



MASTS POOLS ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPEAN RESEARCH (PEER) Award

Grant Report

Fund Recipient – Prof Elizabeth Cottier-Cook, Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS)

Proposal: Funding to support attendance at Proposal Writing Meeting for European Funding Call ‘The changing cryosphere: uncertainties, risks and opportunities – Part b – Changes in Arctic biodiversity’ (LC-CLA-07-2019).

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Oslo Gardemoen Airport, Norway

Dates: 27/28 May 2019

The MASTS PEER Award kindly allowed me to fund my participation as Work Package Leader at a proposal writing meeting to finalise the draft for submission to the second round for the EU ‘The changing cryosphere: uncertainties, risks and opportunities – Part b’ call. This meeting was held on the 27/28 May 2019 and the award of £708.72 covered my travel, accommodation and subsistence.

The overall objective of the proposal is to promote sustainable use and management of Arctic socio-ecological systems. Home to unique ecosystems, the Arctic and its seasonally ice-covered waters are hotspots of biodiversity and biological productivity with high economic value. With its rich fisheries, large petroleum reserves, and potential for mineral extraction, bioprospecting, and transpolar shipping, the Arctic is important Europe’s Blue Growth strategy. Thus, understanding the drivers, implications, governance, and adaptation responses to Arctic biodiversity change is critical for sustainable use of the region’s resources.

The Consortium consists of 13 full partners from Europe and 11 Non-EU Partners, including China, Canada, Russia and India, in addition to an industry representatives on an External Advisory Board. The co-ordinator, Prof Jorgen Berge (University of Tromso) chaired the meeting and all six work package leaders were in attendance, either in person or via Skype. This meeting provided an excellent opportunity to not only prepare the proposal, but to build relationships with future collaborators based in Greenland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Award Expenditure:

(a) MASTS PEER Grant	£
- Return Flights (Edinburgh to Oslo)	381.40
- Parking Edinburgh Airport	29.16
- Car mileage (Oban to Edinburgh Return)	103.50
- Accomodation	169.83
- Bus Transfers (Airport – Meeting; x4)	24.83
	Total PEER Grant 708.72
(b) SAMS in-kind contribution for staff time	1,700
	Total Cost: 2,408.72
