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News and Upcoming Events

[DION Forum: Join our new Facebook group!](#)

Would you like to be in touch more easily with your fellow PhDs and Post-docs at NTNU? Follow along and join the Facebook group "DION Forum". Here you can find people to help you out with questions regarding your life in Trondheim, Gjøvik, or Ålesund.

You can find people to go on a hike with, start a pub quiz team, chat about the newest DION event and so on.

Follow the link to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/379270789543303/>

Please read the following RULES before requesting membership:

This group is for you if you are a PhD, post-doc or other temporary employee at NTNU. The place is moderated by DION, but is not our official channel. Our official channels can be found here:

Website: <http://org.ntnu.no/dion/>

Innsida channel: DION

Twitter: @DION_NTNU

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DION.NTNU>

Subscribe to our newsletter: <https://lists.ansatt.ntnu.no/dion.ntnu.no/subscribe/news>

If you have any work-related inquiries please send us a message to: post@dion.ntnu.no

This is a place for you to get in contact with each other. Please follow the simple guidelines when posting.

1. You may post about anything that relates to your PhD life at NTNU. (*examples further down)
2. Be Kind
3. No Hate Speech or Bullying
4. No Promotions or Spam (promotion of DION events are exempted from this)

The moderators reserve the right to delete any post which we feel does not belong in this group. *Examples:

"Is someone here proficient in xyz? Internet/colleagues were not able to answer my question"

"I did not leave for the holidays. Who wants to spend New Years eve together?"

"Does anyone know what "Stripa" is? I asked my colleagues but no one seems to know"

"Would anyone like to plan a PhD cabin trip together with me?"

A new round of DION Grants announced

DION is happy to announce a new round of support grants for educational or social activities for our members at NTNU! All PhD candidates, Postdocs and other temporary scientific employees at NTNU are eligible to apply for a grant (up to 2500 NOK) to cover expenses related to organizing activities

that create opportunities for PhD students and post-docs to network, learn, and enrich their experience. Please note that master degree students are NOT eligible.

DION will give preference to applications which are targeted towards an open audience. Applications for the exclusive benefit of one department or faculty will still be accepted but applications that are accessible for all DION members will be prioritized.

Rules:

1. The deadline for sending the application is **23:59 CET 11th February, 2019**. Applications will be evaluated by DION board members.

You can apply via this Google form filling out all mandatory fields:

<https://goo.gl/forms/FrNlvLJUTBPSDLs53>

2. Funding should be used by the end of June, i.e. until **30.06.2019 23:59 CET**.

3. The organizers are expected initially to cover the costs of the event and then seek reimbursement of the costs from DION. No a priori funding is given.

Please note that the receipts and all reimbursement documents should be submitted to DION at the **LATEST two weeks after the event, but before the end of June, 2019 - whichever comes first**. Otherwise, reimbursement of the costs is not guaranteed.

4. In case of approval of the grant, the organizers **should promote DION** by making it a co-host of the Facebook event, and allowing a DION board member to attend the event for promotion purposes. A DION board member will be assigned to each approved application, and the organizers will liaise with them about the event.

5. Please note that the maximum amount DION can reimburse is 2500 (two thousand and five hundred) NOK. If overall cost of the event exceeds 2500 NOK, it is organizer's sole responsibility to get extra funding from other sources. Any requests for more than 2500 NOK from DION will be automatically declined.

Last year's successful grant applicants were (these are just examples - you are not requested to organize a similar, or a follow-up project):

- "Smart City Day"
- "Randomized Coffee Trials (RCTs)"
- "PhD and Postdoc Choir"
- "Academic/social events with particular interest towards LGBT community"
- "Screening of independent films and debates aimed towards foster dialogues"
- "Bouldering course"
- "Industrial networking"
- "Critical Gender Salon project"

Apply or forward to those who might be interested!

AGM date announced

When: Thursday, 25th of April, 2019

Where: To be announced

Please mark your calendars for the next **DION Annual General Meeting**.

Not only food and refreshments will be served but also several fascinating talks are on the agenda. However, there is one point that makes this event special:

a new DION board will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Use your right to vote and impact your life at NTNU! Those who are interested in joining the board should contact DION by email: post@dion.ntnu.no

Further details are coming soon!

DION on ice

When: 12:00 – 13:30, Sunday, 27th of January, 2019

Where: Leangen Ishall (Tungavegen 3, 7047 Trondheim, Norway)

Winter is definitely here, and so is the ice skating season! Want to try out ice skates for the first time, or simply show off your skills? Join DION for a fun day out on the ice at Leangen Ishall.

There are matches during the day, so make sure you get there by 12pm to get most out of the day. Unfortunately, ice skates cannot be rented at Leangen, but there are several options if you do not own your own or can borrow from friends or colleagues.

Used Ice skates can be bought cheap at Fretex, or borrowed through volunteer centers:

<https://strinda.frivilligsentral.no/dokument?utl%C3%A5ssentralen&Id=70649>

Make sure to bring warm clothes, a helmet, and wool socks is a must! We will be using the outdoor skating range, where there is no entry fee. DION will provide some hot drinks.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

More info can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/584793141944821/>

Swing Dance Evening

Feeling cold outside and lacking the desire to go skiing? No problem, DION has an amazing event to offer!

When: 18:00 - 20:00, Friday, 15th of February, 2019

Where: Realfagbyg parketten

Together with NTNUI Swing og Folke Dans, we have the pleasure to host a 2 hour Swing dance evening at the Realfagbyg parketten.

In the first hour the amazing instructors from NTNUI Dans will teach us the basics of Swing, and we will unleash our talent in the second hour.

Come and join us and you will not have any awkward situations on the dance floor anymore :)

There is no need to bring a partner but if you have one, feel free to bring them with you.

For information on clothing and shoes, check out:

<https://ntnuiswingogfolkedans.wordpress.com/information-in-english/>

Fun is guaranteed! Do not hesitate! Save the date and join us!

Ski-Day with DION

When: Saturday, 23rd of February, 2019

Where: Skistua in Bymarka

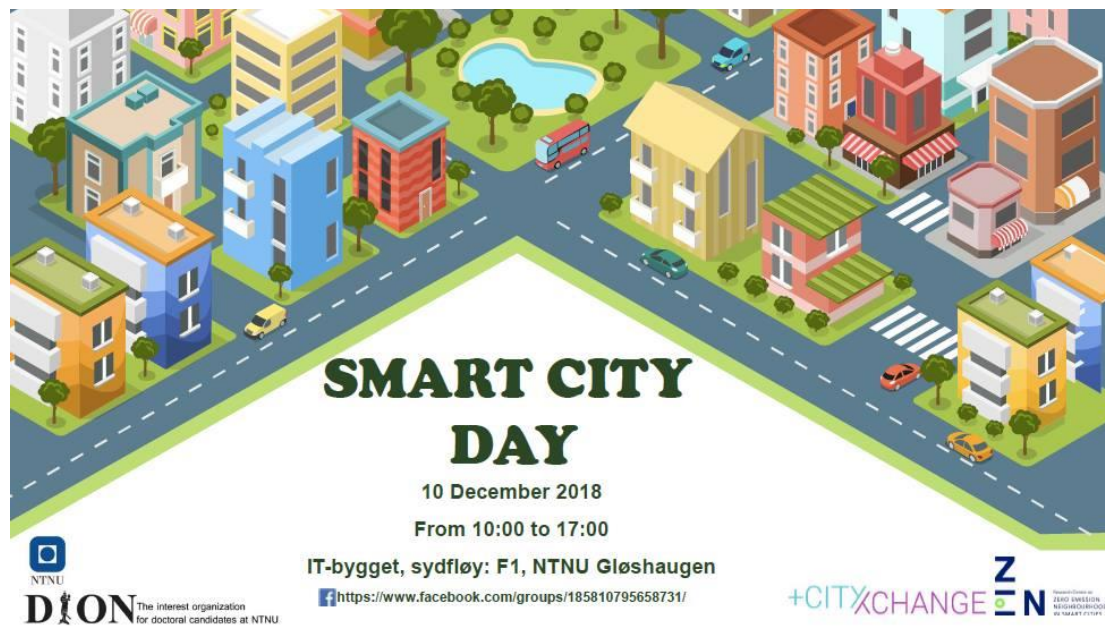
Join us for a 2-hour cross country skiing event at Skistua. Our instructors will be more than happy to help absolute beginners as well as intermediate skiers. Pros are also more than welcome to join just for the fun of it. After two hours we will all gather to enjoy hot drinks and snacks.

More details will follow. Stay updated via our social media channels!

Past Events

DION Grant winner: Amir Sinaeepourfard with the Smart City Day

The DION leader held a presentation in the introduction of the Smart City Day. Invited speakers presented interesting perspectives on Smart Cities and their potential in the 21st century. Altogether, a successful event.



YogaDay with DION

DION hosted a free Yoga Day on 24th of November, 2018. We invited El Ri, a professional instructor and regular at SIT who provided an entertaining session for DION members. Thanks to all DION members who joined the event!



Board Games with DION in Gjøvik

DION hosted another round of board games evening for its Gjøvik-based members. 12 DION members attended the event and enjoyed various board games.

Special thanks to NTNU Gjøvik Library for providing access to its rich board games collection!



Minigolf with DION

Thanks to all who joined our event, on the 6th of December at Trondheim Camping! We hope you had a great evening playing minigolf together and sharing experiences on our research at NTNU. We're looking forward to seeing you all at our events in future!



Recurring Events

DION Grant winner: Lucy Chamberlin with the PhD and post-doc choir

The first meeting of the choir started off with almost 40 attendees. Many came along with previous singing experience, but it was also an event for absolute newbies. To warm up the vocal chords, the choir practice started with a few singing exercises. Afterwards, people were divided into three groups based on which pitch they wanted to sing. The practice included a break for lunch as well, which was nice for the socializing aspect of the event.

It is still possible to join the fun. Shoot a message to Lucy (lucy.chamberlin@ntnu.no) so you will be included in the upcoming emails or just come along when the choir meets.

The choir meets on Mondays, from 11.30 to 12.30. The location for the choir is Mellomrommet, 3. etasje in Sentralbygg 1, Gløshaugen (<https://s.mazemap.com/2FUMrQK>)



Happy Hour and Shuffleboard with DION

When: Monday, 26th of November, 18:00 – 21:00

Where: Work-Work

Another pleasant evening where DION members enjoyed shuffleboard. Considering the success of the event, DION is glad to announce that happy hours will take place on the monthly basis.



Randomised Coffee Trials

Randomised Coffee Trials are a way for temporary academic staff to meet new people from all over the university. Since it started, it has been a huge success, with over 100 members joining the trials. The RTCs are still ongoing and can be joined by filling in the google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TDzY61uqEBq3S4lxwqa6K61zutPUAUW2IKjFd-C8ZG4/>

Happy Hour: January

When: 18:30 – 19:30, Monday, 28th of January, 2019

Where: Work-Work

It's time to come together in the New Year! DION invites PhDs, Postdocs and other temporary scientific employees to join the Happy Hour with shuffleboard (sponsored by us) at Work-Work! Grab some food and drink or just enjoy the social atmosphere and a game of shuffle board. If you have not tried out shuffle board yet, this is the perfect opportunity to give it a try.

We have one table reserved for one hour from 18.30 - 19.30. There is plenty of board games at Work-Work as well ;) Welcome!

Further updates will be posted at the following Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/399948004094838/>

Happy Hour is in Gjøvik now!

Considering the success of the event in Trondheim, DION is glad to announce that now it offers Happy Hour event series its Gjøvik-based members as well.

Further details are coming in the beginning of February. Follow us on social media to stay updated!

Happy Hour: February

When: To be announced

Where: Work-Work

Join our monthly event. Spend an evening with us playing shuffleboard and sharing experiences about your research!

We are looking forward to seeing all temporary scientific employees!

Next DION Board Meeting

When: 12:00 - 15:00, Tuesday, 5th of February, 2019

Where: Meeting room 207, Old Physics building (2nd floor), Gløshaugen (tentative)

DION's board meetings are open to all PhD Candidates and Post-docs. More information on agenda will be made available on *Innsida* and our website the week before the meeting.

Do you have something to add to the agenda? **Send the DION board an e-mail: post@dion.ntnu.no**



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