

# SiN Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 2012-02-25, 17:00

Place: On-line, through Skype

Present: Ricardo Rosado (DIOV), Melania Borit (TODOS), Stine Huseby (FODOS), Jon Kerr Nilsen (UiODoc), Konstantinos Antypas (TODOS).

Referent: Stine Huseby (FODOS)

## **1. Approval of the last board minutes and agenda**

Minutes and agenda approved.

## **2. SiN AGM**

Melania presented the program for the AGM. The program and agenda is available in Dropbox folder "2012 AGM". There will be a guided tour of Tromsø in the evening, followed by a dinner for SiN and TODOS. The following organizations will be present: TODOS, DIOV, DION, UiODoc and FODOS.

## **3. TODOS seminar**

The seminar program is finalized and available in the Dropbox folder "2012.04" and on TODOS's webpage.

SiN will have an info stand on the seminar day. FODOS will bring a poster presenting SiN and Eurodoc. We will also make small leaflets for each of the organizations and contact cards for the board members.

## **4. Annual Report**

Ricardo is writing up the annual report and Jon is closing the accounts. Both will be presented at the AGM.

## **5. For information: Eurodoc AGM, Krakow, Poland (Ricardo and Sverre)**

The board congratulates Ricardo on being elected Vice President of Eurodoc!  
Some new work groups were established and an important issue at the meeting was the implementation of the Charter & Code. Few institutions have started this process and the EU will start rewarding those who have by giving extra points to applications coming from those institutions.

Eurodoc will also, in collaboration with the national member organizations, hold events in each country promoting Charter & Code to make it better known among scientists.

#### **6. For information: Orpheus Conference, Bergen (Stine)**

This was a conference on PhD education in biomedicine and health sciences in Europe. The conference gave a detailed introduction to the work going in to making standards for PhD education across both institutions and countries. SiN presented itself and Eurodoc with a poster. SiN was not known among the Norwegian PhD candidates there, but several people were interested in the work we do and contacts were made with other European PhD organizations. A more detailed report will be available in Dropbox and on the SiN webpage before the AGM.

#### **7. For information: UHR Research Committee meeting, Svalbard (Melania)**

The research policy of the Nordic countries, the collaboration between the countries and Horizon 2020 was discussed at the meeting. A final document “The Svalbard Document” was prepared to be presented for the Nordic counsel. The counsel has given a positive response the document afterwards. This was a very positive meeting for SiN, both the SiN and NSO representative felt themselves heard in the work for the final document.

#### **8. Miscellaneous**

Update on the status before elections. The board will likely be filled with enough people, but it would be nice to have all member organizations represented in the board.

A contact made during the Orpheus conference in Bergen will be invited to the AGM to promote SiN and inspire them to create their own local organization in Bergen.