

# MINUTES



<b>MEETING:</b> PhD forum		<b>No / Year:</b> 2/2015
<b>Weekday:</b> Tuesday	<b>Date:</b> 07.05.15.	<b>Participants:</b> : Aleksandra A. Smyrak-Sikora, Archana Meshram, Eli Anne Ersdal, Graham Gilbert, Liyuan Chi, Mark Mulrooney, Sunil Mundra, Teena Chauhan, Wesley Farnsworth, Pål Gunnar Ellingsen, Dail Laughinghouse, Ane Bjørsvik, Lise Gjellestad, Anne Bjørndal
<b>Start:</b> 12:00	<b>End:</b> 14:00	
<b>Place:</b> Kapp Lee		
<b>Leader:</b> Anne Bjørndal		
<b>Minutes:</b> Anne Bjørndal		
<b>Reference:</b> <a href="#">V:\Admin\STUDADM\PhD administrasjon\PhD administrasjon\PhD forum</a>		<b>Copy for information:</b> Elise Strømseng, Ruben Eidesen, Diana Tooming, Ole Arve Misund, head of departments

## Minutes from meeting 12.02.15.

The minutes from the PhD forum on 12.02.15. was presented and approved.

## News from the study administration:

One new PhD candidate are welcomed at UNIS since last meeting:

- Matteo Petit Bon (AB-dept)

Welcome!

Who are planning their PhD defenses this autumn?

- Among the PhD candidates present at the meeting, at least Teena, Sunil and Archana are planning their defenses.

Wesley has sent a letter to the Leader group on behalf of the PhD students, addressing the issue of having one paid vacation travel per year also for PhD candidates.

The case was discussed in the Leader group, but no conclusion was made. The Leader group would like to see this as part of a more “formal” process.

Eli Anne informed about ongoing negotiations between the Norwegian Association of Researchers (NAR) and UNIS, regarding the Special agreement (Særvåtalen) at UNIS. NAR wants the agreement to be valid for all employees with an employment contract > 2 years.

It was suggested that the PhD forum should arrange a social event for their members.

## News from the mainland universities

UiT; NT-faculty

- New supplementary regulations for the PhD degree
  - Norwegian: [V:\Admin\STUDADM\PhD administrasjon\UiT\NT-fak\Norsk](#)
  - English: [V:\Admin\STUDADM\PhD administrasjon\UiT\NT-fak\Engelsk](#)

- Mandatory 3-6 ECTS science theory / ethics (earlier: 5 ECTS)
- More clear which external courses can be directly approved in the training component, and which courses must be approved as special curriculum
- Some other minor changes

NTNU; IVT-fac

- Deadline for progress reports: May / June.

Remember to check your university e-mail address!

### **Thorbjørn Gilberg: “Develop your research career with a Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship”**

Due to the presentation of Thorbjørn Gilberg, also the post doc’s were invited to this PhD forum.

Thorbjørn Gilberg was ill, thus this presentation was cancelled. We will ask him to give the same presentation in a later lunch seminar.

### **Any other business**

Several PhD candidates would like the pedagogics course to be arranged again at UNIS. Anne will forward the request to HR.

In addition, there is a pedagogics course to be arranged in Bergen in November, through BioCEED. BioCEED also arranges literature colloquies at UNIS with a pedagogic approach.

A suggestion was put forward that teachers should visit each others’ lectures, to give input and advice, and to learn themselves. This would especially be valuable for PhD candidates and others with limited teaching experience.

Eli Anne Ersdal informed about the Norwegian Association of Researchers (NAR) at UNIS.

### **Next meeting**

Next PhD forum is planned in September 2015.