

Minutes PhD council meeting - July 5th 2021

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

1. Next OWC meeting
 - Alex, Serena will participate
 - Highlight our accomplishments: Stay in science workshop
 - Mention plan ahead
 - How PhD life is affected by restrictions being eased
 - Next topical lectures in person?
 - Social event at NIKHEF in person
2. Jamboree december: invitation to join organising committee
 - Alessio, Alexandra willing to join
 - Plan to organize a session where to ask to each group how to improve supervision
3. Other issues
 - Wouter email about C++ course, according to previous sources it is ok to organize the course in springtime
 - “PhD hell” workshop to be scheduled in autumn, after surveys
 - Elections for new PhD council members to take place in September
 - More tasks in to-do list assigned
 - Surveys to be discussed next week
 - Make clear what is our plan ahead, regular updates to PhD candidates
 - Buddy system: send around email to look for volunteers. Also, it’s just a possible approach, not the only possible one
 - Intro for new PhDs: email with our suggestion to be sent to Stan, no 1 size fits all suggestion, different groups should have freedom to organize things differently