

## **Minutes meeting PhD council, September 30, 2019**

*Present: Marc, Anamika, Zhanna, Brian, Alice (via remote connection)*

### **New members of PhD Council**

Few members are stepping down: Maria, Zhanna, Marc, Ruben (*to be confirmed*).

Three new members have confirmed they are willing to join: Igor -> LHCb, Avnish -> theory, Lennart ->ALICE.

Since Lennart will be able to be a member only for 1,5 years, there's still space for the 4<sup>th</sup> member. **Anamika** and **Brian** will ask few other people about this.

**Brian** will also ask Rasa if members of the working council want to attend PhD Council meetings.

### **New roles**

Alice -> Webmaster (Previous: Ruben)

Anamika -> Secretary (Previous: Zhanna, Maria)

Brian -> Chair (Previous: Marc)

### **Jamboree**

**Anamika** and **Brian** will contact Niels and Jeff who are in charge of organizing this year's Jamboree about the possibility of having next PhD lunch during one of the days and about the time for the PhD Council talk.

### **Next OWC meeting**

The date is not defined yet. **Alice** and **Anamika** will attend if they can make it.

*Remark from Marc for the future:* we are not expected to fill in the doodle for the OWC meetings attendance because we can always find someone to go having 6-7 members.

Points to be addressed:

- *Dutch introductory course*

**Alice** will pass by Pieter's office when she is back, if he is not there we should bring up the question about the progress on that in the next OWC meeting.

- *Introductory event*

In the previous OWC meeting we expressed the interest of PhD students to have the introductory event. Is there any progress on how to organize it?

- *English version of Intranet*

Marc already raised the question about the English version of Intranet, but the response was that it's quite difficult to translate everything since different people develop the parts of Intranet and everybody should prepare the translation on their own then. Still, we think it's quite important and we should ask if there's any progress on that in the next OWC meeting.

- *BND school*

We need to think about our input on this year's BND school for the OWC meeting. [Anamika](#) and [Alice](#) will ask students about this.

- *C++ course and Python course*

PhD Council organized Python course last year that got a very positive feedback. However, we should not be responsible for organizing the courses like this every time so we need to ask if it will be included in the list of the official courses and if yes, who can be in charge of this.

### **Other points**

- *Topical lectures*

We agreed on the fact that the suggestion of having the Topical Lectures organized in a different place than Nikhef is not worth the further discussion. It will be too complicated for lecturers that mostly live in Amsterdam and because of the smaller number of PhD students in other cities.

- *Youth conference*

Mike and Lennart from ALICE are trying to organize a youth conference only for PhD students and postdocs. It may be interesting to merge the social event for PhD students that we discussed before with this conference. For example, this can be done on the first day of the conference. We will come back to this when more details are known.