

SiN Board meeting April 2014

Date: Tuesday 8.April 2014, 14:00-15:00

Place: Skype

Participants: Marthe Emelie, Erlend, Oscar, Izaskun, Hege

Notice of absence: Ramzan, Pål, Jesper

Agenda:

1. Eurodoc AGM - Marthe and Erlend

A report is uploaded in the Reports-folder in Dropbox. In short:

A new board, administration and workgroup coordinators were elected.

Strategic discussions were made and a list of 4 (four) topics that should be addressed by the new board was produced and sent to the new board:

1. Update Eurodoc Statutes and Internal Regulations.
2. Focus on the interests of the member organizations.
3. Board should amend and consult on mission and goals of Eurodoc and create a strategic plan (short and long term) to the next AGM.
4. Constant lobbying for proper pay to PhD candidates for work they are doing in research.

SiN should be present at the Eurodoc AGM since major decisions on the organizational structure and future development of Eurodoc are made. It was instructive to discuss with representatives from other member organizations. SiN should aim on being more involved with Eurodoc in the future.

2. UHR and Mobility and career WG - Hege

The reply from TODOS for the mobility and career WG was highly appreciated.

The comments from SiN (in Norwegian) can be found in the UHR-folder in Dropbox.

In UHR-FU there has been a lot of focus on EU and funding structures in Europe. The 9.-10.October 2014 KD is going to Brussels to visit all important institutions. The new UHR-FU representative from SiN should participate in this trip.

3. *Updated SiN Statutes - Erlend*

Discussions regarding the changes to the statutes:

- When should the board be elected from? Would it be better if the board was elected from January to January instead of from May to May? If SiN gets funding from KD it might be easier if the board follows the budget year.
- Elected SiN-members should be connected to the local board, but do not have to work in the local board, just stay updated on what's happening.
- Should be a requirement that more than 3 member-organizations are represented in the board at the same time. One local organization should have only one vote in the board, even though they have more than one representative.

In the AGM there will be 2 separate votes:

1. Vote on the proposed changes to the statutes.
2. Vote on the suggestion to move the AGM so that the board follows the budget year.

Erlend will continue to update the Statutes. The proposed statutes will then be sent to all members of SiN 2 weeks before the AGM. He will also include suggested solutions if the vote on moving the time of the AGM is agreed upon.

4. *SiN AGM*

The SiN AGM 2014 will take place **Wednesday 7.May from 10:30-17:00**. We should start advertising for the SiN AGM in the local organizations. Marthe will send an official invitation tomorrow (4 weeks before the AGM). SiN will cover travel-expenses, lunch and dinner for two delegates from each member-organization. Hege will organize a venue and the food for the AGM.

SiN should also send invites to representatives from UiB and NiH even though they are not SiN-members. They will have to cover the travel expenses

themselves. Hege suggested that SiN can waive the first membership-fee for new members.

UiODoc will arrange a seminar called “Communication and presentation technique by David Tomlinson” the next day, **Thursday 8.May from 10:00-15:00**, that all the SiN AGM delegates are encouraged to attend.

5. *SiN Annual Report*

Marthe will write the report as soon as possible, and the board will give input. It should be sent to all member-organizations 2 weeks before the AGM, thus the 23rd of April.

6. *Annual Financial report and Membership-fees - Ramzan*

SiN now has 50.000NOK in the account according to Ramzan since the gift from UiO has been received. This is before the membership-fees have been received (corresponds to 16.000NOK). Marthe has sent a list with contact information to Ramzan and he will send the invoices within this week.

7. *NiH as new SiN member?*

To become a SiN-member the organization need to have an elected board and approved statutes. Marthe will check how far the NiH doctoral organization has come in this process. If this is still missing they could be included as observers for a year until the new organization is more settled.

8. *SiN Wiki - Marthe*

General information about e-mails, reimbursement etc. can now be found in the SiN Wiki document. Everyone can update this document with information!

9. *Others*

Oscar and Erlend cannot attend the SiN AGM.