

Minutes meeting PhD council, May 31, 2018, 14:00 - 14:45

Present: Jorinde, Ruben, Maria, Zhanna, Erik, Milo (via remote connection), Broos (via remote connection)

(Action points in blue)

PhD lunch

The next PhD lunch will be during the next topical lectures, on June 7. *Jorinde, Maria* and *Zhanna* will be there. Maria will take notes and Jorinde will lead the general discussion.

Last time, we had the suggestion to send a survey with questions so that we have a general idea of what people think and they can think about the topics in advance. We collect a list of topics to ask questions about:

- Preparation material topical lectures: was not there for the last two lectures (Machine Learning, Future accelerators), did people need it?
- C3 meetings
- The content and level of last topical lectures
- The English version of the Mirror Moment
- Python course
- Teaching duties
- Question if people are interested in joining the PhD council
- Extra courses required to learn extra skills?
- The new travel system
- Information about thesis printing: Broos points out the rules ('uitvoeringsregelingen') have changed. *Broos* will send an email to the council, *Milo* will add it to the website.

Next OWC meeting

The next OWC meeting is June 28. Jorinde is unavailable, *Erik* and *Ruben* will go to the meeting.

Website

The website is now correctly linked by the Nikhef website. We were approached by someone from an Amsterdam housing website to put a link to his website on the council's website (Tom Verveer from huurwoningen.nl). Since it looked kind of shady we all ignored the email.

Python course

The Python course is scheduled for after summer. Not much has been done since the last discussion with Taco Walstra. We will ask more specific questions during the PhD lunch (and

in the survey). *Erik* will talk to Taco, Ivo van Vulpen and Bob Stienen, preferably between the PhD lunch and the OWC meeting.

Fine mechanics course

Maria had spoken to Patrick Werneke about the fine mechanics course, but wasn't sure about how much time he was willing to spend on it. Also, it seems like most students would find this a nice extra, but not extremely useful. We would like to get a better impression if this idea is still viable. *Maria* will try to speak to Patrick Werneke about this before the PhD lunch.

New members and board

At the start of the PhD council last year, we agreed that the board (president, secretary and webmaster) would change in November. However, since the current board (*Jorinde*, *Erik* and *Milo*) are all absent in large parts of September, October and November, we change the board sooner: by September. *Zhanna* will be the next secretary. *Ruben* will be the next webmaster, although *Milo* will keep in touch and make sure that the transition will be smooth. *Jorinde* will send a mail to Marc to ask him to be the next president. *Erik* will keep involved in the Python course.

By September, 3 members of the council will leave, so we need new members. *Maria* and *Zhanna* will work on this, *Zhanna* will at some point send an email to tell everyone why it would be great to join us :)

Next meeting

The next meeting would be best organized with the current council plus new members. This should then be planned at the end of August.