

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Board meeting 25.04.2022

Time: 17:00

Location: Zoom

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Minutes

Present: Nicolas, Sanja, Anna, Chris, Friederike, Andrea, Johanne, Yauhen (3 min late)

Absent: Siamak

Meeting start: 17:00

1. Updates from individual board members

Andrea: Update of minutes on the web page, creating the opportunities page

Anna: Prepared the e-mail with the proposal for the PhD day. Sent it to Sanja today.

Chris: Watched the Covid-19 survey. Waiting for the next UHR meeting

Friederike: Commented on the draft for the EC. They want to reform research assessment (ensuring that quality is more relevant than quantity – e.g. number of journals), to develop new tools for research impact. There is also a lot coming in relation to Ukraine – their association stated what kind of support they would like to receive.

Johanne: On the communication side, a few stories were published in Khrono, and there with SiN has taken part in the public debate. Keeping an eye on current affairs (Please, don't steal my research), promoting the survey, responding to people on Facebook and Twitter.

- Johanne: Perhaps we could have individual stories linked to the newsletter.
- Nicolas: I think that Siamak and you are doing a good job.

Sanja: Tried to detangle the e-mail challenge, contacting the organizations, sending the Covid-19 survey.

- Nicolas: We are a bit uncertain about the response of the quarterly meeting, as we are sending the e-mail to medlemmer@stipendiat.no, and we are not sure who is reading those e-mails.
- Sanja: At UiS we have the system that the leader is in charge of reading e-mails and forwarding them to the personal e-mails of the people in charge.
- Nicolas: That is a good system.
- Yauhen: had a problem with UiO and NTNU in reaching out.

Yauhen: Trying to get money from the universities, an e-mail was sent to the former board asking if it was ok to pay them slightly later. Invoices for the universities will be done this week.

2. Leader phone number update

There is an issue of Nicolas not having a SiN e-mail address as his personal e-mail address. He is in contact, and hopefully everything will be solved asap.

3. Finance Update

Trying to get money from the universities, NTNU already paid, UiO in the process. An e-mail was sent to the former board asking if it was ok to pay them slightly later (to check if it was urgent). No answer in 3 weeks, and today the former treasurer asked why the payment was not done. Our report will influence the money for the next board. We will have a deficit at the end of this year but that is going to be fine. For now, we paid the audit, the transition seminar,

past board compensations, and some bills from the last year that came late (Bergen food AGM). We are doing good.

4. Mental Health Survey

We have over 1000 replies. The deadline will be extended until April 30th, and Sanja will send out a reminder to the local organizations. Andrea will change the deadline in the online version. The next step is to close the survey and start writing the report.

5. PhD Day

The proposal was posted on the Slack channel, and Siamak gave feedback where it was agreed on some new speakers. There were issues with Slack, and it is uncertain whether others have seen it. The proposal was sent today to Sanja, where the question is set to the member organizations to give input by May 15th. The financial side if the event is physical will be a bit expensive. It will be lined up with Forskningsdagene to be more visible. Yauhen and Anna will have a discussion on finances, so that a budget can be formed, and we should be sticking to it.

6. Internationalisation Position (red text is new)

Only two member organizations responded to the suggested document. NHH said they were fine with it. There were not many changes to the document itself. One of the feedbacks coming before the last quarterly meeting was the shift of the attention to all researchers (with this feedback we all agreed, and introduced changes to be more balanced). Everyone should have a look at it today or tomorrow, and we can have it out by the end of the week. Chris could translate the document also into Norwegian after Wednesday.

7. EuroDoc Things

AGM

- It is now communicated that instead of a 2 day conference (1st day conference + 2nd day AGM) there will be a separate conference in May, with the topic of bridges between research and business, followed by AGM on June 10th, 11th which will be hybrid. We can send 2 delegates to Vilnius as Yauhen had paid the membership fee this morning, so the 2 delegates would be covered by EuroDoc. If no changes occur Nicolas and Friederike will travel to Vilnius. No one else showed interest in participating. If someone wants to travel as an observer from the member organizations they should cover their costs. If people from the local organizations want to run for the EuroDoc board we should inform them that it is a hybrid event and they can also follow online. We should also keep them informed that the conference is free.

UKRAINE

- The SiN equivalent from Ukraine expressed which kind of support they would like to receive. The board agrees as we do take political stands, we agreed that we are not doing things in that context, so in that sense we can forward this to our local organizations and they can take it from there. To make things easier for the future

communication, we will publish a section on the web page devoted to the Ukraine updates, where local organizations can be directly updated. Andrea will do the change in the web page, and Friederike will summarise the information received so far by the end of the week. When everything is set, Andrea will drop the link on Slack.

8. Research Theft

Nicolas did some interviews, after being contacted by Khrono. After the first one, we got many e-mails with people's personal stories, Nicolas was replying and acknowledging the seriousness of the problem, and presenting our future steps. The board agrees on the following:

- We should have a quick survey to be sent out to the local organizations, so that we can say in the interviews that say "...%" of researchers have experienced research theft.
- Do a position statement (write it this or next week) and get feedback and finalize before the meeting so that it can be published asap.
- Publish the personal stories. Nicolas could contact the ones who reached out to us to ask for the consent to use their stories and we could use a hashtag #stolemyresearch or similar. Social media team will think of a strategy and a new working group should be created. Nicolas will set the group after the meeting and anyone willing can join. Johanne volunteered to join the team.

9. Newsletter

Currently in the newsletter: Internationalization, Please, don't steal my research, Mental health, PhD Day, 2nd Quarterly meeting. If there are no urgent issues, we can send it on Monday. The protocol from the AGM will also be included.

10. Job postings on site

It looks great at the moment. The board supports including other schools that are not part of SiN, but there will be a distinction made between the two groups. HVL are getting the University status from 2023, and the board agrees that as they already have a PhD program we should make an effort and reach out to them, so that possibly they join SiN. We could even be of aid in setting a doctoral organization if they do not have one yet. Also, Nicolas is travelling to Oslo next month, and will be talking with BI if they would join SiN. It would increase the % of the students we represent, and also bring diversity in not presenting only state schools. The challenge with HVL might be since they are spread all around western Norway, but still, we should contact their PhD office. We can try to get some information and talk again at the next meeting.

11. Local non-leaders in Slack?

Who do we want to have on Slack (addressing Runa's question in relation to including more members on Slack)? The logistical challenge in having whole boards is significant (following who is there, who left, etc.). If we gave local organizations the right to update the Excel sheet with their contacts on Google Drive that could solve the challenge. Since it is good to have someone in addition on Slack who can follow up with the messages in case the leaders miss something.

12. Quarterly Meeting Agenda

By the next Friday Nicolas will send the newsletter, the draft with the research theft position statement, and ask for the agenda inputs (by the middle of May).

Meeting ended 18:02