

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Meeting Minutes

05th February 2018 at University of Bergen

Attendees

Edgar Lopez

Rajesh Joshi

Henrik Sveinsson

Enricco

Tatjana Bosnjak

Eirik Myrvoll-Nilsen

Abhilash Nair

Tristan Nabong

Egencia training

Possibility of availing the services of Egencia for travel requirements of SiN.

Tristan explained the structure and the process of making travel arrangement using Egencia.

After which the board discussion the positive and negative aspects of using Egencia.

Advantages

The system is easier since a clear structure will be created.

Egencia provides a better search option and flat rates for hotels and flights.

More uniform travel spending for all board members.

Disadvantages

Edgar mentioned that sometimes a better deal was obtained from booking as an individual.

It would limit the flexibility in travel options for board members.

We current have a six months trial service form Egencia where we can avail their service for free. Board members shall vote on the issue after the 6 month period if we would wish to continue.

Erasmus Project with Eurodoc

Eurodoc is involved in creating an application for Erasmus plus project.

Enricco/SiN –were asked to do some work as a part of the EuroDOC

SiN as a national organization are supposed create a social platform in our website. We shall link the member university website to the SiN website.

One of the partner in Ukraine will provide the technical assistance for website link up.

Involvement in a project at a European level would promote a positive image for SiN as well as advertise ourselves in a global platform. A step forward to improving the visibility of SiN.

The specific details on the work package has not been finalized. We can decide on how much involvement we would like to have in this endeavor.

EuroDOC account and money

A total amount of 132, 552 NOK available for the Eurodoc account. This was the amount left over from the last year's conference Eurodoc.

The board agreed on using the funds for participating in the Eurodoc conference 2018.

Tristan provided an overview on the account details in the SiN account.

Application to KD

SiN accounts will be audited soon. Tristan will contact Vegard for details of the auditor.

Tristan will apply for the funding to KD as soon as possible.

New Hearing

Regarding hiring criteria for Assistant Professor

Until now, the recruitment criteria does not include teaching/pedagogical training as a mandatory requirement. However, it is considered as an additional advantage.

The hearing has included 4 options to choose from.

Henrik provided detailed explanation on the 4 options available.

The board was divided on their opinion about the two options. Debate continued on the advantages and disadvantages on the Option A and Option B.

Henrik, will send the original document as well as the hearing reply after we voice our opinions on Option A and Option B. All the board member should send their options to Henrik within two weeks.

Changes in the constitution.

In case of any changes, we have to send a notification to all the members one month before.

Edgar suggested that since we would probably be having a new member we should consider some changes in the constitution.

Henrik suggested that we should have a political guiding document that can act as guidance principle for our opinion while we draft our response to the hearing. This document should clearly mention that 'we are an apolitical organization, which does not have any alignment to a political body'.

Henrik will prepare a draft of the political document and will be voted on in the next meeting.

HiOA (OsloMet) has applied for a membership in SiN and we will vote on in the next AGM.

UHR as removed us from their group, Henrik is working on the matter to get us back in or at least request an explanation for the action.

AGM

The tentative date for the AGM would be May.

Tentative location for the AGM will be in Oslo.

To be organized in a larger scale where members from the local board will also attend.

Tentative budget for AGM is a maximum of 150,000 NOK. Therefore, SiN will also include additional members from the local board of the universities to visit the next SiN AGM. The exact number of board members included shall be decided after finalizing the budget.

Any other business

Possibility of a National conference. The conference shall be pre or post follow-up conference in Norway after Eurodoc.

Theme of the conference would be to have Career Development for early stage research in a Norwegian context. A follow up for this year's Eurodoc conference. We will specially apply for some extra funding from KD to sponsor this event.

Rajesh will put up the application template in the google drive. All board members will contribute to the ideas for the conference. Eirik and Henrik will help translate it into Norwegian before submitting it to the KD.

SiN received an invitation for a conference on Gender equality, requirement for a male PhD representative from Scandinavia to be part of the panelist. No information on who will fund it. Rajesh is waiting for the more details, after which the board shall decide who will be participating in the event.



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