Minutes from meeting of the Stipendiatrådet, 11.9.2013

Attended: Irina, Markus, Joanna, Eléonore

Excused: Rune Reported by: Eléonore

1. The letter to the Faculty

It has been sent on Thursday 5 September 2013.

Joanna, Nertila and Eléonore will follow-up with the addressees in the coming weeks. And it will be one of the main topics at the general meeting (see point 2).

It is very likely to be discussed at the next PFF meeting on 7th of October, and at the next LSU meeting.

2. General meeting in the autumn

Gørill sent an email about organising of a general meeting.

What do we want to contribute with?

- a) It should be mentioned that the *gjennomføringstipend* was assessed by the PFF and considered satisfying.
- b) Mid-term evaluation: given that some members of the PFF have raised concerns about the new procedure (too lenient, no direct consequences, etc.), should PhDs be informed and consulted?
- c) We want to use the opportunity to present ourselves and the Stipendiatrådet.

→ Markus replies to Gørill.

Joanna thinks that the general meeting should be taking place every year.

3. Meeting with all PhDs organised by the Stipendiatrådet

To take place in November, and combined with elections of members of the Stipendiatrådet.

Eléonore suggests trying to organise the meeting at lunchtime to see if it helps with attendance.

Joanna suggested that the position in the Stipendiatrådet be limited in time. How do we ensure the continuity? The issue was not debated further.

4. UiO doc meeting

Markus and Eléonore attended the meeting last week.

The UiO doc is the University organisation for research fellows, sort of umbrella organisation for all the PhDs.

Not much information was given then. They mainly wanted to introduce themselves and know what we are expecting of them.

How is this useful for us? We could try to hear experiences from other Stipendiatrådet, e.g:

- What kind of activities do they organise?
- Do they have similar concerns as us, concerning the language and content of the PhD seminars? It seems that it varies from one faculty to the other.
- Irina has heard that the medical school has stopped carrying mid-term evaluation. It could be interesting to hear how other faculties view this evaluation.

Next meeting to take place in October? Markus, Eléonore and the stipendiat list are on their mailing list.

5. Social events

Irina suggested going to the Munch museum and then to the Cinematek with a showing of the movie "De andre" (and maybe get the movie director (Margaret Ohlin) to speak to us), followed by Italian food at the Cinematek café.

This was considered too much and we agree to drop the movie, and only have the exhibition + dinner.

Joanna will try to find places to eat around the national gallery and prices, and Irina will send an application for funding the event.

N.B.

- \rightarrow The Munch exhibition closes on 13 October. The only possible date for the gathering is: Tuesday 8/10
- → If not the Munch exhibition, we agreed to just go to the national gallery (or Astrup Fernley museum)?

6. Date of next meeting

Not decided yet.