

Plenary Assembly «Digital Society Initiative» - Meeting minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 16:30-18:00 h

Place: Kol-E-18, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich

Presenter/host: Abraham Bernstein, Director Digital Society Initiative

Topic	Content
<p>Formalia</p>	<p>Organization of the DSI</p> <p>Legal introduction: Abraham Bernstein (AB) presented the organisational chart of the DSI: The DSI is directly responsible to the DSI Steering Committee. A Managing Board that supports the four directors of the DSI and all DSI members. Additionally, an Advisory Board that consists of personalities who work in the field of digitalisation will be formed. The Plenary Assembly consists of all DSI members.</p> <p>AB explained the rights and duties of the Plenary Assembly, which are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of Regular DSI Members - Election of Associated members - Making proposals on DSI matters (including suggestions for membership to the board of directors/advisory board) towards the directorate <p>So far, the DSI has more than 180 Regular members (only UZH-members). The Regular DSI members were elected unanimously by the attending members.</p> <p>All Associated members were elected unanimously by the attending members as well.</p> <p>There is no time limitation concerning the membership of the DSI. The Plenary Assembly can cease membership of members. Every member can stop its DSI affiliation on demand as well.</p>
<p>Funding possibilities within the DSI</p>	<p>AB presented three different sorts of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Matching: funds can be used to increase the success of ongoing projects (e.g. personnel of the DSI managing board) • Strategic Investments: funds can be used to launch activities with high probability of success (e.g. third-party funding) • Strategic Outreach activities: funds can be used to support workshops DSI researchers want to organize, whereas the DSI gets something back (e.g. win-win situation: support of workshops and apéros vs. getting a high value speaker) <p>All Regular DSI members are eligible to submit projects; criteria for project evaluation by the Board of Directors has been previously presented by AB and are contained in the DSI Roadmap that has been sent to all DSI members. Those criteria will also be made available on the DSI Website soon. Proposals can be handed in to the</p>

	<p>DSI Managing Board at any time. The annual amount of available funds for such projects is in the order of CHF 100'000-150'000; DSI will only provide partial support to projects. However, a small amount can be helpful when getting approved by the DSI, as the DSI is a strategic project of the University of Zurich.</p> <p>Furthermore, a Fellowship program will start in the Spring semester of 2018; detailed information on how to apply will be provided beginning of 2018. Any application needs the support of the dean.</p> <p>The DSI Managing Board will also set up capacities for supporting DSI members in grant writing, organizational matters, etc. A first event on supporting possible Horizon 2020 applications is set for November 8 2017. Further details on how DSI members will be supported by the DSI will follow.</p> <p>Projects can be submitted anytime to the DSI managing Office.</p>
<p>Information: Public events 2018 / What else is going on.</p>	<p>AB informed about various activities within the DSI, e.g. the DSI Book Club, the Horizon 2020 event on November 8 2017, Yellow Pages, Topic Extractor and the Brown Bag Lunches.</p> <p>AB invited the attending researchers to inform the DSI about visiting researchers that could serve a talk at a DSI event (the DSI may in this case provide support in the form of travel expenses). AB encouraged the attendees to take part in the bi-monthly NZZ lunch, where we meet with an NZZ journalist to inform about recent activities.</p> <p>He also informed the attendees about the new DSI rooms that should be available in Summer 2018, where there will be physical co-working spaces for researchers.</p>
<p>Networking: Community Events</p>	<p>After the formal part of the Plenary Assembly there was the possibility to connect with other researchers to talk about possible projects within the five challenging areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication: talked about next steps. • Democracy: talked about the interests of the members and the upcoming Democracy meeting. • Health: talked about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) activities that have already been carried out like proposals for NRP, NCCR, statements, participation in Scientific, etc. b) further meetings to exchange information and explore possible collaborations. • Work: no Community event • Mobility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) got in contact with new researchers; and b) talked about the first upcoming meeting
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