



**Datum:** 2023-05-30

**Time:** 18.00 May 30th - 19.30 March 30th

**Place:** Google Hangout

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**Attendees:** 8 (see Appendix)

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## Welcome and opening

Ole Kristian Dyskeland greeted all the participants

## Updates

- op-ed by Ole Kristian and Regina regarding the Norwegian language requirement to be able to join university councils and committees published in Khrono; Khrono took a month to reply; Ole Kristian and Regina weren't given 24 hours to make the changes - the article was published without a final approval by the authors
- Quarterly Meeting was informative with a decent attendance; new faces; positive feedback from UiBdoc on our work
- emails with info about conflict management and existing structures from local organizations will be uploaded in Google Drive by Friederike
- Ole Kristian is planning to contact the newly formed organization "Ferske Forskere"

## Yearly Wheel

- EuroDoc AGM on the 7th of June
- one of the topics on the agenda is open science
- Dimitris has been involved in the working group on career development, specifically working on harassment
- Dimitris asked for Nicolas's experience: how best to prepare for the meeting
- costs are covered by EuroDoc (hotel and meals)
- open science discussion through UHR, but not directly, more will come in 2024



- Ole Kristian: make an unified opinion regarding the open science which we give in UHR and EuroDoc; Dimitris should send Ole Kristian an opinion or make a public statement which doesn't contradict the existing one; Dimitris: there wasn't a public a statement, so there shouldn't be a contradiction, Ole Kristian trusts Dimitris to represent us well and come back to us with a report about AGM
- second newsletter is due in June, when should we send it out; end of June is optimal as it is after the UHR meeting, EuroDoc AGM and it is still before the main vacation period

## Press/PR review

- tuition fees are big; comes into force from August; the topic was addressed a bit last year; not very relevant for PhDs but still is as master students who come to Norway and stay for a PhD may be affected
- last year SiN was involved more by Khrono as many things related to the research were happening, e.g., cuts in the research funds, research theft, supervision related topics
- op-ed on tuition fees based on experience - Regina would like to write it, Anum would like to contribute
- Anum's sister got admitted to a master program in Norway; not affordable due to tuition fees; need for scholarships; comparison with other Scandinavian countries (e.g., in Sweden scholarships are available, also exceptions and fee reductions)
- Nicolas thinks it would be better to write this op-ed in Norwegian
- consider Forskerform or talk to a journalist, the latter can maybe attract more attention; maybe NRK or VG, Nicolas can take a look
- Nicolas: one potential argument that Norway will lose a lot of international students as for this price one can go to a higher ranked school
- Ole Ksistian and Nicolas will work on 2 op-eds: supervision and career (focusing on a PhD holders in industry); people shaping the PhD education are the people who decided to stay in academia, however, a lot of people are not staying, therefore, it would be beneficial to improve the role of industry; maybe we could find a way to show that PhDs can bring very valuable experience also to the public sector and industry
- Nicolas: stand in Norway - PhDs are for academia, it is difficult to change that attitude
- Dimitris: get perspectives from people who left academia



- Ole Kristian: our position is that education is just a signal, e.g., if one studied natural sciences, one have a set of skills different from the skills one would acquire when doing a social sciences degree, however, one can do various jobs within a sector
- Yucong: PhDs are over-qualified for engineering jobs, companies have to pay more but for the same job which a master can do
- Nicolas: at NHH a general opinion is that one failed if didn't stay in academia as your education defines you
- Anum: in the IT field in Europe companies are looking for PhDs as they want to do development and need people to do research, also internships available, but not in Norway; a survey on the experiences or interviews with people who left academia would be great
- Ole Kristian: such kind of a survey means a lot of work, similar workload as for a working group
- we could have "Life after PhD" as a panel discussion where we collect experiences, this format is more realistic for our term

## UHR review

- all strategic sections of UHR (Forskning, Innovasjon, Utdanning) met at Fellesmøte on April 12th: all pro-rektors from university colleges for education or research (depending on the institution and universities) were present
- one of the meeting topics was research system in Norway in general: how the research should be funded in the future, how to reach the goal of development expenses of 2% GDP in research; Norway needs to become better in using the research which is produced
- at the following UHR-Forskning's meeting discussion about open publishing after 2024; presentation about background of open science, which journals have the agreement, what is the strategy when open publishing comes into force, there is a working group and consultation will come on the 15th of June
- other topics at UHR-Forskning's meeting were financing of research, institution strategic planning, NOR-CAM and CoARA update: current indicators: how many doctoral candidates (how many graduate per year), how many credited courses the institution offer, how many exchange students, how many publications; these indicators have been changed, discussion whether a distinction between smaller and bigger institutions should be made as smaller are more affected
- next UHR-Forskning meeting on the 31st of May



- after a summer break a meeting on the 30th of August in Oslo; main topics are supervision, goal is to have the report by then, our part should be done in June
- we should provide local organizations with the report at the next Quarterly meeting or together with the invite
- Helene Ingrid from Forskningscommitee, she is also a member of the research ethics committee and would be happy to collaborate; Ole Kristian is in contact with her and will present at the Ethics conference in September

## Consultations

- a current consultation request on the technical education, however, not relevant for us
- local elections in September

## Working group status

### Mental health and supervision working group

- Nicolas sent the draft of the survey to Ole Kristian; Ole Kristian approved; the survey will be published on Slack
- Nicolas hopes that the results of the survey could be used as a base for an op-ed
- the survey should be published before the summer break, reminder should be sent out in August

### Finances working group

- no update so far

### Career working group

- 93 replies to the survey so far
- NTNU gave the most replies
- re-share on the SiN's web page and Facebook profile, Jareef will tag local organizations on Facebook; send out an email reminder
- Regina got a funding from Forskerforbundet for a workshop on the development of the presentation skills, more information will follow in June



### **Treasurer**

- half the compensation for SiN's duties will be paid out in July
- local organizations will get the invoices after the summer
- keep working hours in the Google Drive updated; they will be annulled after end of June, new count from July

### **Organisational**

- one month off and no meeting in June
- next meeting at the end of July (31st of July)
- cabin trip orga team: Friederike, Regin and Ole Kristian

### **Teacher education**

- request to nominate candidates to be a part of a national committee working on coordination and improving the PhD-programmes in the education sciences; two-year term with little workload (three meetings a year) to improve the content and the structure of the PhD programmes in education
- Friederike knew about the committee but never interacted with them
- create a Google form for people to nominate themselves and distribute it to the local organizations (not OsloMet as the last candidates were from OsloMet)
- the appointees need to be in a teacher education track



SiN Monthly Meeting 2023-04-24  
Google Hangout

## **Appendix: Attendies**

Ole Kristian Dyskeland

Regina Paul

Friederike Schäfer

Zihao Wang

Yucong Ma

Dimitris Polychronopoulos

Anum Masood

Nicolas Gibney

## **Absent**

Jareef Bin Martuza