

DION NEWSLETTER

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Spring photo context: Winner B. Balouchi (left), finalists A. Zarei (top right) & K. Banno (bottom right)

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NEWLY ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF DION**

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BOARD IN ÅLESUND, GJØVIK AND TRONDHEIM

For the first time the board is present in the three cities of NTNU: Meet us and learn something fun about us!

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EVENTS

Recent: quiz night in Ålesund, Pint of Science, foraging courses in Trondheim

Upcoming: one-day hike in Gjøvik to Tjuvåskampen,

Dear colleagues,

It is a privilege for me to write my first preface to you. First of all, I would like to thank you all again for electing us, your new board, and for giving us the pleasure, but also the responsibility to support and represent you in the coming year.

Uncertainty is all around us, unfortunately, never more so than today. Whether it concerns the war in the Ukraine, its effect on the global economy and food supply, or dramatic budget cuts that affect Norwegian research community. We as human beings want to feel safe and have a sense of control over our lives and well-being. Fear and uncertainty about tomorrow can leave us feeling stressed, anxious, and powerless. However, it is important to know that we are not alone; many of us are feeling the same.

For this reason, we as the new board put a lot of emphasis on social events. These events are organized in all three NTNU cities as we finally have board members on each campus. We already had a quiz in Ålesund, a foraging event in Trondheim and are also preparing a hike in Gjøvik. For scientific exchange we supported Pint of Science and will have a career day with Novartis. You will find more about that in the next few pages!

We will do our best to represent your interests. We will continue to make sure that you have enough platforms for exchange and socialization. We are planning a PhD Day in cooperation with Tekna and of course DION is celebrating its birthday again this year! The mental health week will be back this autumn in a new format. So stay tuned and contact us if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to help you!

Meanwhile, happy reading!

Regina Matveeva

President DION



MEET THE NEW BOARD

MALENE

So far all my knitting projects has been fairly scarf-shaped (or small), but this year, I finished my first sweater!



ANASTASIA

I always wanted to become psychologist, but my parents disapproved. Therefore, I'm that person who can listen to everyone and end at the bars/pubs with the most weird people!



ÅLESUND

[Link to WhatsApp group](#)



GJØVIK

[Link to WhatsApp group](#)



RAED

I come from a seaside village, was a fisherman before leaving my country, but I do not eat anything that comes from the sea (fish or other things).

FERESTEH

Fereshteh means angel in Persian, and I have a collection of angel figurines from various places around the world, and still adding more to it!

REGINA

I collect napkins and therefore have trouble walking past the napkin rack in the supermarket ;)



ANUM

Red has always been my favorite color. I am so drawn to this color that it's hard to resist buying red clothes

TRONDHEIM

LUDVIG

I play real life Quidditch with NTNUI and won already two Norwegian championships with them. In 2019, I also made it to the Norwegian national team and played at the European Games.



ALICIA

I am crazy about live music and if I see a concert coming up, I just buy a couple of tickets without knowing who'll join me... and sometimes end up forgetting about it after all!

Recent events



The event in numbers: 1 pub, 3 days, 5 volunteers, 9 science talks, over 120 attendees!

Pint of Science is an annual world-wide outreach festival in pubs and cafes. We learnt about what nine local scientists are working on while being social in a relaxed atmosphere. For the presenters, it was a challenge: to forget about all those fussy technical words and explain science in an interesting and understandable way for everyone. It was a lot of fun! Trondheim, 9/10/11 May.



Quiz Night! Do you know who or what is the oldest? Jonas Gahr Støre, Teletubbies, Lego, or the Berlin Wall (counted from the start of the construction). On 20th May, DION held a Quiz night with pizza for temporary scientific employees of NTNU and their friends at Campus Ålesund. They, of course, knew that the correct answer was

Lego. Congratulations to winning team number 3! Afterwards, those who were interested moved downtown for a beer or two and a fun evening!



Foraging course

In the pristine Norwegian forest, there is so much to experience. Despite the fact that we like to explore nature, we do not fully understand the fragility and exciting life of the different ecosystems. Most people have very limited knowledge about mushrooms, edible plants, seaweed, and sustainable harvesting.

Thank you to Susan Strickland from Boreal Forest, around 40 Phd/PDs know now much more about Trøndelag's fauna and sustainable and safe foraging.

Upcoming events

One-day hike in Tjuvåskampen

DION Gjøvik is planning to organize a one-day hike to beautiful Tjuvåskampen. This is a fairly steep but short hike up to Tjuvåskampen, 812 meters above the sea level. Tjuvåskampen is about one-hour drive to the south of Gjøvik. The transportation from the campus to the hike starting point will be organized by the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Information Security. The hike will take place on Saturday, 25th of June with so much hope that we will have a nice summer weather!

