



# NORDISKA KOMMISSIONEN FÖR GEODESI

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## MINUTES

### 66<sup>th</sup> NKG PRESIDIUM MEETING

Time: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Skype meeting

**Item 1) Opening of the meeting**

Niels opened the meeting.

**Item 2) Approval of the agenda**

The proposed agenda was accepted.

**Item 3) Nordic geodetic cooperation in the future – Norwegian initiative for discussion**

The acting Director General, Knut Arne Gjertsen introduced the discussion by saying that he believed that it is time to seriously discuss if there is a possibility for closer cooperation in the Nordic area concerning geodesy. The discipline is small and the number of resources limited. We need to have a bigger platform to stand on and this will be even more important in the future if we want to take the UN Resolution serious. By doing this, we will have more resources, more knowledge, less vulnerable and a more stable economy. One thought would be to create a virtual geodetic organisation to create a stronger platform. This is an item that he and Norway will bring forward for discussion at the upcoming Stor-chefsmötet in the end of August.

The introduction created a lively and productive discussion. Several of the participants note that Geodesy is becoming more and more international. We do have our national responsibilities which has in earlier similar discussions prevented us to move further than having joint NKG-projects. We have also noted that NKG-projects often gets second priority in our national institutes due to other commitments regarded more urgent and financed by external partner. It is a challenge to secure the stabile platform and in several countries we also need to investigate what we can do in a Nordic perspective in relation to only working on a national basis. There could e.g. be legal hinders from moving from NKG projects to a Nordic virtual organisation. Sören even noted that this type of discussion was brought up at Stor-chefsmöte a few years ago but perhaps things have been progressed meaning that it is time worth looking into this even more.

Niels also noted that NKG is well known internationally and often due to quality rather than quantity. This is something that is very important to keep in mind in these discussions.

The meeting decided and noted that;



- Norway will bring this to Stor-chefsmötet. Per-Erik will have a presentation on Dynamic Datum in which he will include these thoughts
- We need to discuss the need of a NKG strategy. This will be done at the next Presidium meeting.
- We need to meet more often to discuss strategic issues as well as the Norwegian initiative. At the next Presidium meeting we need to decide on future meetings.

#### **Item 4) New WG-chair**

Per Knudsen has informed Niels that he would like to step down as working group chair due to too many other responsibilities and priorities. The discussion was about finding a new chair for the period up to NKG General Assembly. Per has indicated the possibility to be part of the WG but not leading it.

Mikael noted first that we have tried to share the WG-chairs between the countries and would like Denmark to consider taking the lead in this WG. A proposal from Denmark was to ask Hannu Koivula. Denmark noted a problem in finding a good candidate but mentioned that it might be possibly if we could lower the number of projects. Finland urged to find someone else than Hannu due to his work load currently.

The meeting decided that Niels, Per K and Sören to look into the current projects and present a proposal on how to prioritize them.

#### **Item 5) NKG Web site**

Thorarinn reported that progress is happening but slowly. The WG chairs should now be able to upload information by themselves but need to get the log-in information. Thorarinn to send our as soon as possible.

#### **Item 6) Dynamic datum (Per-Erik)**

The project group has met and a presentation from that was sent out to the Presidium. Basically, this is a long term project that needs to be split into short term deliveries. The long term includes InSAR and GIA, the short term includes describing the realisation of Dynamic Reference Frame, user access to the user frame, development of deformation model and a plan for the coming four year period.

#### **Item 7) Next meeting of the Presidium (All)**

The 67<sup>th</sup> Presidium Meeting; 4-5 September, Reykjavik, Iceland

Current order; Iceland – Denmark – Norway – Sweden – Finland



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## Invited:

Denmark:	Niels Andersen, DTU Space (Chair) Per Knudsen, DTU Space Sören Fauerholm Christensen, SDFE
Finland:	Markku Poutanen, NLS Jarkko Koskinen, NLS Pasi Häkli, NLS
Iceland	Gudmundur Valsson, LMI Thorarinn Sigurdsson, LMI
Norway:	Torbjørn Nørbech, Kartverket Per Erik Opseth, Kartverket Matthew Simpson, Kartverket Knut Arne Gjertsen, Kartverket (agenda item 3)
Sweden:	Mikael Lilje, LM (Secretary) Jan Johansson, Chalmers Jonas Ågren, LM

## Apologies

Per Knudsen, DTU Space  
Jarkko Koskinen, NLS  
Gudmundur Valsson, LMI  
Torbjørn Nørbech, Kartverket