

## DION board meeting

Date: 14.12.2022

Time: 16:00

Present: Anastasia, Anum & Raed (online), Regina, Alicia & Ludwig (in person)

Minutes: Ludwig

### Previous protocol

Uploaded to Teams, approved

### Previous work

Internationalization conference (Regina and Alicia), problem with sign-ups (much more people signed up than actually appeared), Anastasia thinks that the event was targeting wrong people (R2 vs. R1). Internationalization will be prioritized (Tor Grande), a strategy and rules are going to be set up. Connected to NIRS, but it's best to get in touch with the host university, as NTNU's researcher support is mostly for incoming people. Talks from professors about their journey at the conference. Funding options from NIRS (among others private funds) will be with Regina. Suggestion from Alicia: less parallel sessions to increase attendance, also shorten the time frame. Session in Ålesund was not really focused on PhDs (Anastasia). Maybe wrong session in Gjøvik/Ålesund.

MHM feedback. Anastasia will send out the feedback form to the people attending in Ålesund.

### Previous events

Last events MHM22. Alicia had 25 out of 31 sign-uped people for a lunch payed for by her department. Overall positive outcome. Raed (trip to Oslo) had 27 out of 31, more people would have signed up if they'd known that the museum is free. People had fun, but in the end people split up and enjoyed the day in Oslo. Tip: get in touch with museums beforehand, it might be free (agreement with NTNU?).

Gløgg with NIRS. Good attendance, even though only about 100 out of 150 showed up. The room was full anyways. It could have been more program, but NIRS didn't really communicate what was going to happen. They had a band and a small speech about Christmas habits in Norway. Reaching out via NIRS works well regarding the responses, maybe we should use the Newsletter mailing list more often? Reaching people via Innsida works well (e.g. the ski course was full in short time).

Secret Santa Gjøvik. Did not happen due to lack of time. They hand out cards with nice words for different people.

Christmas event Ålesund. Did not happen due to sickness. Something happens after New Year's.

Engineering Vision workshop. Yoga instructor was leading, very structured plan, Cello during meditation. Nice atmosphere. Very positive. The instructor would like to do this again, has many ideas.

Psychology grant: Christmas decoration workshop, very positive.

Mahjong event. Positive.

Alicia will check up on the other grants.

## Previous meetings

Forskningsutvalget. Lots of things concerning funding in the upcoming years.

Innovation council. December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Startup Migrants collaboration (how to start your start-up). Regina had a start-up meeting. There will be a school in March, more information will follow. Gjøvik has an interest in the pre-school (NTNU start-up cell), considered as an incubator. We need an estimate of interested people – with 15-20 people this can take place in Gjøvik as well. Raed makes an interest-form. Anastasia makes the same for Ålesund.

Council for applied ethics. Council has been running already since last year, but they just invited PhDs to the council. It will be 4 meetings a year, Regina will keep us updated.

## Upcoming work

Soft Skills Days. Anum is talking to people, makes a folder for the event. Startup Migrations school is interested in having a talk. Interest in getting people from SiN and NIRS involved. Question of whom to invite from the industry (e.g. Novartis). Everyone: think of how you envision this event. Take it up in January.

PhD & PostDoc lunch/café. Very good success of the MHM lunch. Make this more often to get a social arena for experience exchange. There are such events in Gjøvik already. Ludwig knows of different departments having similar events as well. Would be nice to open it to people from different fields. Scientific speed dating?

Writing/presentation workshop. Whom can we invite? Whom can pay for it? Take it from the startup grant? Lots of interest in this.

Grants. Offer a winter grant. Focus on soft skills? We have ¼ of the budget, so the funding should not be a problem. We should try to organize events with a broader scope to include people from Ålesund/Grøvik, as we only had applicants from Trondheim this year. Anastasia says that people have ideas, but are do not want to organize them. DION might be still a new idea to people in Ålesund, so the focus should be on spreading the word and bringing people together.

Anastasia wants to have a språkkafe from January. Wants to organize physical events in Ålesund, maybe in connection with the departments in Ålesund, as the streaming is not always optimal.

Ludwig wants to get a status of the appraisal interview among the faculties and/or departments.

Regina and Friederike (SiN) want to have an initiative to promote a change in the acceptance of soft skill courses among the faculties.

## Summary of the year

It's nice to meet new people through DION. We are still learning, and there's a lot more to do, but we connect and are contacted by people. It was good to start up quickly after the AGM, so that the activity level was very high this year. People tell it's wonderful that DION is doing things, especially in Ålesund/Gjøvik and for new international people.

## Secret Santa

Closing: 17:25