

TODOS Board Meeting – 22.11.2013

Time: 13.00-14:30

Place: room 4.148 at The Department for Dentistry (Tann-bygget)

Attending: Melania Borit, Ranjan Parajuli, Lene Østvand, Sandra Ronai, Erlend Dancke Sandorf, Lina Stangvaltaite, Thibaud Freyd (referent).

Notice of absence: Konstantinos Antypas.

Agenda:

1. Budget: errors in registering data in Excel (Melania)

Everybody working with the Budget file has to make sure that the total expenses formula is correct.

2. Compensation for TODOS Board 2013 work: final decision

The Board members chose to receive their compensation either as money (extension of their work contract) or as a reduction of their teaching duty hours.

3. PhDs meeting in town (Sandra)

Around fifteen people showed up; the feeling is that it was a nice event. It has been decided that a social event should be arranged every month. For this, a list of ideas will be made for the next Board.

4. AGM

So far, 18 people registered, mostly foreigners. Melania ordered chicken and salmon wraps and apple cake for breakfast.

5. Course for representatives (Erlend)

Almost everything is prepared for the Course. Melania and Erlend will take care of preparing folders for all participants; Sandra will print flyers to be included in this folder. As long as the speaker Sjaak Pappé is staying several days for different talks it has been decided to invite him for dinner on 03.12. Erlend will take care of the dinner reservation. 24 people are confirmed for the course.

6. Christmas Party (Lina and Thibaud)

The maximal capacity of the restaurant is reached and so there is a waiting list. An e-mail will be sent later, to ask who among the confirmed persons cannot attend anymore. Based on the experience from 2012, Food will be ordered for 75 people.

7. Cross-cultural understanding seminar and open lecture (Melania)

Everything is prepared for this seminar. The food ordered will be fruits, cake, tea and coffee.

8. Photo camera for TODOS (Thibaud)

In a previous Board meeting, it had been decided to buy a camera to document the TODOS activities. However, according to the estimated budget left, the decision will be taken in the last meeting of this Board.

9. APECS collaboration (APECS has a new director: Gerlis Fugmann)

The idea to collaborate with APECS will be advised for the next TODOS board.

10. "PhD courses" webpage on the TODOS website.

Postponed for the next board.

11. UHR working groups

Postponed for the last meeting of this Board.

12. TODOS Committees How can we make them work? How can we attract more volunteers? Should we keep this structure of the organization or find another one? If they worked well in the past and we decide to keep them, what should the next chairs learn in order to direct the committees better? (Sandra)

It has been decided to fuse the two volunteers committees in one volunteer group. An e-mail list for this new committee will be created. During the AGM, it will be proposed to rename the positions of Chair of the Academic Committee and Chair of the Social Committee as Chair of Academic Affairs and Chair of Social Affairs respectively.

13. The High North Academy situation (Melania)

TODOS Board members will meet the rector team Thursday 28th of November to discuss this issue, and TODOS will send an official letter to every Faculty, to remind the importance of HNA and the need for PhDs candidates to get transferable skills.

14. Others.

Nothing was brought to the attention of the Board at this point.