

Diary 5 – 10 July 2013

WWNH: Week When Nothing Happened

Here at Zackenberg every day can be different from each other. One day you can meet a polar bear. Another day you can meet the Crown Prince of Denmark. However, there might be a day when nothing like this happens. In addition, when seven days have passed, it is time to write a weekly letter – even if Nothing Happened.

Last Wednesday a bunch of new (and not so new) people arrived to Zackenberg - Jørgen, Katja, Ondrej, Stefano, Sarah, Laura and me, Mikhail. For some unknown reason instead of the usual overnight stop in Akureyri, we spent the night in Reykjavik. I should say it is much less convenient in all senses. Nevertheless, following three flights (Reykjavik – Akureyri, Akureyri – Constable Point, Constable Point – Zackenberg) went well, despite the strong wind and low icy clouds. Less lucky was the people going to leave Zackenberg (Julie, Tomas, Alexander, David, Palle and Henrik). Old omen – if the Twin Otter has managed to land, it will manage to take off – did not work this time. The weather was so miserable, that the pilots did not take a risk to fly back, and were stuck at the station for two extra days. So we have a nice company of people who wish to go off and people who cannot. And even those who were suppose to do their fieldwork, were stuck at the station because of the storm.

On Friday, the plane did finally get off. The life on the station slowly turned to a regular, but the weather was not much better until Sunday. Saturday night the uniformity of life was broken by two guests, Peter and Tora from Sirius. Another good reason to stay inside!

On Monday the good weather has finally came to the area. Sunshine, +15 °C, almost no wind... Awakening mosquitoes... Everybody run off the station! Everyone immediately found a very strong reason to go for a long fieldwork. And Tuesday was almost the same. Hope for those who stay longer the weather will keep like this, and for me it is already time to go back. Good-bye Zackenberg, and see you soon!

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