



**Stipendiatororganisasjonene
i Norge**

The Association of Doctoral Organizations in Norway

**ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015**

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1. Overview

The last Annual General Meeting (AGM) was arranged by UiODoc, and held the 7th May 2014 at UiO in Oslo. This annual report covers the period since the last AGM.

Since the last AGM SiN has arranged six board meetings and two workshops. SiN has replied to one hearing from KD, participated in a UHR working group, held presentations at two events, and received financial support from KD.

In 2014/2015 SiN was represented at a national level in the board of the Research Committee of UHR, and at a European level by participation in the Eurodoc AGM. SiN was also present at major national events concerning research politics in Norway.

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

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2. Member organizations

SiN had nine member organizations in 2014/2015:

- UiODoc – University of Oslo
- DION – Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- TODOS – University of Tromsø
- FODOS – Norwegian University of Life Sciences (previously UMB)
- UiSDC – University of Stavanger
- PhD-UiA – University of Agder
- DIOV – Norwegian University of Life Sciences (previously NVH)
- Kunststipendiatforum – Norwegian Artistic Research Program
- NIHSPØ – Norwegian School of Sport Sciences

3. Board Composition

The SiN board consisted of eight board members in 2014/2015:

- Morten Stornes (DION) - President
- Izaskun Muruzábal-Lecumberri (UiSDC) - Vice President
- Magdalena Bruch (FODOS) – Treasurer
- Jesper James Alvær (Kunststipendiatforum) - Board member
- Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan (DION) – Board member
- Anders Farholm (NIHSPØ) - Board member and UHR representative
- Erlend Dancke Sandorf (TODOS) - Board member
- Ingun Lund Witsø (UiODoc) - Board member

4. Main activities 2014/2015

In 2014/2015 SiN has:

- Arranged six board meetings on Skype and two board meetings/workshops at the Oslo Academy of Arts (KHiO) and at UiS.
- Held a joint workshop with UiODoc on organization management and updated documents on organizational structure.
- Written a joint statement with DION supporting Iranian PhD Candidates being denied work permits in Norway.
- 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 postdoctoral candidates in Norway through replies to the hearing *Hiring Regulations for Tenure Track Positions*.
- Participated in and voiced its opinion in a working group on *Attractive career paths and increased mobility in research* in UHR.
- Participated in several meetings and seminars regarding research politics in Norway.
- Sent an application for continued financial support from the *Ministry of Higher Education and Research* (KD).
- Worked on increasing its visibility through more active use of Facebook and Twitter.

5. Board meetings and workshop

SiN board meetings have been arranged on Skype in order to avoid travelling and save money. The board meetings were 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.

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

Table 5.1: Overview of SiN meetings in 2014-2015

Date	Event
07.05.2014	Annual General Meeting 2014
19.05.2014	Board Meeting May
18.08.2014	Board Meeting August
23.09.2014	Board Meeting September and Workshop at KHiO
29.10.2014	Organization workshop w. UiODoc
05.11.2014	Board Meeting November
10.02.2015	Board Meeting February
26.02.2015	Board Meeting and Workshop at UiS
15.04.2015	Board Meeting April

21.05.2015	Board Meeting May
28.05.2015	Annual General Meeting 2015

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 former SiN member Hege Rudi Standal. This is a continuation from the previous board term.
- SiN has been 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. Website and social media

Izaskun Muruzábal-Lecumberri was responsible for the SiN website, Facebook page and Twitter account in 2014/2015. The website has been updated with information about the 2014/2015 board and minutes from the board meetings.

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 Conference and AGM.

- The SiN-representative in 2014-2015 in the board of the *Research Committee of UHR* (The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions) has been Anders Farholm. Former SiN representative Hege Rudi Standal continued representing SiN in the *Working group on Attractive career paths and increased mobility in research*.
- SiN was invited to a commenting meeting arranged by the *Ministry of Education and Research* the 13th of October 2014. The meeting was on the topic of the merger and organization of the higher education institutions (SAKS).
- 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 15th – 16th of October 2014. SiN presented the organization.

- SiN participated at *Forskningspolitisk Seminar – «Jo større, jo bedre?»* arranged by Forskerforbundet in Oslo the 3rd of November 2014.
- SiN was invited to hold a presentation at the *Eurodoc Conference* and send delegates to the *Eurodoc AGM* in Cluj-Napoca the 27th - 30th of April 2015. SiN held a presentation on SiN's role as a national commenting body at the conference.

9. Replies to national hearings

During 2014/2015 SiN replied to one hearing from KD:

- 10th of January 2015 - Innspill til *Forskrift om ansettelse på innstegsvilkår*. SiN was invited to send a reply to this hearing.

In addition, SiN was present at a commenting meeting arranged by KD 13th of October 2014 regarding the merger of higher education institutions in Norway (SAKS). SiN was invited give a written reply as well, but decided against this due to the complexity of the issue and the short time we had.

10. Finances

In 2014/2015 Magdalena Bruch has been the treasurer of SiN.

The Annual accounts contain transactions done from the 28th of April 2014 to the 19th of May 2015.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014-2015	
<i>Capital SiN per 28.04.2014</i>	<i>45 930,93 NOK</i>
Income	
Membership fee	14 000,00 NOK
KD support	300 000,00 NOK
Eurodoc AGM 2014 compensation	2 442,84 NOK
Commissions	177,45 NOK
TOTAL	316 620,29 NOK
Expenses	
Board compensation	100 200,00 NOK
Travel and board meeting expenses	32 750,80 NOK
Workshop w. UiODoc	13 125,00 NOK
Eurodoc membership fee 2014	2 703,60 NOK
Website	456,25 NOK
Budget revision	6 250,00 NOK

Transfer expenses	966,00 NOK
Salary tax	49 800,00
TOTAL	206 251,65 NOK
<i>Profit</i>	<i>110 368,64 NOK</i>
Capital SiN per 18.05.2015	156 299,57 NOK

SiN had a profit of **110 368,64** NOK in 2014-2015 giving a capital per 19.05.2015 of **156 299,57** NOK.

Notes:

The main reason for the profit is the support received from KD. This is however not true profit, as unspent support can be demanded to be refunded.

The total amount spent on board compensation is 150 000, and includes the salary tax.

The annual accounts do not include expenses for participation in Eurodoc AGM 2015, expenses for arranging SiN AGM 2015, and income from the SiN membership fees 2015.

The accounts for the financial year 2014, which have been audited, have been attached for completeness.