

NorDoc network meeting at Karolinska in Stockholm

Time: 22nd August 2017 at 11.30 -14.00

Room: Strix

1. Welcome and presentation of new members since the network meeting in May 2017.

The two new members are University of Oslo, Norway and Aalborg University, Denmark. Consequently NorDoc now has 17 members. Enclosed as Annex no 1

2. Questions related to the arrangement of the next Summit

Important questions to be addressed concerning this theme are to decide the frequency of the Summits (annual or biannual) and to appoint a host institution for the next summit.

3. Report from the committee on establishment of an open Nordic market for research courses (Kamille Smidt Rasmussen, Aarhus)

As suggested by University of Copenhagen at the network meeting in Klaipeda it was decided to form a working group to further explore practical questions about establishing a Nordic open market for research courses. The working group is going to meet in Stockholm too, and will report to the network meeting about its discussions and proposals concerning a possible implementation of such an open market for the PhD candidates of NorDoc.

4. Facilitation of internal and external NorDoc communication:

- a. Establishment of a platform for calls concerning collaboration on specific topics.

It is proposed that a responsible member should be appointed to elaborate a proposal on this issue for the next NorDoc meeting in order to implement a NorDoc platform where Nordic researchers can find relevant partners for research projects and developing research courses on specific topics

- b. Approval of the NorDoc leaflet. Enclosed as annex 2 (a new edition may be available at the meeting)

5. Northern Lights Symposia. Torben Sigsgaard, Aarhus.

A proposal for establishing a new series of symposia/mini-conferences initiated by NorDoc.

Torben Sigsgaard will present the idea and the background. Enclosed as Annex no 3

6. Creating best practices for collaboration with private firms concerning e.g. courses and doctoral training (Hannu Sariola, Helsinki, and Matti Nikkola, Karolinska)

Helsinki suggests a discussion of how to exchange experiences with collaboration between universities and private companies about doctoral training arrangements.

7. Discussion of a model for joint funding of NorDoc activities from the members (Hannu Sariola, Helsinki)

Helsinki, has proposed a funding arrangement for coordination of NorDoc education activities financed by a member fee. Enclosed as Annex no. 4

8. Quality in doctoral education – research in relevant pedagogy in this respect.

It is suggested that a responsible member institution specifically interested in these questions initiates forming a group to further develop a forum for exchange of experiences on pedagogic methods etc. in doctoral education.

9. Decision on a date for a potential small network meeting (1 representative from each country) in Aarhus on 25th January 2018 (Helene Nørrelund)

In case of a grant from NordForsk to the NHU-project a potential organization of the project (e.g. inclusion of non-partners of the application) should be discussed. Participants are also invited to the annual PhD Day on 26th January.

10. Decision on a date and place for the next NorDoc network meeting (24th May 9.00-12.00 in Reykjavik – before start of ORPHEUS 2018)

It is suggested that the next ordinary NorDoc network meeting takes place in relation to the 2018 ORPHEUS conference in Reykjavik.

List of annexes

Annex no. 1 (Liste of current members and contact persons)

Annex no. 2 Leaflet

Annex no. 3 (Northern Light Symposia – mission and background)

Annex no. 4 (Proposal from Hannu Sariola)