

Minutes of the 1st FINSKEN co-ordination meeting 5 October 1999, Finnish Environment Institute, Helsinki

Present:

Tim Carter (FEI), Chair
Martin Forsius (FEI)
Kimmo Kahma (FIMR)
Jari Kaivo-oja (FFRC)
Lea Kauppi (FEI), invited
Juha Kämäri (FEI), invited
Jouko Launiainen (FIMR)
Tuomas Laurila (FMI)
Sanna Syri (FEI)
Heikki Tuomenvirta (FMI)
Juha-Pekka Tuovinen (FMI)
Markku Wilenius (FFRC)

1. Welcome: participants introduced themselves at this, the first FINSKEN co-ordination meeting.
2. FINSKEN application: Tim Carter reported on the status of the project following the evaluation of the application and announcement on funding in September 1999. The project will be funded by the Academy of Finland (1,6 million mk) and the Ministry of Transport and Communications (800000 mk). He then reminded participants of the outline and goals of the FINSKEN project.
3. FIGARE status: Lea Kauppi, in her capacity as Director of FEI, welcomed participants to the meeting. Then, in her role as Chair of the Finnish Global Change Research Programme (FIGARE) Steering Committee, she described the procedures for evaluating and selecting projects for FIGARE. She also noted that FINSKEN is regarded as an important integrating project within FIGARE and she wished the group well in its research work.
4. FINSKEN and FEI: Juha Kämäri, Research Director of FEI, also welcomed participants and explained how FINSKEN objectives were closely in line with the second Research and Development Programme currently operating at FEI. Elements of FINSKEN touch upon issues being examined in many of the 12 ongoing sub-programmes at FEI, in particular an increasing emphasis on integrated assessment.
5. Workplan: Each subgroup made a brief presentation of their sub-project goals, with some alterations based on discussion of project goals and funding constraints. These revisions will be incorporated in the project Workplan (see 7).
6. Resources and Personnel: FINSKEN will receive 81% of the funds applied for, and decisions were required on how to manage this cut in resources. It was decided that all sub-projects would be cut back to 81% of that applied for except FFRC, which would stay at 100% and FEI, which would take a larger cut. New personnel will be sought for most groups and the financial details worked out following discussions between FEI, the funding agencies and the other institutes involved in the project. **Action: All**
7. Revised proposal: Following agreement on the financial cuts to be made, and the tasks to be carried out by each group, Tim Carter will revise the proposal into a project Workplan, offer this for comment, and then send it to the Academy and to the Ministry of Transport and Communications for final confirmation of funding. **Action: Carter**
8. FIGARE Seminar in Lammi, 11.-12.11.1999: There was some discussion of attendance at the seminar. There would be time only for a single presentation of the project at the seminar, but several members of the project were encouraged to attend. **Action: All**
9. There being no other business, the meeting closed at approx. 12:00.

Tim Carter