

SiN Board meeting minutes

Date: 29.11.2012, 16:00

Place: Skype

Participants: Melania Borit (ref.), Julien Bourrelle, Konstantinos Antypas

Notice of absence: Ricardo Rosado, Håkon Stene; John W Vinje, Heidi Nygård, Miguel Luzuriaga, Sverre Lundemo

Agenda:

1. **Reading of the last meeting minutes.**
2. **Budget (Ricardo):**
 - a. **what do we have now?** - updated file is in Dropbox.
 - b. **membership fees?** - PhD-UiA and Kunststipendiat forum didn't pay the fees. Melania will ask John/Trude and Håkon about this.
 - c. **Melania's money (11.10)?** - the money is transferred to Melania. Melania will ask Ricardo if he included the daily allowance in the payment to her and Julien. If yes, both Melania and Julien have to give this money back, as it was decided that SiN doesn't pay daily allowance.
 - d. **The Budget Excel file** - this has to be updated each time a payment is made. The person making the payment has to update the file.
3. **Eurodoc: membership payment.** - Ricardo is asked to explain a little bit more what he means by: "If it's useful to remain with Eurodoc, than two representatives should attend the meeting in Lisbon in April - <http://www.lisbon2013.abic-online.org/>. Travel costs are usually covered for two representatives, up to 300€ (the value of the membership fee)." It's not that it's mandatory for SiN to have a representative in Lisbon.
4. **UiODoc membership fee - proposal to wave the fee for one year.** - Melania will ask UiODoc about the formal requirements for being a SiN member. After they reply, the SiN Board will decide if UiODoc should be an observer or a full member.

5. **New webpage / Facebook / Twitter / GooglePlus.** - Melania will ask Ricardo how far he actually reached with the transfer of the web page. Then this issue will be re-discussed in the Board.
6. **KD hearings (Sami research etc.) (the reply regarding Sami research is in Dropbox, the 2012.11 folder)** - the Sami research reply was discussed and a final version of the letter was approved. Melania will send it within the deadline.
7. **The NSO hearing 14.11** - we missed the deadline :(- Melania will write an e-mail to NSO apologizing for missing their deadline and suggestion some topics. The draft of the suggestions will be shared with the Board before submission, for discussions.
8. **Forskningsrådet - Charter and Code - Elin Kollerud's proposals.** - Melania will write the two draft letters based on Elin's proposals that were discussed in the previous
9. **Discussion on compensation for taking part in doctoral interest organisations (SiN and local ones) (Julien)**
10. **Proposal for a letters to trade unions. (Ricardo)** - postponed to January
11. **Proposal for a letter to universities' boards (after getting these letter signed by universities, we planned to make a letter to KD (Ministry of Education and Research), explaining who and how many people we represent and asking for financial support). (Ricardo)** - postponed to January
12. **Overview: the FU UHR meeting 23.11.2012. (Julien)**
13. **Overview: the Forskerforbundet Forskningspolitisk seminar 06.11 (<http://www.forskerforbundet.no/Nyheter/Forskningspolitisk/2012/>). (Ricardo and Julien)**
14. **Overview: NFR Conference "Mangfold og kvalitet i doktorgradsutdanningen" 11.10 ([http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Arrangement/Mangfold og kvalitet konferanse om phdudanningen i Norge/1253978664277](http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Arrangement/Mangfold_og_kvalitet_konferanse_om_phdudanningen_i_Norge/1253978664277)). (Melania)**
15. **Overview: Forskerforbundets stipendiatseminar (22-23.10). (Melania)**

16. Eurodoc AGM 2014: should SiN organize it? - postponed for discussion during the Board meeting in January.

17. Board meeting in person, December 2012. - the meeting is postponed to January. Melania will make a Doodle in order to decide over the date. She will ask Håkon if it is still possible for him to organize it in Oslo. Melania will check also the possibility to organize it in Gardermoen.

18. Others.

- a. Ricardo: proposal for a standard report form - approved. Melania will make a draft of a form to be discussed by the Board.
- b. Ricardo: SiN AGM 2013 - to be discussed during the Board meeting in January. Melania suggests the AGM should take place before 15.04, as she will be in UK for a research stage abroad in the period 15.04 - 21.05.
- c. Melania: all activities performed in SiN's name should be presented and discussed with the Board. For example, the Board was not informed about the fact that Ricardo and Julien managed to get SiN to participation in the Research Administration conference. This is an excellent initiative, but it was supposed to be communicated to the Board in due time, in order to get ideas and also find somebody else to be there in the case that Ricardo couldn't attend (which was the case, actually).