

TODOS Board Meeting February

Time: Tuesday 03/02/15 12.00-14.00

Place: MH L8.201

Attendees: Lindis Merete Bjoland, Thibaud Freyd, Rajesh Shigdel, Sandra Ronai, Silje Nordmo (referent).

Agenda:

Bowling

The bowling/billiards night will be rescheduled to the 19th of February.

Event with TEKNA

TODOS has been asked if it can be interesting to join TEKNA's one-day event in May about the theme "Communicating science". The content and details are not yet ready, but we have signaled that it could be relevant for the PhD candidates in Tromsø. The communication with TEKNA is still on going. We also stated the policy of TODOS that all events organized by TODOS are free of charge for all PhD candidates.

Munin conference

Thibaud updated the Board about the meeting he had with Lars Figenschou. For the Munin conference, TODOS has been asked to think about organizing a separate event on the same theme. The form of the event has been discussed as well as potential speakers. The work is still on going.

Newsletter

Many of the recipients think that there are many news that are not relevant to them, as well as that the letter comes out too often. Some Board members suggested that we should from now on only include the Board minutes, our own events, transferable skills and that "less is more" – we do not need to send out the letter if we don't have any relevant news. It is important to not spam. Others expressed their concern that TODOS might not be perceived as active if we limit the letters to, for example, just once a month. We will continue the efforts to try to identify only the most relevant information to be included in the newsletter and how often it is sent out.

Budget

This matter has been postponed to the next Board meeting.

PhD meetings

This spring, TODOS will try to visit the PhD candidates at a few of the university departments. This is viewed as important as we represent you (for example in the Research Strategy Committee of the University) and we organize the events for you – therefore it is important to get to know what the different PhD candidates are interested in.

Other