



# Chapter Meeting 2016-06-09 - Minute

THS – PhD Chapter

Place: T-Centralen, Drottning Kristinas väg 29

Time: 2016-06-09, 5:00 PM

## **a) Opening Formalities**

- a. The PhD Chapter summer meeting is opened at 17:25.
- b. Attendees are Johan Gärdebo, Maria Nordström, Fariba Rahimi, Medhat Khalil, Andrea de Giorgio, Jerry Solis, Alagar Raj Paulraj, Anna Svensson, Abbas Ismoilov, Simone Basso, Kateryna Morozovska, Daniele Valisena, Johan Spross, Fabian Benavente, Daniel Jörgens, Abderrahman Ait Ali, Erik Widman, Ponya Mahdaripow, Luis Antoniochoque, Jhonny Villarroel, Didem Gürdür, Omar Shafqat, Enrique Mejia Solis, Muhammad Afzal, Arash Safavi Nick, Mohamed Tage, Liyun Yang.  
Didem leaves at 18:30.
- c. Johan Gärdebo is chosen as chairperson, Andrea de Giorgio is chosen as secretary, and Liyun Yang is chosen as person to check the minutes.
- d. Latest protocol is approved by the PhD Chapter.
- e. The agenda is presented by Johan Gärdebo.

## **b) Election of the 2015-2016 Board**

Abbas Ismoilov presents the candidates for the next year chapter board: for presidium the PhD Chapter has Andrea de Giorgio, Maria Nordström and Omar Shafqat.

- a. **Chairperson.** The PhD Chapter begins hearing presentations from each candidate for Chairperson. Andrea de Giorgio is first, so Maria Nordström and Omar Shafqat wait outside the hall. Then Maria Nordström is called. Andrea de Giorgio and Omar Shafqat wait outside the hall. All the candidate people are asked to wait outside and the PhD Chapter proceeds to vote. Andrea de Giorgio is elected chairperson for the next year.
- b. **Vice Chairperson.** Both Maria Nordström and Omar Shafqat retire their candidature for the vice chair position. The assembly decides to postpone the election of the vice chair candidates to the next meeting.
- c. **Treasurer.** Liyun Yang introduces herself. Liyun Yang is elected treasurer for the next year.
- d. **Master of Ceremonies.** Omar Shafqat introduces himself. Omar Shafqat is elected Master of Ceremonies for the next year.  
**Board Members.** Abderrahman Ait Ali (nick: Abdou) and Mohamed Tagelsir Mohamed Elhussein (nick: Taj) introduce themselves, Didem Gürdür is presented by Johan Gärdebo since she had to leave the meeting earlier. Milan Jucevski is presented by Abbas Ismoilov because not present at the meeting. Maria



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Nordström introduced herself for the presidium and chooses not to repeat her presentation. Daniele Valisena introduces himself.

The chapter proceed to elections of all the candidates as board members. All the candidates are elected as board members.

Afzal Muhammad asks to be added as a candidate for board member and the PhD Chapter approves it, then elects him as board member for the next year.

- e. Auditors. Erik Widman nominates Johan Gärdebo and Abbos Ismoilov as auditors. Arash Safavi Nick asks to be nominated too. The PhD Chapter votes to accept only the first two candidatures. The PhD Chapter then elects Johan Gärdebo and Abbos Ismoilov as auditors for the next year.

### c) Summary of 2015-2016

Johan Gärdebo presents the summary for the previous board. "We have worked with social events, PAD organizations at the school levels, refugees' issues. The majority of the work is done at the PAD level. The board is accountable for the three levels in the organigram (see figure below)."

**"Equality.** The board has visited schools and had presentations. The board has updated the document on time compensation. The board has trained representatives for PhD students at the Boot Camp. It will be held first week of September and first week of February. The board has petitioned KF to make sure that they could translate the policy in English. The counter-motion from the PhD Chapter was passed and now the policy has been translated in English."

**"E-quality.** The mailing list is sent out bi-monthly. Traffic on the website is shown in the figure below."

"An increase happened just in May because of the news related to the Boot Camp. The posts that generate much traffic are usually event-related. We reach more people but we don't increase our membership. Maybe one reason is that we serve our PhD students even if they are not THS members."

Abbos Ismoilov reports on sport activities. The PhD Chapter can have up to 22000kr from KTH to organize sport activities.

Johan Gärdebo explains that we have career events in place for the fall, such as THS Armada 2016. And continues with his presentation:

**"Quality.** A governmental report (SOU) recommends that scholarship funding is to be outpaced, and doctoral students financed by scholarships should be employed after a period equivalent to 3 years of full-time education.

Collaboration with THS central has increased (Career fair, sports, reception).

Representatives are chosen centrally and a formal document will be created with THS to



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determine what rights we have. Then the PhD Chapter needs to address the issue to claim those rights, having actual people to cover those positions.”

Liyun Yang presents the budget for 2015/16. “One thing to notice is that the board hasn’t used the budget up to 22000 kr from THS for sports activities.”

**d) Election of PADs**

The PADs are still being elected at each school and the list will be updated at the winter meeting again. The current one is attached.

**e) Other Comments**

No other comments from the PhD Chapter members.

**f) Closing Remarks**

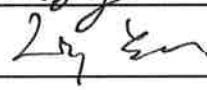
Johan Gärdebo presents his closing remarks as PhD Chapter Chairperson.

**g) Meeting Closure**

The PhD Chapter summer meeting is closed at 20:00.

Chairperson: Johan Gärdebo  \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Andrea de Giorgio  \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by: Liyun Yang  \_\_\_\_\_