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MEETING: PhD forum	No / Year: 2/2016
Weekday: Wednesday Date: 22.06.16.	Participants: : Eli Anne Ersdal, Xiangcai Chen, Ane Cecilie Kvernvik, Maja Hatlebakk, Ylva Ericsson, Marina Konstantinova, Cathrine Fjeldstad, Anne Bjørndal.
Start: 14:00 End: 15:30	
Place: Kapp Schoultz	
Leader: Anne Bjørndal	
Minutes: Anne Bjørndal	Copy for information: Elise Strømseng, Ruben Eidesen, Lise Gjellestad, Ane Hammervoll Bjørsvik, Frank Nilsen, head of departments
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Minutes from meeting 10.03.16.

The minutes from the PhD forum on 10.03.16. was presented and approved, with one exception in the first case: The correct date should be 18.09.15. (not 16).

News from the study administration:

Two PhD candidates have submitted their theses and plan their defenses in autumn:

- Miriam Marquardt (AB-dept)
- Thomas Gölles (AGF-dept)

Congratulations!

News from the mainland universities

UiB

- Remember the semester registration deadline 1 September.

NTNU

- Progress reports should be submitted by the end of June. Link to progress report forms should be sent out in May. Please check that you have received them.

NMBU

- Revised PhD regulations in force from 1 August or 1 September. The most important difference is that all theses must be submitted electronically through the electronic archive system "Brage"
- Web pages:
 - <https://www.nmbu.no/forskning/forskerutdanning>
 - <http://www.nmbu.no/en/research/phd>
- Course in project leadership (2 ECTS):
 - https://www.nmbu.no/en/research/for_researchers/courses-and-meetings/node/26522

Remember to check your university e-mail accounts.

PHI401 – Research Ethics and Philosophy of Science – held at UNIS in april 2016

The report from the course PHI401 – Research Ethics and Philosophy of Science was put forward as an orientation matter to ECom on 13 June 2016. Ecom made the following decision: *ECom wants the case back on the agenda as a decision matter in the next meeting (August 15) just as ECom wants it to be addressed in the June 22 PhD Forum for them to give advice in the matter. ECom will discuss and decide on this in its next meeting, being able to discuss also the economic implications.*

The report was sent out together with the call for this meeting in the PhD forum. The report was presented and discussed in the PhD forum. The PhD forum came to the following conclusions:

- The PhD forum unanimously recommends that the mandatory course in research ethics and philosophy of science should be arranged at UNIS on a regular basis, preferably every second year. The main argument is that this saves a lot of money and travelling time.
- It has been stated that it is of vital importance that the PhD candidates follow the course at the university where they are registered, to get familiar with their “home” university. The PhD forum does not find this very important, as the PhD candidates would rather follow the course on either university, depending on what fits best with their time schedule.
- If it turns out that it is not possible to arrange the course locally at UNIS, the PhD forum would encourage online courses or online streaming of lectures from courses held at the mainland universities. However, one of the key findings in the evaluations from this years’ course was the need for more discussion and interaction. This will be even more difficult with online courses, thus online courses is considered a second-best option.

Cathrine Fjeldstad – Presentation of EndNote

Cathrine Fjeldstad from the UNIS library held a presentation of EndNote . The presentation can be found here: [..\..\Meetings](#)

AOB:

Maja, Magdalena and Ylva planned a pizza gathering this evening. As many PhD candidates have either left for holiday or are busy doing field work, this event is postponed until autumn when more people can attend.

Next meeting

Next PhD forum is planned in September 2016.