

COINS Steering Committee

Meeting 2014-10-09

Minutes: Rachael McCallum

Time: 1400 - 1500

Place: Skype

Participants:

- Steering Committee (SC) members: Hanno Langweg (Scientific Director COINS, Gjøvik University College), Vladimir Oleshchuk (University of Agder), Stig Frode Mjølhusnes (NTNU), Pankaj Pandey (Student), Ctirad Sousedik (Student), Rachael McCallum (Activity Management Office)



Agenda

1. Management changes
2. Agenda
3. Meeting minutes of the SC Skype meeting 2014-01-15
<https://www.coinsrs.no/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/coins-steering-committee-meeting-minutes-2014-01-15.pdf>
4. Status, goals and milestones
 - a. Tasks from previous meetings
 - b. Admission of students
 - c. coinsrs.no
5. Ph.D. student seminar in Tromsø
 - a. Few students registered, none from UiA, UiO, UiS, UiT; 1 supervisor, 3 SC members
 - b. Simulated defence, international partners, feedback on presentations, social events, working groups, election of student representatives, advisory board meeting
 - c. <https://www.coinsrs.no/2014-coins-ph-d-student-seminar-in-tromso-13-15-october/>
6. Course descriptions for COINS events
 - a. Approved at HiG as IMT6002 (Finse 3 ECTS), IMT6003 (Metochi 3 ECTS), IMT6004 (workshop 1 ECTS)
 - b. Approval under local course codes at NTNU, UiA, UiB, UiO, UiS, UiT
7. Internship opportunities
 - a. Students do not yet request funding for short-term stays
 - b. Representatives from partners invited to Tromsø
8. Miscellaneous

Management changes

Einar Snekkenes has resigned as Scientific Director – thanks are extended to Einar, and the hope that he will continue on the Board in some capacity. Hanno Langweg has been appointed Scientific Director. Steering committee webpage on the COINS website is yet to be updated to reflect the changes. Rachael McCallum, from HiG, will provide administrative support to the Research School in a 20% position.

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No changes or additional items to the agenda requested.

Meeting minutes 2014-01-15

Previous meeting minutes accepted without objection.

Status, goals, and milestones

Admission of students

Forty-six students are now members of COINS, 4 have graduated and are COINS alumni. This exceeds the original aim of 43 student members at this stage, which is a good result. Several others may also be due to graduate soon. Request to all Steering Committee members to inform us when students are due to graduate, as other students may be interested in attending the defence. A news item on each graduate should also be added to the website.

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The website now allows prospective PhD students to register their interest in future scholarships by sending their CV. <https://www.coinsrs.no/interested-in-phd-grant/>

A list of supervisors would also be a welcome addition to the website.

Also noted – certificates from the COINS to add to CVs should be generated for PhD graduates.

Action: Rachael McCallum to initiate the process of creating certificates for graduates.

Events in COINS

Two students from COINS attended the Security Divas conference in Gjøvik in January, with a dozen attending the Finse Winter School. A delegation also attended the SWITS seminar in Uppsala.

Upcoming Ph.D. student seminar

The PhD seminar will take place in Tromsø over the 14th and 15th October, 2014.

Registrations have been higher this year, with guests from the United Kingdom, the United States, and France. However, no registrations have been received from UiA, UiO, UiS and UiT, and only one supervisor, and three SC members have indicated that they will be attending. Low attendance can perhaps be attributed to too many conferences and seminars – students will also be attending the NISK seminar in Fredrikstad in November. Approximately 30% of the COINS member students will be attending.

However, there has been a good response from partner institutions, particularly SWITS and Chalmers.

An ad hoc team to participate in the hack.lu ‘Capture the Flag’ competition will also be formed.

Comments and suggestions regarding attendance:

- Incentives to attend – Robert Frederking from CMU invited to this seminar
- Students would prefer supervisors to attend the seminars
- Easier for supervisors to attend after classes have ended for the autumn semester?
- More group work and simulated Ph.D. defences to be held to encourage participation
- Recording? – however, this may reduce the incentive to attend
- Free registration to Nordsec? – discussion suggesting that there is no reason to co-locate the seminar with Nordsec, as many who attend the seminar are not interested in attending both. Supervisors and students are also hesitant to spend so much time away from the office (travel, seminar, and conference may mean being absent for almost a week)
- Comment from Stig Frode Mjølunes – as an SC member without a Ph.D. student, there is less of an incentive to attend the seminar. Attendance becomes a low priority during busy semesters.

Metochi Summer School – discussion at the seminar to take place regarding this event.

Different topics to be explored each year, but topics must still be relevant to all students.

Action: Vladimir Oleshchuk to take a working group to find out what students want and need in an effort to increase participation.

Course descriptions for COINS events

UiA has not yet initiated the process for course description approval

Action: Hanno Langweg to assist – will discuss this during the next Ph.D. committee meeting.

No progress in NTNU.

Course descriptions for each course under local course codes at each institution enable students to earn the relevant ECTS units more easily. Examples can be found for the IMT6002 COINS Winter School, IMT 6003 COINS Summer School, and IMT6004 COINS Workshop on the HiG website <http://www.hig.no/emne/liste>

Action: NTNU to input to programme committee for the Ph.D. programme in telematics

Internship opportunities

The internship programme has had no applications – more marketing to the students from the COINS partners may need to be done. Internships are funded by COINS.

Question from Pankaj Pandey regarding internships to institutions that are not currently a COINS partner – currently there is no funding for these internships. Institutions that are considered a desired location for internships, should consider becoming partners in the COINS network.

Miscellaneous

The Research Council seminar will be held in Trondheim, two weeks after the Tromsø Ph.D. seminar. COINS will be represented by Stig Frode Mjølsnes (NTNU), Vladimir Oleshchuk (UiA), and Pankaj Pandey (COINS Student representative).

The next steering committee will probably be held in December.

Action: Hanno Langweg to send out a Doodle to arrange the best time