The newsletter has not been very active lately, but we aim to change this. Our ambition is to send out a newsletter approximately once a month, with information on courses, upcoming events and other matters of interest.

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**DION@Studenterhytta**

**When:** Wednesday 15 October 17:00-22:00  
**Where:** Studenterhytta, Andbjørg Jamesons veg 1, 7020 Trondheim, Norway

Dinner, card games, sauna, an impressive selection of beer, music, a fireplace and the great outdoors: Join DION as we take the (free) cabin-bus to Studenterhytta NTNUI from Hovedbygget (The Harry Potter Building) at 17:30 on Wednesday! The cabin and the bus is open for anyone to join, so feel free to bring a friend, a spouse or just a good book.

The dinner buffet (60,-) will be served at 19:30, and a (free) bus returning to downtown/Gløshaugen/Moholt/Steinan will leave the cabin at 22:00. Studenterhytta accepts VISA for payment (dinner/drinks) as well as cash.

Sign up for the event on facebook here: [https://www.facebook.com/events/658473640927352](https://www.facebook.com/events/658473640927352)  
Any questions regarding the evening are welcome at [nestleder@dion.ntnu.no](mailto:nestleder@dion.ntnu.no)

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**Revision of the PhD handbook – your ideas matter!**

The PhD handbook, which describes best practice in the PhD education, is up for revision this year. DION has two representatives in the revision group, and now we need your comments.

The handbook is available here:  
- [English](#)  
- [Norsk](#)

If you have any suggestions, thoughts or ideas on what the revised handbook should include – or not include – please send us an e-mail at [post@dion.ntnu.no](mailto:post@dion.ntnu.no). Your ideas matter!

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**Upcoming NIRS events**

NTNU international researcher support (NIRS) hosts many events for international and Norwegian staff at NTNU. Sign up for their newsletter by sending an e-mail with the title “Subscribe nirs-news” to [symp@adm.ntnu.no](mailto:symp@adm.ntnu.no)
**Socializing with Norwegians – an introduction to Norwegian culture**

When: Tuesday 11 November 2014, 17.00 - 21.00  
Where: Main Building, Gløshaugen, seminar room H3  
http://use.mazemap.com/  

NIRS invites you to the inspiring seminar: "Socializing with Norwegians – an introduction to Norwegian culture". The course improves communication in multi-cultural working environments and provides the basic tools to create long lasting ties between Norwegians and foreigners. Norwegians are also encouraged to attend the course, they will learn to be more aware of their own social behaviors and how these may be misinterpreted by foreigners.

There are a limited number of seats for this event. Please sign up here before 4 November:  

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**NIRS Språk-kafe/Language cafe**

When: 21 October 2014 - 13:00 - 14:30  
Where: NTNU International Researcher Support, Gløshaugen, Infohuset, O. S. Bragstadsplasse 1, ground floor  
http://www.ntnu.no/kart/index.php?id=939  

Practice your Norwegian and meet other internationals at NTNU! NIRS organizes the conversation group in Norwegian for spouses/partners/researchers. The conversation group takes place every second Tuesday between 13:00 and 14:30.

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**PhD course: Communicating science – in journals and to the general public**

Do you need help with writing better research articles? Would you also like to present your findings in Aftenposten and NRK? This course gives you the tools that open the doors to both scientific journals and newspaper editors.

Course 1 will be held Tuesdays and Wednesdays, weeks 42 and 44, Course 2 will be held Wednesdays and Thursdays, weeks 45 and 47. Each course has room for 50 students.

The course is in English, but those of you who use Norwegian as your main language in your research are invited to use Norwegian for the coursework as well.

There is still time to register for the course. Sign up by sending an email to Nancy Lea Eik-Nes. Please include your name and date of birth and which week you want to participate.

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**Course: Rhetoric - the art of persuasion**

This is a two-day course that will be held in English November 26th and 27th: 09:00-16:30 day one, 09:00-16:00 day two.

Target group: Employees who in some way represent their unit and frequently work with presenting material for others: Leaders or managers at any level, advisors, project managers and scientific staff such as Researchers, Assistant/Associate Professors and/or Professors. As a part of the offered career development options for PhD candidates and postdoctoral Fellows, these groups in specific are encouraged to apply for the course.

For registration and more information about the course:  
DION board meeting November

**When:** Monday 3 November 09:00-12:00

**Where:** TBD

DIONs board meetings are open to anyone to attend as an observer. More information on agenda and location will be made available on Innsida and our website the week before the meeting.

Do you have something you would like us to discuss? Send us an e-mail at: post@dion.ntnu.no

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