

Plenary Assembly «Digital Society Initiative» - Meeting minutes

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Topic	Content
Introductory Formalia	<p>Welcome and Introduction by Abraham Bernstein (AB), Director of the DSI and presentation of the agenda for the digital Plenary Assembly 2020.</p> <p>Introductory Formalia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of last year's minutes: The meeting minutes of the Plenary Assembly 2019 were approved by the attending members.
DSI Updates	<p>Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AB presented the History and the evolution of the DSI in the last four years as well as current figures:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ DSI network: 430 researchers (of which 160 professors)▪ Advisory board – new members: Thomas Dübendorfer, Balthasar Glättli and Doris Leuthard as new members, Current members: Marloes Caduff, Rajna Gibson Brandon, Caroline Hirt, Ruedi Noser, Claudia Pletscher, Pascale Vonmont, Marc Walder, Christian Wenger, Jacques de Werra Fellows: 35 Fellows since the beginning of the Fellowship Program▪ Current Fellows: Alexandra Diehl, Jamie L. Gloor, Thomas Lampoltshammer, Olexandr Nikolaychuk, Aurelia Tamó-Larrieux, Walther Zimmerli▪ Educational Programs: Successful pilots of the Studium Digitale and the PhD Excellence Program (more details in later slides)▪ DSI Professors: 11 out of 18 are elected (more details in later slides)▪ Enabled Third-party funding: 53 projects with a direct link to the DSI, 165 DSI- or digitalization-relevant projects○ Events: AB presented some current and upcoming events for 2020○ PhD Program: Claudia Witt (CW) introduced the DSI Excellence Program for PhDs○ Two PhDs (Salome Stevens and Nico Pfiffner) shared their personal experience with the new program○ CW presented an overview of all modules of the DSI PhD Excellence Program○ Studium Digitale: CW presented as well the second program of the DSI – the Studium Digitale for Bachelor-degree students with its different modules.○ The teaser animation for the Studium Digitale has been shown (https://www.dsi.uzh.ch/de/students/studiumdigitale.html)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professors: There are 8 new assistant professors in the DSI, two of them, Marie-Luis Merten and Manuel Günther, introduced their research and briefly talked about their first impressions of the DSI. <p>New DSI Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's new? Markus Christen (MC), commented on the slides "DSI Communities" and pointed out the major changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It will be easier to form Communities ○ The role of the DSI Communities will become stronger ○ Most relevant change: Only DSI Communities now have exclusive access to DSI funding schemes ○ Within the Plenary Assembly MC described the process of creating new communities and opened the discussion for new community proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tanja Samardzic proposed a community "Digital Games" (using Games for educational purpose, e.g. for problem solving, in case of interest get in contact with Tanja: tanja.samardzic@uzh.ch) ○ Salome Stevens proposed a community "Cybersecurity" (in case of interest, contact Salome: salome.stevens@rwi.uzh.ch) ○ Michel Rickhaus proposed a community "Scientific Visualizations" (in case of interest get in contact with Michel: michel.rickhaus@chem.uzh.ch) ○ Carmen Tanner proposed a community "Sustainability in Economy/Business" (Mail: carmen.tanner@bf.uzh.ch) ○ Application Process: MC listed, what the DSI offers the Communities and briefly described the application process (Deadline December 4th) ○ There were several questions concerning the new communities. ○ Question: Thomas Friemel asked whether the seed funding will be related to Communities as well? Answer DSI: The seed funding will be exclusively available for Communities. ○ Question: Corine Mouton Dorey asked whether long-term projects can be funded as well? What if only funding for 1 year is available but the project lasts longer? Markus Christen advised to write this in the proposal and pointed out the DIZH Infrastructure/Lab and DIZH Innovation program for further funding possibilities. ○ Question Eszter Hargittai: Will the Community Process be annual? DSI: Yes, there is no hurry to apply for it this year, this is an annual process.
DIZH	<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abraham Bernstein (AB) showed the DIZH image film (http://www.dizh.ch) and mentioned some figures on the DIZH ○ He presented the aims of the DIZH and its structure. ○ Structure: The DIZH consists of three pillars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1.) Research Cluster with Professors, Bridge PostDocs, PhD Excellence Program and Labs & Infrastructure. Calls are out or go out very soon ○ 2.) Innovation Program (Competitive funding of projects, focus on cooperation between universities and private sector), ○ 3.) Education Promotion (Working title: Minor Digital Skills) <p>Upcoming calls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB showed the list of all upcoming calls of the DIZH <p>There were several questions concerning the calls:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carmen Tanner: Is it necessary to include DIZH partner institutions for Innovation Program applications? DSI: Call not yet finalized; it is not formally necessary but it will be considered an advantage. ○ Thomas Friemel: Is there a timeline for the Innovation Program? DSI: The Innovation Program consists of several types of calls. The timing is currently in the process of being defined. There will be a first call already in 2020.
Formalia	<p>Election of DSI members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 77 new full members were approved (1 abstention for full members by Tanja Samardzic) ○ Two new members – Michel Rickhaus und Martin Tomasik were approved during the Plenary Meeting. ○ 39 new associate members were approved ○ Input Eszter Hargittai: The criteria for becoming an associated member should be reviewed, so that not all people can take part in the DSI (“Affiliation collectors”)
Outlook	<p>Formalia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announcement DSI Book Club: Short presentation of the DSI Book Club – Open for new participants ○ New DSI Directors in 2021: resignation of Sara Fabrikant and Mike Martin, successors will be appointed in spring 2021 <p>DSI Roadmap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike Martin briefly presented the update of the DSI Roadmap – in January 2021 the DSI will call for new input suggestions for the Roadmap, in April the new Roadmap 2020+ will be finalized.
Q&A	No further questions.

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