

DION BM 30.08.22

Attendees: Regina, Fereshteh, Anum, Alicia, Anastasia

Absent: Malena (sick leave), Ræd (holiday?)

Place: MS Teams

Time: 16:00-18:00

Previous work

- Regina assisted PhD student in a conflict with the supervisor. She met the student once, then she joined her in a meeting with the Head of Department and HR, trying to facilitate the communication, and then had a follow up meeting with the PhD candidate. The faculty accepted to assign the candidate a new PhD supervisor.
- Regina and Ludvig (?) met Janne Østvang the Advisor of the Prorektor for research and Dissemination. They discussed how to promote internationalization. Suggestions from DION: More support for people for going on abroad stays, administrative help for travelling (especially non EU PhDs/PDs), promoting summer schools. Facilitate validation of credits from courses at other universities. Softskill courses: e.g. presentations, voice training, posters design.
- Regina had a phone call with NAV: no possible to bring NAV representatives to the union day. They just facilitated the links to the information in their website.
- Meeting 29.08.22 with Brohude Havbruk 2050 about industrial PhDs. Related to aquaculture (fishing/farming industry). DION will help them spread information about their project, and will send them information about DION, what kind of support can we offer to their industrial PhDs etc.
- Ræd tried to organize a short hike event in gjøvik, not enough attendees so it was cancelled.
- Shuffle board and pizzas event in Trondheim: around 35 attendees.

Discussions

- **Communication through teams.** The response to the questionnaires in the Teams chat has been slow. All board members should activate email notifications in the channel and try to be more active. Also, if we go on holiday or sick leave we should communicate it to the rest so they know that we are unavailable.
- **Satisfied with working load?** Anum and Anastasia agreed to divide the inquiries responsibility: Anum dates 1-15th of each month, Anastasia from 16th to end of the month. Anastasia commented being bit overwhelmed by being often asked to help and listen her colleagues issues. She suggested to update the frequently asked questions with what can of issues can we help with, and how to proceed: contacting the board, not directly individual board members.
- BUDGET Overview and decisions
 - Mental health week. Try to find funding from the Departments. Events in trondheim budget of already 6000 nok. Trondheim QiGong ,Coaching, Finding Home, Yoga? // Gjøvik Yoga // Ålesund Yoga
 - Agreed to raise money for Grants from 10000 to 12000 NOK, to be able to offer 3 grants during fall up to 2000 nok, and 3 grants during Christmas up to 2000. Will be prioritized to grant one them in each of the three cities.

- Regina will keep an eye on the budget, we don't assign a treasurer role.

Upcoming work

- Planning for Union day with Tekna. Will be streamed from Trondheim to Ålesund. Anum, Regina and Ludvig will be available. Alicia to be confirmed soon. Anastasia available in Ålesund for the streaming of one of the events.
- Plan for DION presentations in faculty-level seminar/meetings meetings for new PhD/PDs.

Faculty of engineering IV	Faculty of Natural Sciences NV	Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering IE	Faculty of Humanities HF	Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences MH	Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences SU	Faculty of Economics and Management OK	Faculty of Architecture and Design AD
Ludvig	<u>Ethics course</u> <u>January</u>	Alicia <u>14 Sept</u>	Ludvig <u>9 Sept</u>	Anum <u>Will contact</u>	Anum <u>November</u>	Anastasia <u>will</u> <u>contact</u>	Fereshteh <u>will</u> <u>contact</u>

- In person meeting in Trondheim, 30th Sept. + 16-18 PM + dinner. Need to book the trips. Discussed possibilities of hosting each other, and if besides going for dinner there should be another activity planned for Saturday. We should email Regina and answer the form in the Teams chat to decide.
- Post Autumn grants: Alicia
- Upcoming events: Trondheim mushroom hunting 2 days (Alicia 14th Sept & Regina 20th Sept), Ludvig Novartis career day 15th, Anum will collaborate with NIRS on another event. Gjøvik possible canooing event. Ålesund possible hiking event. Tekna Union Day in october.
- Ræd prepare flyer for Tekna Union Day and post in social media.
- Who wants to joint he PhD council program for applied ethics meeting? Would be good if one of the board members can do it. Alicia can't. Anastasia may be interested if it is in english.
- Fereshteh will work on updating the FAQ questions in the website
- Nordic meeting for career in Bergen, mayb Fereshteh interested in joining?
- SiN meeting in November in Trondheim
- Define program and budget for mental health wareness month in november.