



Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

SiN – Annual report 2011

The composition of the SiN board in 2011/2012 has been:

Ricardo Rosado (DIOV) - Chair
Melania Borit (TODOS) – Vice-chair
Jon Kerr Nilsen (UiOdoc) - Treasurer
Stine Huseby (FODOS) – General Board Member
Ralph Kube (TODOS) – General Board Member
John-Wilhelm Vinje (PhD-UiA) – General Board Member

Ralph Kube (TODOS, UiT) functioned as vice-president until June 2011. Melania Borit (TODOS) has functioned as vice-president from June 2011.

The previous annual meeting was held 18th May 2010 at Gimlemoen, Kristiansand.

Main activities of SiN in 2010/2011

- Finalize the work with the new web pages
- Establish contact with interest organisations at more institutions
- Arrange more board meetings
- Arrange a seminar on career opportunities after the PhD degree
- Respond to national hearings
- Representation nationally

SiN has seven member organisations; DION (NTNU), DIOV (NVH), FODOS (UMB), PhD-UiA (UiA), STIP-HF and PhD-utvalget ved Det matematisk-naturvitenskapelige fakultetet (UiB), UiOdoc (UiO), UiSDOC (UiS).

New web pages

SiN's new web pages were launched in August 2010. Sverre has been responsible for updating the web pages.

Establish contact with interest organisations at more institutions

SiN has been working continuously with establishing contact with organisations and contact persons, as well as communicating with existing member organisations, at

Norwegian higher education institutions. SiN has created a mailing list (info[at]stipendiat.no) for communicating with member organisations and contact persons at other institutions.

Arrange more board meetings

Three board meetings have been arranged during the year; 1st September 2010 (Oslo), 23rd November 2010 (Oslo) and 7th March 2011 (Bergen).

Seminar in Bergen 7th March: "Livet etter doktorgraden"

SiN arranged a seminar 7th March 2011, "Livet etter doktorgraden", focusing on what career options are available after finishing a PhD. The seminar was very well received and 70-80 people attended.

Input to national hearings

SiN has given input to the following hearings from the Ministry of Education and Science;

- 30th November 2010 – "Innspill til utkast til endring av forskriftsbestemmelser som gjelder akkreditering av doktorgradsstudier"
- 17th February 2011 - "Innspill til rapport om bruk av midlertidig tilsetning i universitets- og høyskolesektoren"

SiN reports

SiN has produced the following reports and surveys:

- A survey among SiN's member organisations was conducted; "Undersøkelse blant medlemsorganisasjonene i Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge våren 2011". Ann-Kristin has been responsible.
- A survey among all higher education institutions (HEIs) in Norway about number of doctoral candidates and representation in institutional boards, committees etc was conducted; "Demokratiske muligheter blant doktorgradskandidater og andre midlertidig vitenskapelig tilsatte i Norge i dag". Ann-Kristin has been responsible. The document has been sent to UHR-FU, where it will be presented at the next meeting June 9th. After being treated there, the idea is to send it to all Norwegian HEIs.
- An information folder about how to establish and run interest organisations for doctoral candidates has been made. John-Wilhelm has been responsible.

Representation in Norway

- SiN was invited to have a presentation on Forskerforbundet's (The Norwegian Association of Researchers - NAR) seminar for doctoral candidates 14th -15th October 2010. Hanna and Christer represented SiN.
- SiN attended the national seminar "Hvordan forventet læringsutbytte beskrevet i nasjonalt kvalifikasjonsrammeverk for høyere utdanning kan ivaretas i ph.d.- utdanningene", at Gardermoen 16th November. Sverre participated on behalf of SiN.
- In November 2010 Sverre was appointed by Universitets- og høyskolerådets Forskningsutvalg/the Research Committee of The Norwegian Association of

Higher Education Institutions (UHR-FU) to represent doctoral candidates in a committee to follow the coming evaluation of the doctoral education in Norway.

- SiN was invited to give input to the coming evaluation of doctoral education in Norway on a dialogue meeting in Oslo 2nd March 2011. Ann-Kristin, Jon, Ricardo Rosado and Bård Frydenlund attended the meeting on behalf of SiN and gave a presentation on what SiN think is important matters for the evaluation.
- In March 2011 SiN was asked to appoint a representative for a national committee that will evaluate the possibilities for having alternative curricula in doctoral education (cf. professional doctorates). John-Wilhelm was appointed by SiN.
- SiN was invited to present themselves in Universitets- og høyskolerådets Forskningsutvalg/the Research Committee of The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR-FU) in Oslo 30th September 2010. After this meeting, SiN was granted the status of observer, and attended meetings of UHR FU in Oslo 23rd November 2010 and Brussels 15th – 17th February 2011. Sverre has attended the meetings on behalf of SiN. From 4th March 2010, SiN holds a permanent seat in the committee.

Representation in Eurodoc

- Sverre Lundemo has been secretariat coordinator in the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers (Eurodoc) in 2010/2011.
- SiN was represented at the annual meeting of Eurodoc 31st March – 4th April 2011 in Vilnius, Lithuania. Ricardo Rosado (DIOV) and Sverre Lundemo attended the meeting on behalf of SiN.