

## **May 2021 - Minutes**

### **The Junior Researcher Association**

Date: Thursday, May 12 2021

Time: 11:00 - 12:00

Venue: Zoom meeting

Expecting: Chiara De Notaris, Ata Jalili Marand, Marcela Alejandra Mendoza Suarez,

TingTing Wang, Emma Leth

#### **Agenda:**

- **Approval of agenda**
  - Approved
- **Approval of minutes from last meeting**
  - Approved
- **Event with TTO: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am. Diede Brunen from BioGeneration Ventures for. Profile here:**  
**<https://www.biogenerationventures.com/project/diede-brunen/>**
  - The event is taking place 21st of May - join 5 minutes before to check the connection and tech ect.

- Updated profile of the speaker:

Diede Brunen joined BGV as an Analyst in November 2017 and was promoted to Associate in 2020. He is responsible for identifying and evaluating new investment opportunities across disease areas and currently serves as a board observer for multiple portfolio companies.

Diede has a background in biomedical sciences. He finished the master program Infection & Immunology (cum laude) at Utrecht University in 2012. A

major part of his research was performed at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. Before joining BGV, he completed his PhD research on mechanisms of cancer drug resistance in the group of Prof. Dr. René Bernards at The Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam.

- Not sure exactly how long the event is going to be - maybe 30-45 min.
  - Maybe +15 min for a discussion and questions. If possible, you can put your questions as a comment in the registration
- Include that there is going to be an explanation of the term in the event, so you can join even though you are not familiar with the concept
- Marcela will try to get the description ready for Friday, and Emma will make a link for registration.
- Emma will look into getting access to the Twitter account (this is the account [https://twitter.com/AU\\_JRA](https://twitter.com/AU_JRA)), so we can promote the event on all social media.
- **Should we contact more people in AU about research in Gender equality? For example: Lea Skewes.**  
**<https://tidsskrift.dk/KKF/article/view/116118/164297>. Summary: Positive correlation between modern sexism attitudes and peoples´ attitude to the universities gender equity policy – revealing that only modern sexists thought the current gender equity policy was sufficient (or even too much)**
  - Lea, from the University, is quite busy so maybe it's an idea to get more people on it. She is the coordinator at the Gender in research network (GIR: <https://projects.au.dk/genderinginresearch/browse/1/>). That is the research group that we have contacted.

- It's a good idea to get more people involved - do we invite them to a meeting with the JRA or do we do something like a workshop?
  - It can be a good idea to do both
  - Any meeting would be beneficial, so we can start sharing ideas
- Thoughts: Gender research is a sensitive subject. How do we get the university to actually take action on the information that they have and have acknowledged?
- We have contacted a research group, but how do we contact new people?
- Other gender researchers and perspectives at AU:
  - Gender Equality in Research:  
<https://ps.au.dk/forskning/forskningscentre/dansk-center-for-forskingsanalyse/gender-equality-in-research/>
  - Gender bias at AU - Five researchers present their findings:  
<https://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/strategy/gender-balance-in-research/gender-bias-at-au-findings/>

- **Courses**

- We have 75.000kr for courses for the rest of 2021
- We can do it online or physically. If we stick to online formats, it's cheaper
- Courses:
  - Prioritise: Writing strategy for publication, Science Communication, Science Visualization, Networking course (here

we can use people that we already have at AU, and thus would be cheaper).

- Maybe statistics is not as relevant
- We need more info about the duration and costs of the courses
- Thoughts about the format:
  - It could be a good idea to do it physically, so we can get in touch with more JR's
  - The price for danish lectures is actually expensive, so maybe we can get someone from outside e.g. UK?
  - Discuss possible course with Matt Lane - around 1.200 euros
    - Chiara will contact Matt Lane
- **Follow up on contacting departments**
  - We have to work on the sales pitch  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yq7N0QrdilcJ6sVajusEAiD2ygX41aflhDrrISgS\\_Rg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yq7N0QrdilcJ6sVajusEAiD2ygX41aflhDrrISgS_Rg/edit)
- **Content development**
  - Suggestions are in the task-list
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18EtqpQMQWfJnnR9nUPoac-R8RL\\_raXoRvHd5u5ygY-U/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18EtqpQMQWfJnnR9nUPoac-R8RL_raXoRvHd5u5ygY-U/edit#gid=0)

**Marcela will request a Teams group with IT**

**Postponed to next meeting:**

- Follow up on committee for diversity at Nat
- Push the proposal for more transparent internal selection processes to all faculties (Chiara will send something about this)