

COINS Steering Committee

Meeting 2018-03-06

Minutes: Urszula Nowostawska

Time: 0900 - 0953

Place: Trondheim, NTNU Gløshaugen/Skype

Participants:

- Steering Committee (SC) members: Hanno Langweg (Scientific Director COINS), Vladimir Oleshchuk (University of Agder), Chunming Rong (University of Stavanger), Stig Frode Mjølunes (NTNU, Trondheim), Stephen Wolthusen (NTNU, Gjøvik), Ragnar Soleng (University of Tromsø), Øyvind Ytrehus (University of Bergen), Audun Jøsang from 0925 (University of Oslo), Sergii Banin (Student), Urszula Nowostawska (Activity Management Office).

Apologies:

- Tor Helleseeth (University of Bergen).



Agenda

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No modification or any changes to the agenda. Agenda was approved.

Meeting minutes 2017-06-08

Previous meeting minutes accepted without objections.

Status, goals, and milestones

Tasks from previous meetings

Xiaojie offered to report about a formal course recognition procedure at University of Oslo of the course he took at COINS summer school last year and tell to how it worked. He also offered to give a new proposal for partnership. Due to his absence the tasks were moved to the next meeting.

Admission of students

As of today, COINS gathers 71 PhD students, 30 have graduated which means that 101 students have enrolled in COINS since the beginning of the project. The majority of students now comes from University of Oslo and Bergen.

There will be more PhD positions in NTNU campus Gjøvik, but due to the slow recruitment process everything is delayed.

There will be a new PhD student working in blockchain project at University of Agder. She should enroll to COINS very soon.

Upcoming events

There is a question where we should organize this year COINS PhD student seminar. One option would be to collocate it with NISK 2018 conference in Svalbard, 18-20 September 2018. Moreover, the last Advisory Board meeting was in 2015, thus there is a time for another board meeting and Svalbard would be an interesting choice. That way we could have a PhD seminar and advisory board meeting together. The other option would be to collocate the PhD seminar with NordSec conference in Oslo, 28-30 November 2018.

Students+events

COINS IT Security Exercise

This year for the first time we have introduced a new course for PhD students: IT Security exercise (IMT6007). IMT6007 is a 5 ECTS PhD-level course on software security with an NTNU course code. The course is based on three meetings: 2 days in Trondheim, 6-7 March 2018, 2 days in Oslo, 5-6 May 2018 and one day in Gjøvik 25 May 2018. Three external lecturers are hired from FluxFingers, a highly skilled CTF team of Ruhr University Bochum.

During the first meeting in Trondheim we had 5 PhD students plus 2 on Skype and additional people from Gjøvik and Trondheim.

Finse winter school 6/5 – 11/5 2018

Finse Winter School will take place this year in May 6-11, 2018. Øyvind Ytrehus and Tor Helleseth did an amazing job recruiting lecturers from abroad as well as from Norway to teach at the winter school. We have already 5 confirmed speakers and waiting for the final decision of the sixth one. There is some backup of speakers, just in case if any of the speakers will not be able to come. The full list of lecturers can be found on COINS website: coinsrs.no. There will be time for networking and presentation of own research and ability to obtain 3 ECTS credits with the winter school by enrolling in IMT6002 at NTNU. IMT6002 course description was ready well in advance. However, there was a problem at NTNU to accept the COINS courses since the merger with Trondheim, but hopefully it will change soon, they are working on it right now.

The registration page will be ready soon, but we have already 6 students from Bergen who are willing to participate in Finse winter school. We have a capacity for much bigger number, thus we hope more students will enrol in the next couple weeks.

Metochi summer school 22/7 – 29/7 2018

This year summer school will be in the last week of July. Hanno has sent an email for the proposed topic of the school. We could have: Security of large scale systems or Network security, where the lecturer from cloud security could be contacted. Moreover, the IoT aspect could fit under this umbrella. There is a plan for 5-6 lecturers. We could invite people from Technical University of Darmstadt or lab in France.

NISK 18/09 -20/09 2018

This year NISK conference will take place on Svalbard. There is already a preliminary programme for the conference. It will start on Tuesday, the 18th of September with the Steering Committee meeting and then normal proceeding for Wednesday and Thursday.

We could have COINS PhD student seminar on Tuesday. People will arrive on Monday, have PhD seminar on Tuesday, followed by NISK conference until Thursday evening and leave on Friday. There is also an option for people to stay for the weekend afterwards. We are open to other suggestions how to plan this week in Svalbard. An alternative approach would be to have the Ph.D. student seminar as NISK sessions during the regular programme on Wednesday and Thursday.

The aim of the annual NISK conference series is to be the principal Norwegian venue for presenting new research and developments in the field of ICT security and privacy, and bringing together people from universities, industry, and public authorities. National and international contributions by researchers, practitioners, and PhD- and Master thesis students presenting new problems and solutions within topics on ICT security are invited. Audun has reported that there are already 2 paper submissions at NISK, one from French journalist for accreditation. Regular paper submission is 17th of April 2018, but for short papers, posters and demos submission is 28th of May 2018.

Ph.D student seminars 2018 - 2020

This year PhD student seminar could be collocated with NISK 2018 seminar in Svalbard. We used to collocate the seminar with NISK in the past. Next year NISK conference will be in Narvik. COINS has 6 consortium members, and so far we did not have the PhD seminar in Trondheim, Grimstad and Gjøvik. We could propose Grimstad to host the PhD seminar in 2019. Usually we have around 20 students attending the seminar. The best time to visit Grimstad would be from May until September, thus August would be the most convenient time for all. However, at the moment we do not know when we will have a summer school in Metochi, it could be around the same time. We could also consider having it at the end of June, but need to be careful not to overlap with a Norwegian short movie festival that runs usually in the middle of June. In 2020 NTNU would host COINS PhD seminar on two campuses: Trondheim and Gjøvik.

COINS 2020++

The COINS Research School is funded by Norwegian Research Council until the end of 2020. We must discuss a plan what we can do with COINS after 2020. The discussion was postponed until next steering committee meeting on the 25th of May in Gjøvik.

In-kind contributions

There are missing reports of in-kind contributions from 2017: NTNU Gjøvik and University of Oslo. University of Oslo has not submitted the report of in-kind contribution in 2016 either, as well as has not sent the invoices for students/staff participating in COINS events.