

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Board meeting 28.02.2022

Time: 17:00

Location: Zoom

Agenda

1. SiN working hours
2. COVID-19 survey
3. Russia/Ukraine statement
4. Samarbeider konferanse
5. NARMA conference
6. Invoices
7. KD funding
8. Quarterly meeting
9. Questions & Comments

Minutes

Present: Nicolas, Sanja, Anna, Chris, Friederike, Siamak, Andrea, Johanne (a few minutes late)

Absent: Yauhen

Meeting start: 17:00

1. SiN working hours

The working hours should be written in the Excel table that can be found on our drive. Hours for the current month should be documented in the table before the meeting, so that we can keep track. This will also allow us to avoid uncomfortable situations in relation to our budget. Nicolas will send a link to the document on Slack.

2. COVID-19 survey

Andrea, Chris, Sanja

The survey is currently half the size it was before the revision. Still, it is a bit too long, and we want to get as many answers as possible. Comments go in favor of the revised survey in comparison with the initial draft. Still, some important challenges are highlighted in the discussion:

- Perhaps to have a bit more data, even if fewer people (not letting quantity go over quality)
- Highlighting the point of the survey on the first page (What is the output?)
- It should also be stated in a clearer manner what SiN is, as we advocate for PhD candidates (this may aid in getting more answers, and in general, more interest from the respondents).

The final plan: Nicolas will mention the survey at the quarterly meeting. The pipeline would be to make the changes, send to Slack for the board to review it, and roll it out in 7-10 days.

3. Russia/Ukraine statement

Nicolas shared the document. No one opposed to the final version.

3.1. Russia/Ukraine: What to do on behalf of SiN?

As it seems, there is a lot of opposition from many countries to the complete cutting of ties with Russian and Belarus universities. The UK is reacting with a task force. We can ask our member organizations how we can help. An agreement within the board exists on not taking part in organizing donations, as we are an interest organization and should not take political stands.

4. Samarbeider konferanse

How to establish connections between universities and research institutes? Internationalization was a topic as well, in the sense of using the Norwegian language in

higher institutions. That aligns with SiNs' focus on internationalization as a relevant topic. Still, at the conference, it seemed a bit unclear how exactly internationalization should be understood. They seem to just highlight the Norwegian language as relevant. Soon the 4-year plan will be out. So Johanne and Chris will keep an eye so that we can have a reaction on time.

Nicolas asked whether our position is still good enough considering this new input? No one opposed it.

5. NARMA Conference

For research administration. Nicolas highlights that if anyone wants to participate, they should feel free to do so. We were not able to find a precise date, but apparently it will be held after March 18.

6. INVOICES

We have to send the invoices to the member organizations.

7. KD Funding

The previous finance officer was quite busy in the past period, so it was a bit challenging, but Yauhan will manage to submit it by March 15, which is the deadline. We should be asking for more funds for next year (for the next board) because the amount for the current year is already set. Apparently, the information we had that the amount should be set by June was incorrect, and the amount should be set by February. Therefore, it is too late to raise funds for this term.

8. Quarterly meeting

The plan will be:

- 15 minutes – introduction to the meeting
- Everyone will present themselves with their name, board position, where and/or what they are researching
- Raising hand's function (as we will have many, to be more efficient)
- The PhD group will present their ideas.

9. Questions and comments

- Friederike could provide us with info on EuroDoc content. Some of it might be interesting to put in the newsletters
- At the meeting, we could put our positions next to our names, and the leaders could put their universities next to their names (as we will be many people)
- Where are the last meeting's minutes? On the Drive, and already on the Web page as well

Meeting ended 17:44