

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Annual General Meeting 2016

Date: 27th May 2016

Time: 13:30 - 16:30

Place: Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU),
Yellow room (Gult rom), Economy Building, Ås

Attendees

Anna Maria Wirsing (TODOS) - UiT	Daniel Myklatun Tveit (UiSDC) - UiS
Ellen Rinell (SoDoC) - NMBU	Enrico Riccardi (DION) - NTNU
Erlend D. Sandorf (TODOS, SiN) - UiT	Gerd Marie Solstad (NIHSPO) - NIH
Javier Sanchez Romano (TODOS) - UiT	Ljubisa Gavrilovic (DION, SiN) - NTNU
Parisa Afshin (UiODoc) - UiO	Rachelle Esterhazy (UiODoc, SiN) - UiO
Rajesh Joshi (SoDoC) - NMBU	Sam A. Kasimba (DION) - NTNU
Teshome Mulugeta (SoDoC, SiN) - NMBU	Vegard Hagen (DION, SiN) - NTNU

In total: 14

Notice of absence

Christian Kuran (UiSDC) - UiS	Mayang Kusumawardhani (UiSDC, SiN) - UiS
Perrine Fernandez (SoDoC) - NMBU	Teresse Wilhelmsen (NIHSPO, SiN) - NIH

In total: 4

Agenda

1 Electing secretary and leader of the AGM

Vegard S. Hagen was elected as leader of the AGM.
Teshome Mulugeta was elected as secretary of the AGM.

2 Presentation of the delegates

Delegates from 6 of the 8 member organisations were represented at the meeting. Each member organisation received two votes in total. Delegates with voting rights at the AGM:

- DION: Enrico Riccardi & Sam A. Kasimba
- NIHSPO: Gerd Marie Solstad
- UiODoc: Parisa Afshin & Rachelle Esterhazy
- UiSDC: Daniel Myklatun Tveit

- SoDoC: Rajesh Joshi
- TODOS: Anna Maria Wirsing & Javier Sanchez Romano

Member organisations without representation, thus forfeiting their voting rights:

- PhD-UiA
- KunststipendiatForum

In cases pertaining to the current board, (including, but not limited to the approval of the annual reports) the AGM unanimously decreed the vote to fall to the delegate not in the current board. An amendment to the statutes in order to clarify this issue was suggested.

3 Annual report

Presentation of the Annual Report by Vegard. The Annual Report was unanimously approved after it was agreed that some editorial revisions took place including typos and adding a missing board member.

4 Financial report

Vegard presented the Annual Financial report, since the current treasurer was unable to attend the AGM. The financial report was approved by 10 against 2 votes. The votes against arose from a question pertaining to a relatively high bank transaction fee was raised. The current board noted that the account had been audited by a state approved auditor. The treasurer was not available for comment. The transaction fees will be looked into.

5 Election of voting committee

Erlend D. Sandorf and Ellen Rinell were elected to count votes.

6 Presentation of board positions

Vegard briefly presented the organisational map of the board

- President
- Vice president
- Treasurer
- Representative in UHR FU board
- EURODOC connector
- PR and communications manager
- Political coordinator

- Event/workshop manager

The president, vice president and treasurer positions are elected by the AGM. The rest of the board is elected as board members, the remaining tasks/positions are then split among the board.

7 SiN board election

A written anonymous election was held. The results are summarised in table 1.

Table 1: Summary of SiN board election

Position	Candidate	For	Against	Abstain
President	Vegard S. Hagen (NTNU)	12	0	0
Vice president	Rajesh Joshi (NMBU)	12	0	0
Treasurer	Javier Sanchez Romano (UiT)	11	0	1
Board Member	Rachelle Esterhazy (UiO)	12	0	0
	Enrico Riccardi (NTNU)	12	0	0
	Anna Wirsing (UiT)	12	0	0
	Kristoffer Toldnes Cumming (NiH)	11	1	0
	Ljubisa Gavrilovic (NTNU)	11	1	0
	Daniel Myklatun Tveit (UiS)	12	0	0

All proposed board members were elected. Kristoffer Toldnes Cumming was elected in absentia.

8 SiN advisory board election

The AGM proposed these advisory board members:

- Erlend D. Sandorf
- Morten Stornes
- Terese Wilhelmsen
- Teshome Mulugeta

All proposed advisory members were elected unanimously.

9 Strategic discussion

The next EURODOC AGM and conference will be held in Oslo. SiN will be responsible for organising the AGM and conference. The former EURODOC connector (Erlend D. Sandorf) has already started the task and explained the progress. He has been responsible connecting EURODOC with SiN for the last three years. However, he is not affiliated with the new SiN board position. Therefore, he requested the AGM if he could continue leading the EURODOC

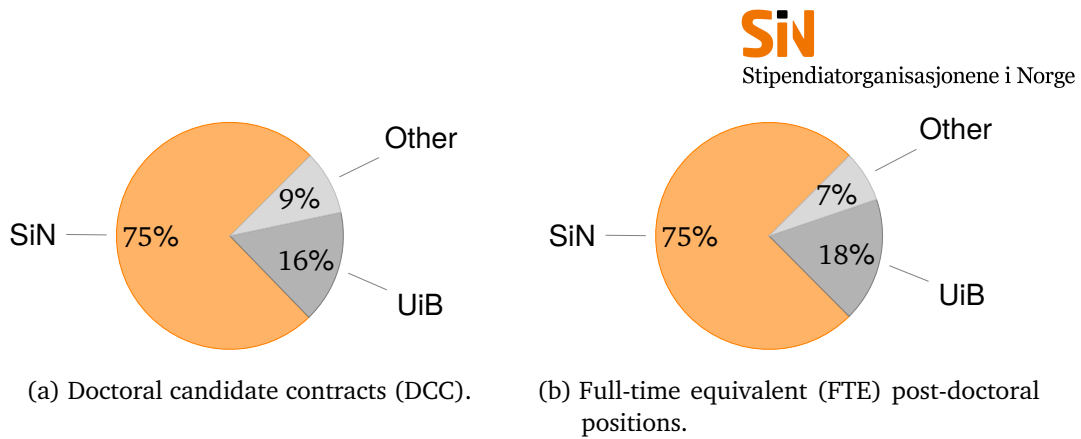


Figure 1: SiN national post-doctoral FTEs and DCC representation. Numbers are taken from Database for Statistics on Higher Education (DBH) for 2015.

AGM and conference responsibility so that SiN will benefit from his extensive experience. The AGM approved his request unanimously.

We should continue our effort to recruit more higher educational institutions. Our main focus is on UiB which host 16% and 18% of the doctoral candidate contracts and full-time equivalent post-doctoral positions respectively in Norway, as shown in figure 1. We will also continue our work towards establishing a member organisation at the newly established HSN (Høgskolen i Sørøst-Norge). An outreach to the equivalent national umbrella organisations in the other Nordic countries was also briefly mentioned.

10 Any other business

The statutes should be revised to incorporate the current compensation arrangement. It was suggested that the board should propose a sum to be agreed upon at the general meeting.

The AGM was adjourned at 16:30, the 27th of May 2016.

Vegard Stenhjem Hagen
Leader of AGM

Teshome Mulugeta
Secretary of AGM

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Teshome Mulugeta & Vegard S. Hagen

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