

Minutes PhD council meeting – December 3rd 2019

Present: Brían, Alice, Anamika (via skype), Avanish, Igor, Lennart

1. Welcome to the new members
 - The new members are welcomed into the council.
 - Alice gives the new members a document with information.
2. Latest OWC meeting outcome / related
 - We should ask about python/C++ course during PhD lunch.
 - Not enough interest for Dutch course, there is no option for reimbursement for private courses. Alice could ask again for the option of a dutch, but we need enough people interested to follow the course.
 - Machine learning course, do people want their own course? We can ask during the PhD lunch.
 - There is reading material for the next topical lectures, we should mention it during the lunch. Brian will talk to joan to send a reminder.
 - You can always talk to peter braam van vloten if you have an issue with your C3. We can mention this at the PhD lunch.
 - There are still issues with the BND school. Alice heard the organisers of past years will talk with the new organisers for this year. (Note from Lennart: the past years were quite bad, so I am not sure how much the organisers of this year should learn from them).
3. PhD lunch at the Jamboree
 - Brian will ask niels about location of lunch during jamboree.
 - We will tell what the council did with recommendations of the PhDs.
 - Brian will ask for an update on the renovations.
4. Coming PhD survey
 - There will be a section dedicated to PhD issues during the Jamboree. Lennart will make a draft for the survey with questions related to this topic.
5. Other issues
 - Ruben should give Alice access to the website. Alice will also ask Milo.
 - We get mails asking about phd positions. Alice will see if we can make changes to the website. Alice will also ask to remove text about phd council in vacancy section from nikhef website.
 - We will have a next meeting jan/feb before ocw.