forward
1530-1600	Coffee
1600-1800	Slot for any WP or other meetings not yet completed, or fresh air!
1830-1930	Guided walk through Trondheim
Dinner-your choice of venue	
Saturday 9th May	
Separate programme in next issue	

Next stages

STAN the technical annex has grown to a massive 158 pages and has just been circulated along with the draft consortium agreement (CA).

The final version of STAN (STAN25) will be circulated next week and this will be the official basis for what we actually do. However, there might also be a need for a working document which we could set up on the project website. This would have the facility to add comments, work-in-progress and links to references etc. One of the related resources would be an annotated master bibliography, and where possible full-text copies of relevant papers.

In the next issue we will begin to think about the detail of what needs to be done at the start up meeting. Meanwhile it would be useful to set up some resources such as:

- Photographs of all of you (we could do this at start-up if it's easier)
- Individual biographies - a paragraph or two to complement the official version in STAN
- Institutional logos (.jpg or .pdf) for attaching to documents and the website

Some of you (thanks Jim, Jari, Michel...) have provided more detailed WP descriptions than could be included in STAN and we will circulate these in a combined document before the meeting.

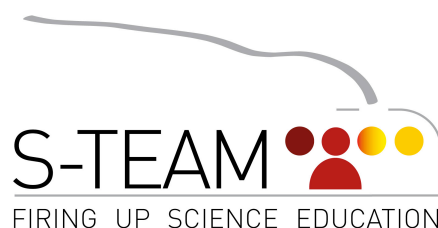
Meanwhile, thanks for all your hard work in getting us to this stage, see you in Trondheim!

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Is this the logo you have all been waiting for?

We would like your opinion on this version of the logo, designed by Mads Nordtvedt, graphic designer at NTNU. Mads will be designing templates and a style sheet based around this logo or another version if necessary.

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