

## **October 2021 - Minutes**

### **The Junior Researcher Association**

Date: 26th of October 2021

Time: 15.00-16.30

Venue: Teams

Expecting: Chiara De Notaris, Ata Jalili Marand, TingTing Wang, Marcela Alejandra

Mendoza Suarez, Emma Leth (was absent)

#### **Agenda:**

- **Approval of agenda**
  - Approved
- **Approval of minutes from the last meeting**
  - Approved
- **Minutes of the board meetings to be available on JRA webpage**
  - Emma please make the minutes and agendas available online (see in the statute, point 3.D.XI)

- **Networking event and GA**

How many have signed up? (Emma)

Facilitator: [Rajiv Vaid Basaiawmoit](#)

Board game: <https://www.biosymfonix.com/Eship.html>

The aim of the game will provide

JRDP pays for Rajiv and rental of game, we pay for food and drinks.

(Confirmed by Vibeke Broe)

To do: decide on food and drinks (coffee and bread at 8:45 + sandwich at 12:00?), make online activity (if we decide to have it), send a reminder with a serious request to cancel if cannot attend.

Question: leave the topic to participants or have some theme already defined for proposals?

having a pre-event activity  
and some back up topics

For Emma:

- Make the event available in calendar
  - Look into food: where to order, the cost, menu, etc - suggestion: coffee and bread / Sandwiches / coffee and cake
  - Set registration deadline?
  - Send reminder 10 days before the event. Deadline for cancelling 14 November. (let's think about it)
- **Summarizing and reporting the current board activities ( + providing a list of suggested activities for the next board) before the GA**
    - Chiara starts the presentation in teams and we all edit it
    - List of activities: workshopes, courses, representations in various groups, relations with other associations, things going on with TTO, etc.
    - Make suggestions: registration system, mailing list, local communities (e.g., GAP), academic council representatives, pedagogical programme, etc.

- Next board meeting before the GA to align: 15 November 15:30  
physical meeting (Emma, could it work for you?)

- **Finalizing things before the end of our mandate**

Let's all try to finalize what we have started :)

- **Summary of meeting with TTO**

TTO gave reasonable explanations as to why the situation is as it is. They have no direct control over some of the issues (the region is involved as well), but they have initiated a process that will (hopefully) improve the situation in the future. TTO will have meetings with all departments to clarify what/how/when should be done in connection with legal requirements. There will be a follow up meeting in December with JRA, GAP and health people.

- **Meeting with AC representative at BSS**

Ata have been in correspondence with ECONs representative in BSS Academic Council (AC), Anna Piil Damm, regarding the possibility of having JRA on board. Anna has taken the point to the AC meeting and the AC chair has promised to investigate whether junior researchers can elect a representative to participate as observer. Anna expect to get the answer at the next meeting in the AC which is at the end of Nov. She will update JRA with the news.

- **Comments regarding the JRA Statute**

There are things in the statute that we are not following (e.g., registration). We need to make the next board aware of these things, otherwise we should consider changing them. We should all read the statutes and share our thoughts at the next board meeting.

For Emma: in the reminder for the networking + GA event, stress the possibility of running for JRA board and the other “positions” (e.g., local groups, working groups on specific topics, local committees).

- **Reflecting on our experiences as JRA board members**

Moved to next meeting