



Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Minutes from SiN (Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge) board meeting 1. September 2010

Place and time: Oslo, Blindern, Fysikkbygningen, Møterom Ø266, 16:00–18:00, 1. September 2010

Present: Sverre Lundemo (DION), Ann-Kristin Molde (STIP-HF, UiB), Jon Kerr Nilsen (UiODoc), Christer Gulbrandsen (UiODoc), Hanna Helgeland (FODOS)

Ann-Kristin was appointed as secretary of minutes.

- **News from the board member's organizations and institutions**
 - The board members informed briefly about news from their own organizations and institutions.
 - We decided that we wanted to get written information from all of the member organizations twice a year and publish the information on our web pages.
- **Planning the board period**
 - We want to have four board meetings every year. This is more board meetings than SiN has had previous years, and we discussed how to finance expenses related to arranging board meetings. One opportunity is to get more member organizations, maybe also by increasing the money they pay for their membership. Another opportunity is to get extra money from other places. We will try to agree about a solution on the next board meeting.
 - 16. November there will be a seminar at Gardermoen about "Hvordan forventet læringsutbytte beskrevet i nasjonalt kvalifikasjonsrammeverk for høyere utdanning kan ivaretas i ph.d.- utdanningene". Sverre and Ann-Kristin and maybe also some of the other board members want to participate. Ann-Kristin will also ask them whether it is possible for SiN to have a presentation about the topic, and if they agree to it, we should have the next board meeting in Oslo the evening before.
 - We want to arrange a seminar about the life after finishing the PhD. We decided to arrange the seminar in Bergen in February or March. Jon and Sverre said they could be responsible to start planning the seminar; who we can ask to have presentations on the seminar, and how we can finance it. It would be nice if we could get enough funding to offer economic support for PhD candidates from other cities.
- **Draft on compensation from institutions for holding a position in an interest organisation**
 - We discussed the draft and corrected some mistakes in it. We agreed that we wanted to supplement it with an overview of the responsibility of all of the board members.
- **Contact with the member organisations and recruitment of new members**

- We discussed the questions about how SiN should interact with its existing members, and what we should do with the institutions where we do not have any contact persons.
- To get more information about this and about which opportunities PhD candidates and other temporarily employees have at academic institutions in Norway, we agreed to do a survey before the next board meeting. In this survey we will ask all of the academic institutions in Norway about how many PhD candidates they have, which democratic committees the candidates and other temporarily employees have there, and also about whether they have their own committees or not. Ann-Kristin got the responsibility for this survey, with help for the other board members when needed.
- On the next board meeting we will discuss the results from the survey and what we should do with the information, and relate this to how we can get more member organizations.
- **Distribution of tasks between the board members**
 - The plan was to define in more detail how tasks should be distributed in the board. We did not have time for this, but we decided that the vice-president should write the minutes no later than one week after the meetings, and that the others should comment on the minutes no later than one week after they get the draft. We also decided that all the board members are responsible for looking through the web pages and suggesting how they can be improved.
- **Representative to a seminar arranged by the Norwegian Association of Researchers/Forskerforbundet (NAR) 14-15. October**
 - NAR would like us to talk about our organisation and the life as a doctoral candidate. Hanna and Christer said that they could do it. Sverre will make a draft for a presentation about SiN and circulate it on the board-list.
- **Representative(s) to a meeting with the research committee (Forskningsutvalget) of the Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR) 30. September**
 - This is the first time that SiN has gotten the opportunity to present itself (who we are, what we do, locally/nationally/internationally) to UHR and talk with them about how we want to cooperate with this important committee (<http://www.uhr.no/forskning/forskningsutvalget/>). We agreed that we want to ask whether we can get one representative in the committee. Sverre and Ann-Kristin will attend the meeting, and we will use the new SiN-presentation.