SiN Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 2012-03-14, 16:30

Place: On-line, through Skype

<u>Present</u>: Ricardo Rosado (DIOV), Melania Borit (TODOS), Jon Kerr Nilsen (UiODoc), Konstantinos Antypas (TODOS), Sverre Lundemo (DION), Stine Huseby (FODOS).

<u>Referent</u>: Stine Huseby (FODOS)

12. AGM 2012

TODOS will host this year's AGM and the date is set to 3.-4. of May, in Tromsø. The AGM will be held on May 3rd and on May 4th a seminar is planned, with talks around the topic "Challenges during the doctoral education". Invitation is now going out to potential speakers and a budget is under way. TODOS and will see how much they can cover of the expenses and they will look for other sponsor sources, too. SiN will cover travel for the board members.

The board agreed that it would be nice to invite potential new SiN members to Tromsø, but we cannot offer funding for travel at the moment. We will however invite them and come back to the funding issue later.

TODOS will continue the planning process and keep the board informed via e-mail. Invitation will be sent out to all member organizations when the program is finalized.

13. Innspill til forskningsmeldingen 2013

SiN is contributing to UHR's "innspill", but will in also send its own comments to KD.

Decision: Ricardo will send an e-mail out to all members asking them send

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comments they have within the 21st of March. The board will after that decide on the main points to focus on and the Norwegian speaking part of the board will write up the document and submit within 28th of March.

14. Miscellaneous

Follow ups from last board meeting:

- <u>Funding of SiN</u> no easy solution in sight. If funds are needed for the AGM the plan is to contact organizations or companies and ask for support. Long term funding is on the other hand a more difficult subject. One comment from Kostas, after the meeting: maybe member organizations could ask their host universities for a small financial help for SiN? TODOS will do so in the near future.
- Contacting potential new members This work has been delayed, but Stine
 will finish the letter so it can be sent out in week 12, including an invitation
 for the AGM and seminar in Tromsø.