



Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

The Association of Doctoral Organizations in Norway

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014



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1. Overview

The last Annual General Meeting (AGM) was arranged by UiODoc, and held the 23rd May 2013 at UiO in Oslo. This annual report covers the period since the last AGM.

Since the last AGM SiN has arranged six board meetings, replied to two hearings from KD, participated in working groups in UHR and EURODOC, discussed collaboration with NSO, held presentations at three events and applied for financial support from KD.

In 2013/2014 SiN was represented at a national level in the board of the Research Committee of UHR, and at a European level by participation in EURODOC AGM. SiN was also present at major national events concerning research politics in Norway.

This board period SiN has focused on increasing its visibility and representation in research politics at a national level. We hope that the new board will continue this work and ensure SiNs representation in working groups, meetings and seminars with relevance to PhD candidates and PostDocs in Norway.

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2. Member organizations

SiN had 8 member organizations in 2013/2014:

- UiODoc – University of Oslo
- DION – Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- TODOS – University of Tromsø
- FODOS – Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- UiSDC – University of Stavanger
- PhD-UiA – University of Agder
- DIOV – Norwegian School of Veterinary Science
- Kunststipendiatforum – Norwegian Artistic Research Program

3. Board Composition

The SiN board consisted of 8 board members and 2 deputy members in 2013/2014:

- Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan (DION) - President
- Melania Borit (TODOS) - Vice President
- Muhammad Ramzan (UiODoc) - Treasurer
- Hege Rudi Standal (UiODoc) - Board member and UHR representative
- Erlend Dancke Sandorf (TODOS) - Board member
- Oscar Ihesihulor (FODOS) - Board member
- Pål Preede Revheim (PhD-UiA) - Board member
- Marte Cecilie Wilhelmsen Solheim (UiSDC) - Board member
- Ahmet Oguz Tezel (DION) - Deputy member and webpage responsible
- Njål Sparbo (Kunststipendiatforum) - Deputy member

For various reasons Melania Borit, Marte C. W. Solheim, Njål Sparbo and Ahmet O. Tezel decided to leave the SiN board in December 2013.

From February 2014 two new board members in SiN were appointed by UiSDC and Kunststipendiatforum to replace their previous representatives:

- Izaskun Muruzábal-Lecumberri (UiSDC) - Board member
- Jesper James Alvær (Kunststipendiatforum) - Board member

4. Main activities 2013/2014

In 2013/2014 SiN has:

- Arranged the Annual General Meeting 2013 and a seminar on “Transferable Skills during doctoral training” at UiO in collaboration with UiODoc.
- Arranged 6 board meetings on skype and one board meeting/workshop at UiO.

- Been represented at a national level through a board position in the Research Committee of *The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR)*.
- Been represented at a European level by participation in *EURODOC AGM* and in *EURODOC Working groups*.
- Given its official opinion on matters important for PhD candidates and PostDocs in Norway through replies to the hearings *Long-term plan for research and higher education* and *Introduction of Tenure Track Positions*.
- Participated in and voiced its opinion in a working group on *Attractive career paths and increased mobility in research* in UHR.
- Given help and support to start a new PhD-organization at *the Norwegian School of Sports Sciences (NIH)*.
- Established contact and discussed possible collaboration with *the National Union of Students in Norway (NSO)*.
- Participated in several meetings and seminars regarding research politics in Norway.
- Sent an application for financial support to *the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (KD)*.
- Worked on increasing its visibility through more active use of Facebook and Twitter and by presenting the organization for PhD candidates.
- Done major revisions to the statutes and made a proposal for new statutes.
- Updated the document on internal regulations and organizational structure.

5. Board meetings and workshops

All SiN board meetings have been arranged on Skype in order to avoid travelling and save money. The board meetings was used to discuss the official opinion of SiN, prepare replies to hearings and working groups, share experiences from the local organizations and organize representation at important events.

SiN arranged a workshop at UiO in the beginning of March 2014 to finalize the application for financial support that was sent to KD on the 15 of March 2014.

The minutes of the meetings can be found on the SiN-webpage, www.stipendiat.no.

Table 5.1: Overview of SiN meetings in 2013-2014

Date	Event
23.06.2013	Annual General Meeting 2013
17.06.2013	Board Meeting June
13.09.2013	Board Meeting September
08.10.2013	Board Meeting October
28.11.2013	Board Meeting November
06.02.2014	Board Meeting February
04.03.2014	Board Meeting March and Workshop at UiO
08.04.2014	Board Meeting April
07.05.2014	Annual General Meeting 2014

6. Working groups

SiN has been invited to participate in several working groups both at a national level through UHR and at a European level through EURODOC.

- SiN has been represented in the UHR working group on *Attractive career paths and increased mobility in research* by Hege Rudi Standal.
- SiN is currently represented in four different working groups in EURODOC. These are: Career Development WG, Open Access WG, Finance WG and Gender Equality WG. The SiN representatives in these working groups are Erlend Dancke Sandorf and Marthe E. M. Buan.

7. SiNs website and social media

Ahmet O. Tezel was responsible for the SiN website in 2013/2014. The new wordpress website has been used, <http://stipendiat.no/wordpress/>. The website has been updated with information about the 2013/2014 board and the minutes from the meetings. However, the activity on the website has been low, and nothing has been posted throughout the year.

The SiN facebook-page has been managed by Marte C. W. Solheim and is currently managed by Izaskun Muruzábal-Lecumberri. The page now has 180 followers, compared to 100 followers at the beginning of the board period. The Twitter account has been managed by Ricardo Rosado, former member of SiN.

8. Representation

SiN has been represented at a national level by a board position in UHR FU, and by being present at major events related to research politics in Norway. SiN was also present at the EURODOC AGM.

- The SiN-representative in 2013-2014 in the board of the *Research Committee of UHR* (The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions) and in a *Working group on Attractive career paths and increased mobility in research* has been Hege Rudi Standal.
- SiN held a presentation called “Perspektiver om PhD evaluering” at *Nasjonal Forskerutdanningskonferanse 2013* (National Research Conference 2013) that was arranged the 26th and 27th of August 2013 at UiA. The presentation was held by Ricardo Rosado, and SiN was represented at the conference by Erlend Dancke Sandorf and Pål Preede Revheim.
- UiODoc and Forskerforbundet arranged an *open meeting concerning Tenure Track positions in academia* the 14th of October 2013 at UiO. Ricardo Rosado represented SiN at this meeting.
- SiN was invited to hold a presentation at *Forskerforbundets Stipendiatseminar* (Seminar for PhDs arranged by the Norwegian Association of Researchers) arranged at Losby Gods the 31st of October – 1st of November 2013. Marthe Emelie M. Buan represented SiN and presented the organization.
- SiN arranged a *formal meeting with NSO* in Oslo the 18th of November 2013 where possible collaboration was discussed. Pål Preede Revheim and Marthe Emelie M. Buan represented SiN at this meeting.
- SiN invited itself to the *board seminar arranged by KD* the 19th of November 2013. Marthe Emelie M. Buan and Hege Rudi Standal were the official SiN representatives at this seminar.
- NIH contacted SiN through Ricardo Rosado to get support and help with starting a new PhD-organization. Marthe Emelie M. Buan went to the *start-up meeting at NIH* the 5th of March 2014 to give a short presentation of SiN and the purposes of having a local PhD-organization.
- SiN was invited to send two representatives to the *EURODOC AGM* in Budapest the 28th and 29th of March 2014. Erlend Dancke Sandorf and Marthe Emelie M. Buan represented SiN at this event and joined several working groups organized by EURODOC.

9. Replies to national hearings

During 2013/2014 SiN replied to 2 hearings from KD:

- 14th of October 2013 - Innspill til Regjeringens langtidsplan for forskning og høyere utdanning 2015-2024. SiN was invited to send a reply to this hearing.

- 31st of October 2013 – Endring i Universitets- og Høgskoleloven: Innstegstilling – ansettelse på innstegsvilkår (§6-4). SiN was not invited to send a reply to the hearing. The reply was sent in collaboration with UiODoc since they arranged a discussion at UiO the 14th of October 2013 concerning the proposed tenure track positions in Norway.

10. Finance

In 2013/2014 Muhammad Ramzan has been the treasurer of SiN.

The Annual accounts contain transactions done from the 23rd of May 2013 to the 30th of April 2014.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2013-2014	
<i>Capital SiN per 23.05.2013</i>	<i>38.000 NOK</i>
Income	
Gift UiODoc	5.000 NOK
Gift UiO	25.000 NOK
TOTAL	30.000 NOK
Expenses	
EURODOC AGM 2013	3.060 NOK
SiN AGM 2013	11.644 NOK
Workshop in Oslo, March 2014	4.249 NOK
EURODOC membership-fee 2014	2.488 NOK
Transfer expenses	780 NOK
TOTAL	22.221 NOK
<i>Profit</i>	<i>7.779 NOK</i>
Capital SiN per 30.04.2014	45.779 NOK

SiN had a profit of 7.779 NOK in 2013-2014 giving a capital per 30.04.2014 of 45.779 NOK. The main reason for the profit is the gifts SiN received from UiODoc and UiO.

The annual accounts do not include expenses for participation in EURODOC AGM 2014, expenses for arranging SiN AGM 2014, and income from the SiN membership-fees 2014 from the member organizations.