

## Plenary Assembly «Digital Society Initiative» - Meeting minutes

*Datum/Zeit:* Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 16:00-17:30 h

*Ort:* RAA-G-01, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich

*Presenter/host:* Abraham Bernstein, Director Digital Society Initiative

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| Review | <p>Introduction by Abraham Bernstein, Director of DSI and presentation of the agenda for the plenary assembly 2018.</p> <p>Approval of last year's minutes: The meeting minutes of the plenary assembly 2017 were approved by the attending members.</p> <p>Review of first successes of the DSI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 300 researchers (128 of them are professors)</li> <li>○ Institutional structures</li> <li>○ 22 DSI seed funding projects (almost 200'000 CHF), DSI research projects: CHF 4.5 million third-party funding</li> <li>○ 30 UZH-internal events, 17 public events</li> </ul> <p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New professorships: 8</li> <li>○ New Assistant professorships: 10</li> <li>○ Conception of Studium Digitale and Doctoral School (programming skills, surveys, coding)</li> <li>○ Collaboration with University of Geneva</li> </ul> <p>Map of 5 Challenge Areas:</p> <p>Overview of the 5 challenge areas and their specific topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Specific topics of areas needed?</li> <li>○ Proposal of audience: Fairness of algorithms, Blockchain Center, Cyber Security Center</li> <li>○ Description of new areas: DSI helps to establish an area, if enough people will be interested in.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overview of the new Professorships (job advertisements are partially out) – full job descriptions are only available when already published by university</li> <li>● Overview of all DSI Services that provides Digital Society Initiative</li> </ul> <p>Fellows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 18 fellows, new rules concerning PHD students (no longer eligible) and external fellows (cooperation with UZH member is necessary)</li> </ul> <p>Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Various public and internal events</li> <li>● Data Clinics: At least 10 of the attending researchers are interested in regular Data Clinics</li> </ul> |

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| <p>Challenge Areas</p> | <p>Representatives of the three active challenge areas Communication, Democracy and Health presented mission statement, key facts, activities and needs/wishes for their community.</p> <p>Challenge Area Communication (presented by Prof. Dr. Thomas Friemel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key facts: 66 Members from 14+ disciplines, events like OECD-Workshop, DSI Lecture series communication, DSI Book Club, Digitaltag 2018, 3 community meetings and 3 concept meetings</li> <li>• needs &amp; wishes from the community: more visibility on DSI website, more support from IT developer, One stop shop for legal (data protection) and ethical management</li> </ul> <p>Challenge Area Democracy (presented by Prof. Dr. Lucas Leemann)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucas Leemann briefly presented the Digital Democracy Lab, quick wins and funding</li> <li>• Funding UZH Foundation and SNF Digital Lives</li> <li>• Christian Schwarzenegger from the UZH Executive Board emphasized that the Zentrum für Demokratie in Aarau and the challenge area democracy speak with one voice/coordinate their activities.</li> </ul> <p>Challenge Area Health (presented by Dr. Corine Mouton-Dorey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corine Mouton-Dorey presented some information about the Challenge Area like mission statement, goal for the next 3 years, current status of area, needs and wishes and the contribution to DSI, and examples of projects.</li> <li>• Membership: 28 people from various institutes.</li> </ul> <p>Abraham Bernstein pointed out, that the two remaining challenge areas <i>work &amp; mobility</i> are not active.</p> <p>Suggestions for new challenge areas from the audience were <i>education</i>. Proposal from the audience: Establishing the challenge area <i>organisation</i> (instead of work) Christian Schwarzenegger put emphasis on encouraging again researchers to form the challenge areas work &amp; mobility.</p> <p>Mike Martin, DSI director, suggested to make a call for leading the DSI challenge area. You apply for the lead of the challenge area with your idea.</p> |
| <p>Formalia</p>        | <p>The following formalities were completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of full DSI members: all members were accepted</li> <li>• Election for Associate members: all members were accepted</li> <li>• Suggestions for the advisory board: there were no suggestions by the audience, suggestions can be sent in via mail: info@dsi.uzh.ch</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Outlook</p>         | <p>Abraham Bernstein presented the Outlook on the DSI and the grant application support. Additionally, he asked the community for ideas for Scientifica 2019: Science fiction and Science facts</p> <p>Idea from DSI: Discuss scenes from SciFi movies and relate them to today's possibilities - researchers, who want to take part, please inform DSI via info@dsi.uzh.ch</p>   |
| <p>Q&amp;A</p>         | <p>No Q&amp;As</p>  |
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