

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Board meeting

Date: 01.07.2021

Time: 17:00

Place: Zoom

Agenda

1. SiN positions
2. Consultation statements
3. Regional input meetings for the “Langtidsplan for forskning og høyere utdanning 2023-2032”
4. EuroDoc conference and AGM
5. Forskerutdanningskonferansen
6. KIF erfaringskonferanse
7. NIFU interviews
8. Google account
9. MS Teams for SiN
10. AGM 2021
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Attendees

- SiN board: Yannik, Camilla, Bikal, Margret

Minutes

Meeting start: 17:00

1. SiN positions

There is no feedback from the board, only minor comments from the local organisations, and most feedback is positive. Margret will summarise the feedback and upload this by Sunday evening, so Yannik, Idd, Camilla and Margret can revise their positions next week. Bikal can upload the finalised positions sometime in July.

2. Consultation statements

There are several consultations until autumn (1 October) that we should answer, for which we need to set aside time and allocate responsibilities:

- 27 July: Change in self financing regulations;
- 22 August: Digitalisation within the university sector;
- 23 August: A comprehensive career position structure in academia (report);
- 10 September: Long term plan for research and higher education 2023-2032

Currently, there is no a protocol for how to approach consultation statements, and one should be developed for the future. A discussion ensues on what the ideal process would look like, and which elements it should contain. Suggestions are:

- The consultation should be brought up at the first following board meeting and the following things should be reviewed:
 - Goal and context of the consultation
 - Whether it something SiN already has a position on
 - Yes: no need to consult members
 - No: need to consult members
 - The timeline for submitting a reply (backward planning the following deadlines in reverse chronological order):
 - When the translation should be ready
 - When comments on the second version should be in
 - When the revision should be ready (a week before the deadline)
 - When comments on the first draft should be in
 - When the first draft (could be an outline, needs to be in English) should be ready and shared with the board
 - The writing team
 - One or more persons who write the draft and translate
 - Additional person who checks the final draft
- The writing process could look as follows:
 - One person drafts the statement (in English) and shares with the board for input, ideally two weeks before the deadline
 - Everyone has the chance to provide comments
 - The draft is revised and sent for final comments before translation, ideally a week before the deadline
 - The revision is translated into Norwegian
 - A final check of the Norwegian version is done by a second reader
 - The hearing is submitted and a submission confirmation is sent to the board
 - The final (Norwegian) version is published on the website, possibly alongside an English version to make the reply more accessible.

If we are consulted on a topic that we don't have an official policy on, we should ask our member organisations what they think of it. This also applies to the digitalisation in higher education. Camilla mentions that we have a lot on our plate and that, if we should skip anything, the hearing in July is the least relevant. Margret counters that digitalisation could have an effect on the teaching load and that there might be consequences for PhDs if they are supposed to develop and teach digital courses as part of their duty work. The board decides that the digitalisation strategy is not a priority. Yannik will send an email to the board asking who is interested in contributing to the other three consultations.

3. Regional input meetings for the "Langtidsplan for forskning og høyere utdanning 2023-2032"

Yannik and Camilla report on the regional meetings that they attended, which involved all sorts of stakeholders who will be affected by the new long-term plan (LTP) for research and higher education. The meetings did not have a clear structure and were mostly meant to find out what different organisations consider important elements to include in the LTP. Yannik, Ingvild and Camilla had a pre-meeting to decide what SiNs contribution could be if relevant topics would be brought up, but decided that SiNs attendance was useful mostly to listen and get a feeling for how we align with other organisations, so we can tailor our response to the consultation.

Relevant topics that were brought up were: the creation of new workplaces during the regional meeting for North Norway (attended by Camilla) and making education more practical at the regional meeting of West Norway (attended by Yannik).

Yannik, Ingvild and Camilla will each write a short summary of the meetings (including notes on the viewpoints of other organisations). Camilla will compile this information in a word document and upload it on Google Drive in the LPT consultation statement folder, so it can serve as input during the drafting process.

4. EuroDoc conference and AGM

On 3 June, EuroDoc held a special meeting for the Nordics, including the national associations of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Poland. This meeting was mainly to make Nordic organisations aware of what EuroDoc is and to introduce them to organisations in neighboring countries. Yannik attended and took the opportunity to ask EuroDoc how they work and how best to ensure continuity. Despite not having received communication from EuroDoc in almost a year, apparently SiN is still a member in EuroDoc and someone from the then SiN board, Charlotte Weber, was involved in EuroDoc more than two years ago. We do, however, pay a membership fee of roughly 2000 NOK, but so far the benefits to SiN are not clear. According to the EuroDoc statutes, national member organisations should receive a lot of benefits that we are currently not receiving, such as being properly informed of the activities coordinated by EuroDoc, offering suggestions to the board or the AGM, participating in activities, appointing delegates to the AGM and nominating candidates to the AGM. The question is: what does EuroDoc actually do, and should we collaborate more with them - and if so, on what topics? Since the current SiN board did not have any introduction to SiN and our relation to EuroDoc, it is decided that this should be included in any training given to the new board.

SiN should normally send two delegates to the EuroDoc AGM, where the new EuroDoc Board will be elected. Anyone can contribute to EuroDoc working groups, even if they are not a EuroDoc board member. Bikal is interested in joining EuroDoc and would like to be part of the doctoral training working group. Margret thinks EuroDoc has other working groups that could be relevant for us (such as the mental health working group) and that we should collaborate with them more closely. EuroDoc could also be the primary avenue through which we can advocate for the rights of EU funded PhDs and postdocs at the EU level.

EuroDoc will have their AGM in July, but the information that was shared by email and on their website state different dates. Apparently there is a conference prior to the AGM (on 14-15 July) that is open to all, while the AGM itself will take place on 16-17, which is only for delegates and candidates. Yannik will email EuroDoc and ask for the exact date and whether anyone can register, or only delegates from national member organisations. He will also ask them to clarify the type and number of open positions in the board, the workload attached to a board position, and whether potential candidates for the EuroDoc board can nominate themselves or should be nominated by SiN. Their statutes do not mention a cap for the number of candidates, but it would make sense if there is, as there are more than 20 countries represented.

When Yannik receives confirmation from Angieska, Camilla will publish the correct information about the conference (and possibly the AGM) on the website and social media, and Margret will share this information by email with the local organisations. The deadline to confirm delegates is tomorrow, so Yannik will send an email today and ask the SiN board to reply before tomorrow (Friday) 5pm. If no one else apart from Bikal wants to join, we will send only one delegate and Bikal should have two votes on behalf of SiN.

5. Forskerutdanningskonferansen

The forskerutdanningskonferansen will take place 7-8 September and the registration deadline is 8 August. Ingvild will give a keynote on behalf of SiN, and it discussed who else (if anyone) should attend. In general it seems a good idea to attend conferences that deal with topics we are working on (like researcher education), and it would be a good opportunity to go all together and meet up in person. Camilla will distribute the programme and registration information via email to the board, and encourage as many as possible to join. Preparation for the forskerutdanningskonferansen will be discussed at the next board meeting in August.

6. KIF erfaringskonferanse

SiN has been invited to attend the 'erfaringskonferanse' organised by the committee for gender balance and diversity in research (KIF). Camilla prefers not to attend because another representative from OsloMet will also be there. Yannik will ask Idd or Ingvild if one of them is able to go on behalf of SiN.

UiODoc is the only local organisation that also received this invitation, but the email did mention to forward the information to other parties that might be interested in participating. Margret will include this in an email to be sent to all member organisations, together with information on the EuroDoc conference and AGM next week.

7. NIFU interviews

Yannik followed up on NIFU's request for an interview, but did not hear anything back. Last time he contacted them was two weeks ago. He will try again after the holidays (in August), if the topic is still relevant.

8. Google account

Two weeks ago Yannik established contact with Google. Someone who is not in the SiN board is still the owner of the stipendiat.no domain (including the website and all mailing lists). This ownership can be transferred to either Yannik or Grace when they have confirmed their identity and role in the organisation. This will probably take about two weeks.

At least two people (preferably the President and the Vice president) should administer the lists. The Google Drive is independent of the domain, so it should be possible to remove ex-board members from there. Yannik will look into this. To prevent this problem from recurring, ownership should be transferred annually during the transition period following the AGM. This will be written in the guidelines.

9. MS Teams for SiN

Margret has asked Grace and Yannik for the required information to submit an application for MS Business as a non-profit organisation. Once submitted, processing will take about a week.

10. AGM 2021

Yannik prefers to have the AGM earlier in the fall because of teaching duties. Camilla reminds us that we already decided last year at the previous AGM that the next AGM would be as close to

the accounting year as possible, either late November/early December. The board has been working on the premise that we would have until Christmas to conclude our activities. Margret agrees it would be good to have some more time after the summer holidays to wrap up and disseminate current board work. Local organisations should also be informed and have time to advertise and nominate candidates for the SiN board. Margret considers active recruitment important to secure enough candidates for the future board. The topic of the AGM and recruitment will be picked up again in August, and a date for the AGM will be set at the quarterly meeting.

11. Next meeting

Yannik will send a doodle for the August board meeting and set a date by the end of next week.

Meeting end: 19:15



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