

DION Board Meeting Minutes (12.10.23)

Attendees: Gabriela Kazimiera Warden (President), Diana Giovanni Magnano (vice president), Davit Gigilashvili, Mobina Mobini, Gabriel Andy Szalkowski, Fei Song, Shubham Jain, and Anastasia Skarpeti

Time: 14:00-16:00

Date: 12.10.23

Place: Teams

Minutes: Mobina Mobini

Welcome

14.05 – 14.15 Short update on the action plan from last meeting: everyone

Gabriela

- Forkeforbundet prefers to have the meeting in February in Alesund
- Tekna meeting in November with pizza DION pays for the drinks
- Survey on supervision got over 100 responses!
- Chocolate factory guided tour in Trondheim in November

Davit:

- Innovation council: mostly political topics nothing specific
- PhD supervisor workshop was very helpful
- DION board had a fruitful meeting in Gjøvik to plan the three events happening in October and November

Shubham:

- Young researchers night: Not to cooperate with them in the future (YRN)
- Newsletter: will be published soon maybe during the weekend

Fei:

- 5 and 22 of November for the Yoga event in Trondheim
- Occupational health: we are still waiting for them
- Overall 4 events happening in Trondheim including the factory trip
- On sick leave until October 22nd.

Diana:

- For the meditation: organizing an event in November in Alesund
- The winners of the grants have been informed

Davit:

- Published a guideline handbook on IDI for newcomers in IDI, a paragraph is added about DION for the PhDs and postdocs who join the department.
- PhD supervisor training: discussed PhD's needs such as mental support and network building. A challenge is that many supervisors do not think they need training. Maybe a few seminars or training sessions per year. Gathering documentation for the supervision experience. More of brainstorming, but there is a meeting also this month in this regard. Would there be a quality check of this training?

Gabriela:

- Language policy council: will be very visible at NTNU. English should be used when needed. There were cases talking about: using sign language, Swedish and Danish professors not being understood by the master student in the meeting. In general, they were very understanding. Discussions were made. In conclusion, they were listening in general. Who should run for the meeting as PhD representative? Gabriela? Of course in language council.
- English courses should be offered to Norwegian students.
- Research council: nothing for the PhDs to discuss.
- Budget application: Gabriela: it will be sent
- In the last SIN meeting, we are the only organization that gets compensation for the work that we do. SIN, gets money and distributes the money between themselves.
- In Trondheim, we will be hosting SIN.
- In the PhD relationship survey she sent 3 emails to the students. One case that was bullied by the PhD supervisor in Trondheim. Another case was from the medical faculty that she likes to organize an alumni group network that could come and talk about their career outside of the PhD life.

Update on surveys: Anastasia, Davit and Gabriela:

- Anastasia: planning to transmit it. she is supporting Gabriela to run as a representative in language policy.
- Davit: setting a deadline to send out the survey
- Anastasia: related to the meditation: very good about the event and it is a good idea to create a feedback survey to show at the end of our board ending. There are claims in Aalesund for sauna.
- Study abroad: more information is needed in Aalesund. They have the Forskeforbundet event in 8th of November. We will be sharing the word for them. Last year's event was a failure.
- Do not forget to document what this board has done.

Davit:

- About grants: DION money was spent on board games in Trondheim. The games should belong to DION to have a collection of board games belonging to DION.

Shubham (YRN event + newsletter):

- Represented the newsletter

Gabriel:

- Got inquiries about unions, and so on.

15.44 End of meeting.