

SiN Board meeting September 2013

Date: Friday 13th September 2013

Time: 10:00 - 11:15

Place: Skype

Present: Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan (DION), Melania Borit (TODOS), Muhamamd Ramzan (UiODoc), Erlend Dancke Sandorf (TODOS), Hege Rudi Standal (UiODoc)

Notice of absence: Oscar Iheshiulor (FODOS), Pål Preede Revheim (PhDUiA), Ahmet Oguz Tezel (DION), Marte Cecilie Wilhelmsen Solheim (UiSDC), Njål Sparbo (Kunststipendiat Forum)

Agenda:

1. Presentation of the board on the webpage (layout?)

It was decided that it is important to update the about SiN section because we have a new board. In addition we should link to news on the local organizations web-sites to highlight all the work that is being done and to better the flow of information.

2. Status on budget - *Ramzan*

There have been no registered transactions since the last board meeting.

Ramzan will make a list to see which member organizations have paid/have not paid the membership fee. Ramzan will contact Pål to get clarity regarding the costs from participating in Nasjonal Forskerutdanningskonferanse.

3. Reply to hearing on the long-term plan for research and higher education

The deadline to respond to the hearing is October 15. It was decided to create a document in Dropbox. All board members can add their comments to this document and the dead line for adding comments is the 20th of September. All comments must have a heading so it is easy to identify similarities and deduce where we should put pressure. There will be a meeting on Skype in week 39 where we discuss the comments and decide on what our response to the hearing will be.

4. Advertisement possibilities for SiN

It was agreed that Facebook is the best and easiest way to reach as many PhD candidates as possible. Experience shows that fliers and posters do not have the desired impact. In addition we need to keep the website up-to-date and make sure that information found on Facebook can be found on the website and vice versa. The board discussed the visibility of the organization and decided that the best way to stay visible is to keep in contact with our contact persons at UHR, the Ministry etc. and participate in national seminars.

5. Collaboration SiN and NSO - *Pål*

It was decided that we should try to invite somebody from NSO to learn from them. How their organization works, information flows, division of responsibilities within the organization, how they stay visible in the media etc.

6. Nasjonal forskerutdanningskonferanse - *Pål and Erlend*

SiN had representatives at Nasjonal Forskerutdanningskonferanse (National Conference for Researchers Education) 2013 in Kristiansand 26. - 27. August. The conference was hosted by the University of Agder on behalf of the Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR). At the conference the results from the evaluation of the Ph.D education in Norway (<http://www.nifu.no/publications/951985/>) was presented, the industry PhD was discussed and Dr. Anne Lee held a presentation titled: “Effective Doctoral Supervision”.

7. Forskerforbundets stipendiatseminar

It was decided that we would inform all PhD candidates through the local organizations. If many of SiN's board members are participating in this conference it would be possible to have a meeting at the same time. This will be discussed in greater detail at the next board meeting.

8. iCoRSA - *Melania*

It was decided that *Melania* will send an e-mail to the leader of iCoRSA to find out what is expected of SiN if they join? How is this different from EURODOC? and thank him for asking us to be a part of the organization. *Marthe Emilie* will write an e-mail to EURODOC to see what they have to say about SiN potentially being part of a ‘competing’ organization.

9. UHR FU meeting agenda and SiN in the UHR board - Hege

There will be a meeting in UHR FU next Wednesday. Hege asked for comments from the rest of the board. These comments have to be made by Tuesday. The discussion in this meeting will also include SiN membership in the UHR Board and Hege hopes to have an answer by next board meeting.

10. Strategy to make SiN member of the UHR Board

See 9.

11. Other

The next board meeting will be held in week 42.

There will be a meeting in person in week 49 in Oslo.