

SiN Board meeting minutes

Date: 15.03.2013, 10:00 - 11:20

Place: Skype

Participants: Melania Borit (ref.) (TODOS), Julien Bourrelle (DION), Konstantinos Antypas (TODOS), Ricardo Rosado (DIOV).

Notice of absence: Heidi S. Nygård (FODOS); Hege Rudi Standal (UiODoc).

No message: Håkon Stene (KunststipendiatForum), Østgaard Skotnes (UiSDC).

Agenda and decisions:

1. **What did we do from the things we said last Board meetings that we're going to do? (Did we start working with the new website? Did we send out the bills for the 2013 membership fee? TO BE ADDED BASED ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETINGS.)** * Ricardo has to pay some expenses related to the website. He will have more time to work with the new website after Easter. *Ricardo will send the membership fee invoices as soon as possible.
2. **Tezel and EURODOC AGM.** Melania will send Eurodoc a message saying that Julien is one of our delegates and Tezel might be either a delegate or an observer, we'll have to confirm this closer to the date of the meeting, taking into consideration if Tezel contacts the SiN Board or not.
3. **UHR Forskningsutvalget (Julien)** Julien explained the most important issues regarding PhD candidates that were discussed in the last UHR FU meeting, among others the mid-term evaluation matter. Regarding this matter, Kostas underlined the need to improve the PhD education quality and to protect the PhD candidate, not add just an extra burden on him/her. Ricardo mentioned that at his institution they have just implemented this kind of evaluation (mandatory from January 2012): <http://www.nvh.no/no/Utdanning/Phd/Opplaring/Emner-ved-NVH/VET420/>; <http://www.nvh.no/en/Utdanning/Phd/Opplaring/Emner-ved-NVH/VET421/> .
4. **UHR - Conference 10 år med kvalitetsreformen - 7 mai. Should Sin participate? Who can be there?** http://www.uhr.no/aktuelt_fra_uhr/10_ar_med_kvalitetsreformen_tilstanden_i_hoyere_utdanning - If he has time, Ricardo might attend this event. All the other Board members are encouraged to attend if they have time.

5. **The new Report file.** No comments. The report has to be filled in by the person participating in the event. Files can be found in Dropbox -> Reports.
6. **Amendments to the Statutes. (Documents to be read: the Statutes; Julien's document from the 2013.01 folder and the draft Julien will send latest one day before the meeting).** Read carefully the Statutes and send his/her comments/ suggestions for changes to Julien, so he can prepare a document the Board should agree on before the AGM in May. The next SiN Board meeting will be held in week 19, so please send your comments to Julien until the end of this month.
7. **Internal guidelines.** This is the link to a draft for Internal Guidelines made by Ricardo a while ago: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eWuoUOfYW1S03RzPiAhnqKiqmgLISYwE5E1anAylSe4/edit?pli=1> . All Board members are invited to read it and make amendments, but be careful with deleting passwords etc. The Internal Guidelines document will be referred to in the Statutes.
8. **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 will look into this after Easter.
9. **Proposal for a letters to trade unions. (Ricardo)** Ricardo will look into this after Easter.
10. **SiN AGM.** Melania will contact UiODoc to get updates on the planning activities. She will also organize a Skype meeting with UiODoc dedicated to this matter.
11. **Previous financial scheme for SiN. (Julien)** Melania will contact Jana Weideman (KD) to ask about financial help from the Ministry, because Ricardo met her at a conference and she said that SiN should do so.
12. **Updates:**
 - a. **Frokostseminar tirsdag 5. mars kl. 08.15-10.00: Utdanner vi for mange doktorander for andre land? (Julien)** A report is found in Dropbox ->Reports.
 - b. **UHR FU meeting 06.03 (Julien)** Discussed above at point 4.
13. **Others.** Next meeting will be held in the beginning of May (week 19).