

SiN Board meeting minutes

Date: 17.01.2013, 11:00 - 17:00

Place: NVH, Oslo

Participants: Melania Borit (ref.) (TODOS), Ricardo Rosado (DION), Heidi S. Nygård (FODOS), Konstantinos Antypas (TODOS), Liv-Elisif Queseth Kalland (UiODoc), Hege Rudi Standal (UiODoc), Ahmet Oguz Tezel (DION).

Notice of absence: Julien Bourrelle (DION), Håkon Stene (KunststipendiatForum), Miguel Luzuriaga (UiSDC).

Agenda and decisions:

1. **Decision over welcoming in the SiN Board of UiODoc.** UiODoc fulfilled all the requirements of being a SiN member and SiN Board member. It was decided with unanimity to receive UiODoc in the SiN Board.
2. **Reading of the last meeting minutes.**
3. **Budget (Ricardo):**
 - a. **what do we have now?** - updates transaction files are in Dropbox
 - b. **membership fees**
 - i. - PhD/UiA and KunststipendiatForum still didn't pay the 2012 - 2013 fee - Ricardo will contact again Håkon from KF and Trude/John from PhD/UiA
 - ii. It was decided that in order for a member organization to have voting rights at an AGM, the membership fee has to be paid before the AGM. E.g. if the 2013 AGM is held in May, the membership fee for 2013 - 2014 has to be paid in the period 01-04.2013.
 - c. **The Budget Excel file** - this file was renamed "expenses". It has to be filled in by anybody making an expense that should be reimbursed by SiN.
4. **Eurodoc:**
 - a. **membership payment** - with 5 votes for and 1 abstain it was decided to pay the Eurodoc membership fee; Ricardo will pay this fee in due time.

- b. **delegates to the Eurodoc AGM 2013 Lisbon** - Tezel volunteered. Melania will ask Sverre if he can attend the meeting (**update! Sverre cannot attend this event. Who else would like to do it?**)
 - c. **Eurodoc observers** - persons who are interested in being Eurodoc observers should let Melania or Sverre know about this.
- 5. **The PhD-UiA situation (John finished his PhD and Trude doesn't have time to be involved either in PhD/UiA or SiN)** - Melania will contact John and Trude again in order to find a solution. Then SiN should contact the UiA Board and the TER representative in this Board in order to find a solution.
- 6. **UiODoc membership fee - proposal to waive the fee for one year.** - this is no longer an issue, as UiODoc received a consistent budget for 2013.
- 7. **Eurodoc AGM 2014: should SiN submit a bid for organizing it? Deadline for submitting bids is 15. January.** - It was decided to not bid for organizing this event now and to think if SiN wants to do it for the Eurodoc AGM 2015.
- 8. **SiN AGM 2013 - 10 years anniversary! Oslo? NVH? Ås (SiN was created at Ås in 2003)? (Theme; Budget; International guests? EUA/Eurodoc/neighbouring associations/LERU or similar assoc.)** - In a 2 weeks time UiODoc will decide if they can organize this AGM. They will decide themselves what format is suitable for them and what theme to address. All the other SiN members will help UiODoc in organizing the event. The budget will be discussed when UiODoc takes the decision and it was agreed that the AGM will benefit of a common budget (UiODoc + SiN + other member organizations that can afford it). The AGM will take place sometime in the period 23-31.05 (**update! Melania: I'll be at a conference in Ålesund in the period 27-30.05**).
- 9. **New webpage / Facebook / Twitter / GooglePlus.** - it was decided to have the new webpage on Wordpress. The webpage should be more static while Facebook and Twitter will be the dynamic media tools. Up to 500 nok can be used for Facebook advertisement. Tezel coordinates the building of the new webpage, helped by Melania, Heidi and everybody else who is interested. The new webpage should be ready for launching at the 2013 AGM. A draft will be

ready before Easter (27.03). Ricardo will send the old and new webpages credentials and instructions to everybody.

10. **Document explaining SiN's role and the one of its Board. (Julien)** - Julien submitted the document during the meeting and it was decided that this should be discussed at the next Board meeting. It was also decided with unanimity to have two separate documents: Statutes and Internal Guidelines. When discussing this point, Julien joined the meeting by phone.
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)** - Ricardo doesn't have time to do this. He will send the link with what he wrote by now to the Board and all the Board members will contribute with text. If nothing is achieved until the end of week 10, this task will be given to a single person.
12. **Proposal for a letters to trade unions. (Ricardo)** - this letter will be written after the one at point 11 is finished.
13. **Others.**
 - a. How to attract new members? - this point should be discussed during the next SiN Board meeting.
 - b. **Next Board meeting is set to 19.02, Skype.** Melania will make a Doodle to decide on the time and a possible alternative date.