

COINS Steering Committee

Meeting 2013-11-18

Minutes: Hanno Langweg

Time: 2013-11-18T1000 - 2013-11-18T1155

Place: UiS

Participants:

- Steering Committee (SC) members: Einar Snekkenes (Scientific Director COINS), Audun Jøsang (University of Oslo), Hanno Langweg (Gjøvik University College), Stig Frode Mjølshes (NTNU), Vladimir Oleshchuk (UiA), Chunming Rong (UiS), Ragnar Soleng (UiT)



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Meeting minutes 2013-08-15

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

Status

Action items from previous meetings

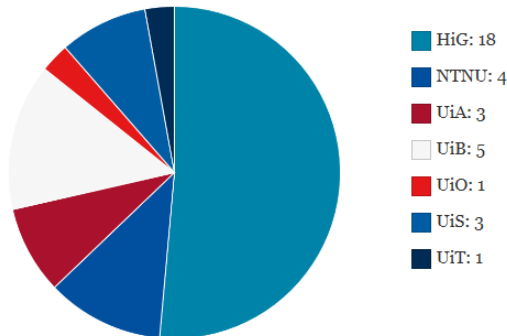
1. Vladimir Oleshchuk was supposed to develop a proposal for the Metochi summer school in 2014 for this SC meeting. Will be discussed later.
2. Leif Nilsen has invited Hanno Langweg to give a presentation on COINS for the FRISC Industrial Advisory Board to provide input on doctoral training in information security in Norway. The meeting will be held 2013-11-27.
3. All consortium members should have added a link from the websites of their institutions to <http://www.coinsrs.no>. So far, GUC, NTNU, UiB, UiO, UiT have such a link, UiA and UiS still do not have.

Action item: UiA and UiS set up a link to <http://www.coinsrs.no> from the homepages of their institutions and report to the next SC meeting. Responsible: Vladimir Oleshchuk (UiA) and Chunming Rong (UiS)

4. Statement of contributions: UiS still needs to return a letter specifying contributions to COINS, all other consortium members have done so. Correct reporting of time spent on contributing to COINS is said to be administratively difficult for UiS, involving heavy use of internal billing.
Action item: Consortium members document their own contribution (mainly in the form of time spent) before the next SC meeting. Responsible: all SC members for their institutions, Hanno Langweg for sending out the form to consortium members
5. UiA, UiO, UiS had no students registered for COINS as of last SC meeting. Meanwhile, every consortium member has registered at least one student.
6. UiS was strongly requested to prepare for the Ph.D. student seminar. Aryan TaheriMonfared (UiS) and Hanno Langweg (GUC) have been in discussions to set up an agenda and invite COINS students.
7. The draft of a common course description has been sent to GUC's Studienemnda and has been returned with useful feedback for further development before resubmission.
8. The annual report was submitted to the Research Council of Norway on 2013-10-01. SC members asked for the report to be made available to them.
9. Yi-Ching Liao and Hanno Langweg participated in the MyPhD workshop in Hamburg and collected experience from a network similar to COINS. Results are documented on coinsrs.no.
10. Audun Jøsang, Hanno Langweg, and Ragnar Soleng participated in the seminar on national research schools organised by the Research Council of Norway. COINS seems to do well compared to other research schools. Several new ideas could inspire COINS.

11. A small team of COINS students participated in the hack.lu CTF Capture the Flag competition, finishing 176th of 708 teams worldwide.

Admission of students



Currently, 37 students have applied for and been granted admission to COINS. That is 10 students more than in August. 2 students have graduated, leaving 35 active students. At least one student per consortium members is registered. There is a large number of supervisors (more than 20) for the students.

UiO expects 3 more students to join COINS based on hiring for a "change environment" (endringsmiljø), and UiS expects to add 1 more students in 2014.

Action item: The funding source of COINS students should be investigated (confirmed by supervisors) and added to the website. Responsible: COINS AMO

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 hig.no, ntnu.no, uib.no, uio.no, uit.no, they still need to be added from uia.no, uis.no.

An option has been added to collect information about potential applicants to open positions, and the list of COINS partners has been updated so that students can easily find out about mobility stipends.

NISK/NIK/NOKOBIT

Einar Snekkenes will give a 20 minute presentation on COINS in the session on "Teaching CS" in the main track of the NIK conference. About a dozen students have signed up for NISK, some of them without a paper. This year, COINS supports travel of students to NISK and the Ph.D. student seminar. In general (i.e. next year), support for NISK travel will be limited to students who do not have a paper accepted as this is considered to be in the responsibility of the student's employer.

Ph.D. student seminar

The seminar is prepared and will be held at the conference hotel for NISK on Wednesday afternoon and at UiS on Thursday. The agenda includes presentations by participants, an experience talk, a supervisor panel discussion ("Ask the professor"), election of student representatives, a discussion of COINS, and a social event. It is documented on the website.

Announced participation of supervisors is low. This needs to be discussed in advance of next year's seminar.

Agenda Skype meeting 2013-12-18

No corrections or amendments were proposed for the draft agenda distributed with the invitation. Chunming Rong (UiS) is expected to be on travel and might not be available on Skype. The meeting will be the first meeting with the newly-elected student representatives.

Budget

No changes were proposed. Own contributions need to be documented. If contributions are too low, this needs to be discussed prior to next year's budget.

UiO will not send an invoice for participation in the Finse SC meeting. UiS expects the invoice for the 2013 Ph.D. student seminar to be available early in 2014. A preliminary invoice would be desirable. For the future, a deadline for presenting invoices might be needed to be set.

Reporting to RCN 2014-10-01

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

Miscellaneous

A proposal for a COINS Student Researcher Grant has been developed and will be discussed with a potential sponsor. If this succeeds, a discussion is needed on how to involve more supervisors, provide incentives for individuals and institutions to share the load of evaluating candidates.