

## Minutes PhD council meeting - Mar 10th 2021

Present: Alessio, Alexandra, Avanish, Bouke, Igor, Lennart, Serena (all via Zoom)

1. Next OWC meeting
  - Avanish, Bouke confirmed they will be present
  - Reporting issues with supervision - not mentioning names
  - About supervision revision scheme - expected possible resistance from OWC about interfering with their reviewing mechanisms
2. C++, computing course
  - Feedback from students: 12 answers about C++ and computing courses, best time to take place: spring 2021 (83% C++, 58% computing answers)
  - Survey to be closed on Friday
  - Must reply to Wouter, Jeff's emails about them (Igor)
3. Issue with Dutch course
  - Serena was told Uni Groningen offers free Dutch course - albeit without final certificates, must inform students via Promovendi list
4. Supervision review scheme
  - Planned "Negative brainstorming session" where different groups are tasked with finding ways to make PhD life miserable, every group presents a slide about their proposals. Possibility to compare results with "positive brainstorming" sessions.
5. Workshop on career after PhD
  - We need to find dates
  - Plan to invite speakers with different career paths (still in academia, not anymore, a possible candidate has left academia to then re-enter it) and backgrounds (Dutch, expats)
  - Controversial statement to be made and discussed
  - Some feedback has already been sent to us
6. PhD lunch in April
  - Preliminar meeting for PhD students council members to be arranged in early April

- Topical lectures scheduled 14-16/04/2021

## 7. Other topics

- Bouke suggests all Doodles for PhD council members must also be sent around via Email, motion approved
- Mentoring scheme / “Buddy system” proposed, first introduced by Mara, LHCb