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BELBaR Steering Committee Meeting #2 Helsinki

Date: March 6th, 2013

Venue: Scandic Paasi Hotel, Helsinki, Finland

Chair for this meeting: SKB, Patrik Sellin

Partner representatives

SKB, Sweden, represented by Christian Nyström and Patrik Sellin

Ciemat, Spain, represented by Tiziana Missana

KIT, Germany, represented by Thorsten Schäfer

POSIVA, Finland, represented by Kari Koskinen and Seppo Kasa

JYU, Finland, represented by Markku Kataja

NDA, United Kingdom, represented by Lucy Bailey

Absent: NRI, Czech Republic, Radek Cervinka

Upcoming deliverables

Month 15 is approaching and several deliverables are to be submitted.

Patrik will take care of the review of communication plan.

Next Annual meetings

The next annual meeting will be held in GRIMSEL, preferably in May or June due to better access of the facility. Torsten will look into possible dates. The content of the annual meeting in GRIMSEL will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting.

In 2015 the annual meeting will be held in Madrid and in 2016 in Stockholm, both of them in March.

Topical meetings

It was decided that instead of work package meetings topical meetings should be arranged. Three topics were agreed:

1. Reversibility of sorption on colloids;
2. Models; and
3. Experiments in artificial fractures.

The meetings should be held in the fall of 2013 and the WP leaders (WP2-5) are responsible for organising them.

The Models topical meeting (Kari) can be held in Finland and the Reversibility topical meeting (Thorsten) should take place in Brighton in connection with the Migration conference. The Experiments in artificial fractures (Tiziana and Radek) was suggested to be held in the Czech Republic. In connection with the topical meetings there could also be Steering Committee meetings, one suggestion is to have a Steering Committee meeting in Czech Republic. The topical meetings should be open to all members of BELBaR.

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One idea that was put forward was Model benchmarking. It should be possible to select one or a few of the experiments performed within BELBaR as cases for model comparison. This should be discussed further at the Models topical meeting.

The tables in the WP1 State of the Art Report (Deliverable D1.2), presented by Rebecca Beard (NDA), describes what should be the outcome of the project and what should be the targets of all WPs. It is important that this is communicated by the WP-leaders. It makes it much easier to complete the final reports if the issues are clearly addressed and presented in the underlying deliverables. Deliverable D1.1 is also a short guide to the experimental work packages.