

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Board meeting 26.09.2022

Time: 17:00

Location: Zoom

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Minutes

Present: Nicolas, Sanja, Johanne, Siamak, Chris, Anna, Friederike, Yauhen (5 minutes late)

Not present: Andrea

Meeting start 17:00

1. Updates

Nicolas: is travelling to Nord university tomorrow, and on Friday to UiS

Sanja: sorting Minutes, began with the Annual Report preparation, finalizing the Discussion section in the COVID-19 report.

Johanne: PhD Day communication, HK Dir 20% of PhD candidates do not finish on time (the question is how it is measured, e.g., sick leave, maternity leave). The quality of supervision in Norway, also a debate on Twitter – PhD candidates have challenges if they don't get a job right after they finish, as they don't have the right on social support.

Siamak: dealing with the PhD Day, one speaker cancelled for "Life after PhD", so contacting the next potential person.

Chris: attended the UHR working group meeting a couple weeks ago. Chris expressed our interest in being part of the working group "Training of PhD supervisors". We have to decide upon who is going to attend it (working language is Norwegian) when we get the info on when it is happening.

Anna: 177 participants for tomorrow's PhD Day event, and 63 for Thursday. Thursday will be hybrid. Some people for UiO are working on gathering all the courses in Norway, as it exists in Denmark, and SiN should be part of it.

Friederike: She attended the third Eurodoc meeting, where they discussed the working groups they have. Eurodoc wants to implement the gender equality plan. They provided an update on the taskforce working on Ukraine. The idea of implementing a European medicines infrastructure – producing pharmaceutical products on a European level – Eurodoc was invited to that meeting (on how to implement that). The next Eurodoc meeting will be in November on the statutes. There is a conference in Prague in November (10/11 November + 9th November) and they want to have as many national representatives as possible. We have to consider whether it will be relevant for us to attend. As it is not in our budget, Nicolas offered to go in case it is useful, as he will be at that time in Germany, so the travel costs that way might be lower.

Yauhen: The invoices were sent out for the membership fees. Six organizations paid.

2. PhD Day

a. How did it go/is going?

All the info is provided in Section 1 (Updates).

3. Mental Health Survey

a. Current status

The plan is to polish the report during this week and to send it to the board for feedback. That way, it can be finalized and sent to the local organizations in the 2nd newsletter (the 1st was sent today), which would include the info on how PhD Day went.

4. Statutes

Everyone should write comments on Slack in case they see a need to insert some changes in the statutes. The same goes for the guidelines. There is a question about how many e-mail accounts are necessary to be included (as currently there might be some excess ones). The board agreed that we need at least four. Both have to be done at least two weeks before the AGM, but the board agreed that we would like to finish them in good time ahead of the AGM, to have everything prepared.

5. Budget Update

a. Forskerutdanningskonferansen

b. Forskerforbundet meeting

We saved money for the Forskningsutdanningskonferanse as they covered the transport and hotel. Forskerforbundet meeting is an extra expense. That one is though not too expensive. For the AGM the budget says 27 people (9 board members plus the member organizations). But we will have 4 extra people (from the new member organizations). Sanja, Andrea, Yauhen will not attend the AGM, so that should be fine, then. The hotel prices are very high in Kristiansand. So, the challenge is, for example, how to fit into the costs the people from Tromsø for instance. Perhaps we can say 6000 per university instead of 3000 per person. That way, we can motivate people from the same university to share a room. Another measure is to buy tickets way in advance. Nicolas is also checking if we can get a block rate at some hotel for all people.

6. AGM

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See also Sections 4 and 5 (covering b, c, e, and f). At NHH there are people interested in running for the Eurodoc and President positions. It would be good to put in the link for applying for the AGM a question on whether a person is interested in running for a certain position. An important remark is that people who would like to run for a position do not necessarily have to attend the AGM (as it was also the case last year). New member

organizations attending the AGM this year are Nord University and USN. It would be good if we could get some more, such as BI for instance.

7. Annual Report

Both Nicolas and Sanja are working on the annual report. Everyone should also send in what they have done by now so it can be included in the annual report. All the achievements should also be sent and Yauhen should prepare the financial stuff. It would be great to have everything set in advance and not only 2 weeks before the AGM.

8. HK-Dir Meeting

The board is approving the costs for the meeting. The plan is to talk about our budget and what we have done. Maybe someone from the advisory board should also be present. Nicolas will contact Camilla to see if she did something like this last year and if she would like to attend the meeting. This is especially as we were not able to find any info on someone attending this meeting last year, so we are not sure whether it is only a dialogmøte about this year, or does it include discussions about the last year as well. Nicolas will send them an e-mail to double-check if the focus is on 2021 or 2022.

The meeting ended at 17:54