

SiN Board Meeting August 2014

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Place: Skype

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Notice of absence: Martha Emelie (NTNU), Anders Farholm (NIHSPO)

Agenda:

1. *Financial situation – Application for funding to UiS (the provisional document is in dropbox, folder “budget”). Plan for funds from KD (300k).*

We got 300 000 kroner from KD in July. How to use it?

Board members compensation: how to compensate? First we need to set up the implications we have and decide if we want to be paid as employees, extension of contract, salary, etc.

Projects of SiN where to use the money before thinking about board members compensation. We should elaborate a list to discuss in the next face to face meeting, for the moment:

- AGM: around 30-40 000 kroner.
- Workshop with UiODoc (in September-October).
- EURODOC in Spring (we can cover for 2 delegates). They cover something (300 euros last time) but maybe we need to use more. Do we still want to be members of EURODOC? Then we have to pay the fee

Money from UiS: better to write down a project or apply just as organization? We can discuss about it at the coming face to face meeting as latest.

NIHSPO asked for an exemption of payment of fee to SiN. We can postpone the payment until they get their budget and can pay us. We cannot exempt them according to the Statutes, but they would have time to pay until the next AGM.

2. *Workshop with UiODoc – what and when?*

Seminar of UiODoc on self-management for PhDs and postdocs and how to build an organization. Looking for some lecturers. Maybe some politician or someone with a lot of experience in organizations, like Julien S Bourell.

It will be held hopefully in September-October.

UiODoc has some money but SiN could participate with money too since it will take part in the organization. How to pay this? How much?

3. *Advisory board – status? Have anyone had time to work on it?*

There is a document in dropbox. The management should be in the Statutes, so it cannot be settled until the next AGM, but should we have an informal one? (UiODoc and Julien push for the importance of it).

We can settle an informal one until we can elaborate a formal one and include it in the Statutes in the next AGM.

For the informal:

- Who? Limit number of people, like 5? Send an email asking if they want to be part to ask for possible advice. Julien, Ricardo, Melania.... And elaborate an email list if they accept so we can ask them in case of doubt.
- How much involved are they going to be? Just for advice or they need to inform us periodically? For the moment just advice when we ask for it.

4. *Iranian case – recap and current status*

At national level, so we need to be involved because it represents a limitation on PhDs and Master's students and also some regular employees. This could be of great impact for SiN so we should help them. What if we bring some to the face to face to give us their point of view? Mrten is going to try to contact a representative so we can have a link.

They are going to sue the government because it doesn't specify how reasonable is to not allow them to work. For that, they are trying to establish themselves as organization and they want to create a bank account. They ask for our help for the bank account, but they should be able to do it themselves as organization when they are. So we have agreed to support them with the forms they need but not to open a bank account for them for the moment.

We will keep on following the news, better if we get a link person, so we can give them more support in the near future if they need it.

5. *Face to face meeting – when? What to do?*

22nd or 23rd of September in Oslo. Establish a doodle to decide the exact day and book a place.

6. *Webpage*

Paid and solved.

7. *Other issues*