

COINS Steering Committee

Meeting 2013-08-15

Minutes: Hanno Langweg

Time: 2013-08-15T1500 - 2013-08-15T1615

Place: Skype

Participants:

- Steering Committee (SC) members: Einar Snekkenes (Scientific Director COINS), Tor Helleseth (University of Bergen), Audun Jøsang (University of Oslo), Hanno Langweg (Gjøvik University College)
- No decisions were taken, because it would have required representation of a majority of SC members.



Agenda

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Meeting minutes 2013-06-19

No change requests to latest meeting's minutes were put forward.

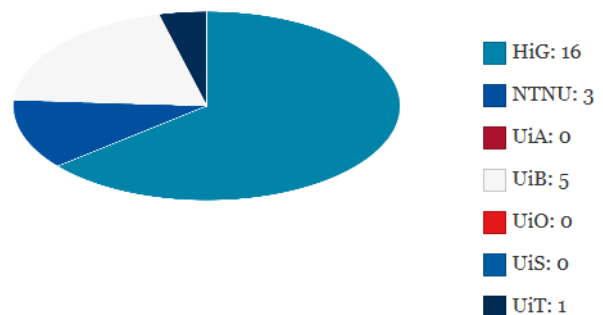
Status

Action items from previous meetings

1. Chunming Rong is supposed to have informed Aryan TaheriMonfared about the decisions of previous SC's meeting and shepherds the organisation of the seminar.
2. Vladimir Oleshchuk is supposed to develop a proposal for the Metochi summer school in 2014 for the next SC meeting.
3. Statement of contributions: UiS still needs to return a letter specifying contributions to COINS, all other consortium members have done so.

Admission of students

Currently, 25 students have applied for and been granted admission to COINS. That is 7 students more than in June. No students have registered from UiA, UiO, UiS yet. UiO is going to remind relevant students and thesis advisors.



coinsrs.no

The website <http://www.coinsrs.no> publishes weekly portraits of registered Ph.D. students. It is a main communication channel to people outside of COINS. Backlinks to coinsrs.no exist from uio.no, uit.no, hig.no, they still need to be added from ntnu.no, uia.no, uib.no, uis.no.

Work plan 2013/2014

Ph.D. student seminar co-located with NISK 18/11-20/11

SC members expressed concern that no information on current status of preparation of the student seminar was available. Stavanger is regarded as the best option co-located with NISK, and UiS is strongly requested to send out an invitation by the end of September. If no progress is demonstrated by the end of September, SC members might convene an emergency meeting to have another consortium member step in as organiser.

Election of SC student representatives

An election of two student representatives for the SC is proposed to take place during the student seminar. The organiser of the student seminar is to be informed about the election to reserve time in the schedule.

Actions menu

It is proposed to send a shorter version of the actions menu to the students to be discussed at the student seminar with the goal of capturing student opinions on the future direction and offerings of COINS.

Common course descriptions

The draft of a course description for participation in COINS events is welcomed. Challenges that were discussed are internal/external examiners (should be open for internal examiners), form of assessment, requirement/incentives for active participation of students e.g. in form of peer review of presentations, critical discussion of daily lectures.

GUC will solicit feedback from local Studienemnda to detect formal obstacles.

Metochi summer school 2014

UiA is expected to develop a proposal for a summer school to be held at the Metochi study centre in 2014, if possible with a visit to ENISA as part of the school. COINS reserves kr. 300 000 in the budget proposal for 2014 to cover accommodation for 20 people and travel costs for 15 students and 5 lecturers. The summer school should be relevant for many Ph.D. students in information security, possibly open for (paying) participants outside of COINS. Participation in the summer school should be credited towards the training component of the Ph.D. programmes of the consortium members.

The date should be between 2014-06-01 and 2014-10-01 and should not collide with other relevant events in information security, e.g. IEEE S&P, Crypto, WEIS.

Responsible: Vladimir Oleshchuk (UiA)

Budget

No changes compared to last SC meeting.

Reporting to RCN 2013-10-01

Consortium members will be reminded in advance of the reporting deadline if their input is required.

Miscellaneous

Hanno Langweg and Yi-Ching Liao will attend the MyPhD workshop in Hamburg 16+17 September 2013. Participation had been offered to all first-year students in COINS.

COINS and some SWITS students will be invited to participate with a team in the hack.lu Capture the Flag competition 22+23+24 October 2013.

SC meetings in the autumn term will try to be on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Skype was found to be an effective for videoconferencing, albeit most participants only transmitted audio.