

MatRIC-CMB-131203_Attachment 4

Centre for Research, Innovation and Coordination of Mathematics Teaching

Centre Leader Report December 3, 2013

Thursday October 31, about 16.00, I received a telephone call informing me that the MatRIC proposal was selected. I was requested to prepare for the presentation and produce a display of MatRIC at the NOKUT 10 year 'jubileumskonferanse' in Oslo on November 8. Until NOKUT made the formal announcement the news was to be held 'top secret'. The 'secrecy' made preparation somewhat difficult with some unwanted consequences (i) the creation of an 'illegal' logo, (ii) over exposure of the Centre leader at the expense of the Centre team. We (Myself, Faculty Director, Dean and other administrators) prepared for the November 8 announcement.

Friday November 8, announcement of status awarded to MatRIC, Rector, Dean of Faculty of Technology and Science and Designated Centre Leader received the 'award' on behalf of the University of Agder.

Several days 'outpouring' of congratulations and goodwill. It does feel as if the Centre is generally welcomed both within UiA and across Norway, and further afield.

Wednesday November 13, Centre presented at 'UiAdagen' using material prepared for Oslo presentation.

Four weeks have been spent setting up Centre Management Board, International Advisory Board, Special Interest Working Groups, revised budget, preparation for announcing Centre administrator position. The outcome of this activity provides the basis of the CMB agenda (131203).

Frank Reichert (Dean of Faculty of Technology and Science) has presented the Centre at a Deans meeting. Centre leader has presented the Centre to University Rectorat and to UiA's Central Research Board.

In addition to the collaboration with NTNU and NMBU, we also have agreed to declare our active collaboration with the Norwegian Centre for Mathematics Education (NSMO).

A new appointment takes over as Director of NSMO in January. As soon as possible I hope to have a meeting with the new director to explore how we can exploit the potential for synergy between the Centres. I hope Frode Rønning will be part of that meeting.

The Centre web site is being developed by an external design company (Op-design: <http://opdesign.no/>) a group of colleagues is taking responsibility for this (Cornelia Brodahl, Ingvald Erfjord and Per Sigurd Hundeland). We have secured the domain name matric.no, I hope to be able to present the 'landing page' for the web-site at the Board meeting.

I want to have the opportunity, with colleagues to present the Centre to ‘alle-møter’ (Gimlemoen and Grimstad).

I had initially thought the Centre launch would be a national event at Gardermoen during January. I have had to accept that this is unrealistic. So we are now suggesting a date in the middle of March.

Suggestion for programme of launch event:

- 09.15 Arrival, registration, coffee/fruit
- 10.00 Opening, welcome and introduction to the Centre (20 minutes – Simon & others NOKUT??? Etc.)
- 10.20 Keynote lecture (50 minutes - Invited speaker – who????)
- 11.10 2 Presentations (about 25 minutes each: Per Henrik, Morten,) : content – presentation of current teaching innovation or outline of plan for development within the Centre.
- 12.00 Lunch (45 minutes)
- 12.45 3 Presentations (about 25 minutes each: Frode, Yuriy, Pauline) : content – presentation of current teaching innovation or outline of plan for development within the Centre.
- 14.00 Presentation of other Centres (ProTed, bioCEED, CEMPE – if they want to) (30 minutes)
- 14.30 Plenary discussion (30 minutes)
- 15.00 Presentation – what next (30 minutes – Simon)
- 15.30 Close

I have agreed to organize a presentation of the Centre at the next “MNT-forum” (Matematikk, Naturfag og Teknologi –forum is a meeting in with especially upper secondary teachers and university lecturers come together to explore issues and sites of interest – e.g. during 2013 the MNT forum has been to the new control tower at Kjevik, The industrial concern Saint Gobain, the radiology department at Sørlandetsykehuset and learned about Norway’s role in a European energy exchange.)