

# DION board meeting summons

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<b>Time</b>	Wednesday 16 September 2015
<b>Place</b>	Gamle fysikk, room 217.
<b>Present</b>	Øyvind Storesund Hetland, Elli Verhulst, Kam Sripada, Vegard Hagen, Mohammad Saud Afzal, Alexander Busch, Shareq Mohd Nazir
<b>Absent</b>	Hammad Majeed
<b>Observers</b>	Sigurd Vildåsen
<b>Secretary</b>	Andreas Noteng

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## Agenda:

### 1 Welcome /Øyvind

Øyvind talked about what has happened since last time. Øyvind has had presentations about DION to new PhD candidates at the NT and HF faculties. Vegard and Øyvind attended a full-day workshop about career paths in academia where also NIRS and the int. section represent NTNU. Kam will hold a presentation for the medical faculty on Thursday. DION was mentioned in UA in an article about the upcoming election for the NTNU board, which was re-posted on our channels in order to increase the visibility of the upcoming board nominations.

### 2 Discussions related to the Board of NTNU /Øyvind

*The Board is the highest governing body at NTNU and makes decisions on issues of principal importance. There is no immediate board meeting for DION to discuss at this meeting, but we will instead discuss the upcoming elections for the board. A candidate for the election (Sigurd Vildåsen) will present himself, and we will discuss the communications plan for the election as well as a potential public questions-session for the candidates, organized by DION.*

There's no upcoming board meeting, but the elections for the NTNU board are coming up. Nomination requires three signatures. To be eligible for the board position representing the temporary employed scientific staff, you need to have a temporary contract lasting at least until the end of the board period (1,5 years from January). The board elections for employees will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. Candidate nominations can happen until the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Any errors in the voter registry will have to be corrected within the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

Øyvind represents the temporary employed scientific staff in the election committee. DION has been asked to arrange an election meeting where the voters can get to know the candidates. DION wants to combine this with the monthly social event. The event will be scheduled after the nomination deadline on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

Sigurd Vildåsen is a candidate in the board election, and gave a short presentation of himself. Sigurd is representing the temporary employees at NTNU in Tekna. He is a PhD candidate at the IØT, he has experience from the Tekna student national board. Sigurd believes that the merger makes the upcoming board term an exciting term.

Different strategies for creating enthusiasm for the election and increasing the participation was discussed. The board agreed that all communication from NTNU should be bilingual and that all communication from DION should be in English only.

On a national level 35% of all doctoral disputations are given by foreigners.

### 3 Update on the Duty Work & PhD Budget projects /Alex

We have received responses from every faculty except IME and AB. The Rectors office did not reply to the questions but expressed an interest in our work and requested updates as the work progressed. Reminders has been sent to he AB and IME faculties, the IME faculty promised to reply soon.

### 4 Current issues in SiN /Vegard

SiN did not have a proper board meeting, but will have one this afternoon.

Upcoming events:

Tromsø workshop 8<sup>th</sup> of October

Forskerforbundet, seminar in Oslo 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of October.

Workshop with NIH under planning.

DION have applied for events funding from SiN. SiN has ongoing discussions on whether or not to establish a SiN grant that member organisations can apply for.

### 5 Events /All, Hammad, Saud

*Status and plans for DION events for the fall. PhD-movies, "Welcome Event" and more. We should finalize dates and plans at this board meeting.*

The first PhD-movie is planned for week 40.

The second movie together with the welcome event on October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Election event in mid October. Candidates for the NTNU board can present themselves and the voters are given an opportunity to ask questions.

### 6 PhD Cases /Øyvind, Kam

*Update and status on PhD/PostDoc cases. **Not public.***

The discussion regarding ongoing PhD cases are not public.

On a general level the boundaries of DIONs involvement was discussed. DION should not get too involved in personal matters between individuals. In case DION is asked to assist in personal conflicts the person should be directed to HR, NTNU's company health service or the NTNU ethics portal.

### 7 Creation and Delegation of active DION projects /Øyvind

Postponed to the next meeting

## 8 Funding for DION activities

*DION currently receives some modest funding, meant to finance day-to-day operations. Should we attempt to apply for specific event-funds or similar?*

The board agreed to apply for 100-200k as a yearly funding, and give examples of DION events that this money should cover. The application has been sent to the Rector's office through ePhorte.

## 9 A.o.b

*Open point. Any topics can be announced before or at the meeting.*

- How to brand/market DION, visibility
  - Postponed
- New archive system /Andreas
  - Postponed
- Next DION meeting: Where and when?
  - Doodle.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

