

SiN Board meeting November 2013

Date: Thursday 28th November 2013 at 13:00

Place: Skype

Participants: Pål Prede Revheim, Marthe Emelie M. Buan, Erlend D. Sandorf, Ahmet O. Tezel, Borit Melania

Notice of absence: Marte C. W. Solheim, Muhammad Ramzan, Oscar Iheshiulor, Njål Sparbo. Hege R. Standal got sick and could not attend.

Agenda:

1. Update from UHR FU - *Hege*

SiN is in the working group on career paths with Hege as SiN representative. The group is very active and has few members. The work will start in the nearest future.

SiN should try to be represented in all the groups we are offered. If it's difficult to find people from the SiN board we should ask in the local PhD-organization boards.

2. Update meeting with NSO - *Pål and Marthe*

SiN had a meeting with Alexander S. Løtvedt, fagpolitisk ansvarlig in NSO. SiN can support NSO in research related cases since we have experience and competences in these matters. We can give an inside view on how the research sector is working. NSO will renew their platform on research next year and will then discuss it with SiN.

NSO is up to date with what's happening in the UH-sector, and has a lot of contacts. They can communicate this information to SiN by adding a SiN e-mail address to their mailing-list. After some discussions the board decided to use the mail@stipendiat.no address. Tezel will contact Ricardo to figure out how to access and control all the SiN e-mail addresses.

It would be preferable if someone from the SiN board can be contact person for NSO. Pål agreed to be the contact person until the next AGM. He will be receiving the e-mails to the mail@stipendiat.no address and can communicate interesting news to the rest of the board. Who is NSO-contact person should be chosen in the SiN AGM from 2014.

NSO also wants close cooperation with the UHR FU representative from SiN. Hege is already informed about this matter. Collaboration with NSO is an easy way for SiN to increase the visibility and have some political influence._

3. Update KD Seminar - *Marthe and Hege*

In conclusion it was good for SiN to participate in the KD seminar in order to be visible and to have the possibility to talk with representatives for temporary employees in the university and høyskole boards.

4. Letter to UHR regarding SiN in the Board

Erlend has created an official SiN-letter in Dropbox/2013-2014/Official letters/UHR Board letter. **This letter is open to work with for anyone that has time.** Since this is not a pressing matter it was decided to work more serious with it after the Christmas holidays.

Pål also suggested sending an application to UHR asking for them to cover travel expenses for SiN representation in working groups, UHR Board meetings etc. The board agreed that this was a good idea, but that Pål and Hege first should orally mention the economic problems SiN have. Then we can send an official letter sometime after Christmas.

5. Gift from UiODoc - *Hege*

No updates available. Ramzan made an invoice for 5000NOK and sent it to UiODoc. SiN is grateful that UiODoc wants to make a contribution and help the

organization financially. Hege will send an e-mail to the board as soon as she has some updates.

Pål will contact Ramzan to check if SiN has received the membership-fee from UiA.

6. Plan for January-meeting - *Marthe*

Marthe suggested week 5 for having a face to face meeting. There should be enough money for people to travel to Oslo if we book the tickets early. However a lot of people were busy that week. Marthe will make a doodle suggesting 11.February or week 8 for the meeting. Hopefully most of the SiN board will be able to participate.

7. Elections and representatives from the local organizations - *Marte and Melania*

Discussion about what should be done if the local organizations have elections in the middle of the year. Will the representatives in the SiN board then change, or should the same person be in the SiN board even though they are not member of the local organization board anymore?

There are two possibilities when elections for the SiN Board:

- 1) Electing a person
- 2) Electing a representative from the local organization

This should be agreed upon and clarified before next AGM. For SiN it's better to keep the same person all year, but this can be practically difficult.

8. Routines for creating and modifying documents in Dropbox - *Melania*

SiN should be better at keeping track of the changes done to documents. Use initials to show who made the changes.

Also SiN should keep track of representation by making reports for every event attended and make an Excel-sheet with an overview. Melania will create this kind of Excel-sheet as they are already using this in TODOS.

9. Webpage - *Tezel*

SiN now has two webpages, one old and one new (wordpress). It was decided that it's better for SiN if we only have one webpage. Tezel said it's not too much work to copy everything from the old page to the new one, so he will do this.

Tezel will also provide login-information for the wordpress site so that more people can update it.

It's important for SiN to have a webpage that is up to date!