June 2023 - Minutes

The Junior Researcher Association

Date: 7th of June 2023
Time: 16.00-17.00
Venue: 1431-015 and online

Participants: Anne Birkeholm Jensen, Marcel Bühler, Maria Josefa Verdugo Avello, Kasper Glerup Lauridsen, Juan Luis Garcia Rodriguez, Madalina Carter-Timofte and Miriam Rosas-Umbert, Emma Valentin Bager.

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
   - Approved

2. Status on working groups
   - Events / Courses / Seminars
     - Project Management course: 10/30
     - Deadline in august
     - The faculties want to reach the junior researchers (we should write to the secretaries at the departments, so they can pass on information about upcoming events for junior researchers).
       - Emma has a list of contacts on secretaries at the departments at Tech, Nat, Arts and BSS.
   - SoME group
     - Our first post on LinkedIn :-)
     - Emma should get access to the LinkedIn and twitter account so we can post across all three channels.
3. Meetings with the faculties / management
   a. Meeting with NAT
      i. collaborate on an event in September (workshop)
         1. a Junior Researcher Day at NAT
      ii. new meeting next week to decide the details (we need to find a date)
      iii. they can use us for the event planning and networking
      iv. NAT needs to do the most for the Junior Researchers, but they are also trying to create initiatives for JR.
      v. They have a lot of postdocs and assistant professors, but it is difficult to get a long-term position. A lot of people leave academia
   b. TECH
      i. we should join their annual meeting
      ii. A summer hang out (drinks and food)
      iii. We can have a stand - it could be a way to spread the word about JRA at TECH
      iv. 18 August: anyone can join?

4. Academic Councils
   a. Health: we can only have an observer, but at tech everyone can take part (if you get voted in)
   b. we need to find out how to keep in contact with the AC
      i. if they need support from us
      ii. and so, we know what is happening
      iii. How can we do this?
c. Jonathan proposal:
   i. Each AC could be assigned a specific board member as a contact at the JRA board
   ii. The contacts could serve as a link between the ACs and the JRA
   iii. Maybe following JRA meetings and/or AC meetings there should be made a summary of topics concerning the other party
   iv. Maybe a AC working group
   v. We should write down guidelines for everyone also so future AC representatives know in what way they will be connected to the JRA.

- How can we apply for a position in an academic council?
  - Ida would look into it
  - We should apply for a position!
  - the most important thing is that JRs are allowed at the academic councils

- We could invite AC into our first board meeting after summer
  - Katrine and Maja (BSS and NAT) - and it would be nice if Tina and Kasper were able to join this day.

5. Other
   - Meetings in the fall: continue Wednesday afternoon 16.00-17.00?
   - A meeting in august
- suggestion: 9 of august same time

- Photographer
  - We haven’t found a date
  - We should have a good picture with Anne since she is the president
  - It would be nice with some pictures for our LinkedIn profile
  - Anne will find a date him in august and September

- Presentation
  - Marcel can have a presentation about the JRA at his Department seminar. Also, Maddy might be able to give a very short introduction to the JRA at her Department Day.
  - It would be nice if we can have some up to date power point slides on the JRA