

# Chapter Meeting no. 2 – December 9th 2020

## Minutes



PhD Chapter at KTH

**Place:** <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/69633360195>

**Time:** Wednesday, December 9th 2020, 17:17

### 1. Opening formalities [17.17]

- a. Meeting opening  
*The THS membership status was checked for each attendee in advance.  
After verifying that the meeting had met the quorum and other conditions as per clause §2 of the statutes and on account of §1.b, the meeting was declared opened at 17:25.*
- b. Attendees  
*See attendance list*
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson  
*Gloria Samosir was appointed as meeting chairperson.*
- d. Choice of meeting secretary  
*Jasmin Höglund Hellgren was appointed as meeting secretary.*
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker  
*Mohit Daga was appointed as minutes checker.*
- f. Choice of vote counters  
*Sofia Broomé and Tharagan Kumar were appointed as vote counters.*
- g. Approval of the latest protocol  
*The latest protocol has been uploaded to our website and was approved.*
- h. Approval of the meeting agenda  
*Emma Riese proposed a new point to the agenda regarding the vote on choice of meeting vote counters. Emma would like to add 1.f. to the agenda. This was approved by the Chapter meeting.*

*[A discussion followed on how to treat abstains during a vote. The suggestion is to create a breakout room for people who do not want to vote on a particular agenda point. For the remaining persons in the meeting, each one can vote with three options: a) Approve, b) Reject or c) Abstain. A simple majority of approval shall determine a motion to be passed or an election position to be elected.]*

### 2. Introductions and Reports [17.40 - 18.05]

- a. Welcome and PhD Chapter Board Activity Report  
*Gloria Samosir welcomes to the meeting and presents the Board Activity Report.<sup>1</sup>*
- b. Resigning Board Report

<sup>1</sup>

[https://www.dr.kth.se/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/12/Dr2020-PB-12\\_0001-Activity-Report-2020-2021.pdf](https://www.dr.kth.se/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/12/Dr2020-PB-12_0001-Activity-Report-2020-2021.pdf)



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*Emma Riese, chairperson of the academic year 2019-2020, presents the Resigning Board Report.<sup>2</sup>*

c. Audit Report

*Erik Merkus, the Chapter auditor, presents the Audit Report.<sup>3</sup>*

**3. Decision Points [18.05 - 18.08]**

- a. Freedom from responsibility for the resigning board (2019/2020) and functionaries.

*The Chapter Meeting is asked to vote on the errand. It is communicated that all meeting participants who were part of the 2019-2020 board are not eligible to vote due to conflict of interest. The results were:*

*12 votes in favor*

*0 votes against*

*0 abstained*

*Members of the resigning board were given freedom from responsibility.*

**4. Motions [18.09 - 18.15]**

*No motions were submitted.*

**5. Elections [18.09-19.32]**

- a. PhD Chapter Board positions (Nominating Committee)

*Gloria Samosir hands this part over to the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee decides that Tage Mohammadat, member of the nominating committee, shall lead the elections. Tage explains the election process and reads out the Nominating Committee's assessment report<sup>4</sup>, which is also shared on the screen.*

- i. Election of Vice Chair -- until December 2021

*Tage informs that Federico Izzo has been nominated to be Vice Chair.*

*Federico introduces himself.*

*The Chapter Meeting is invited to ask questions to the candidate.*

*The Chapter Meeting discusses Federico's candidacy by asking him questions.*

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<sup>2</sup>

<https://www.dr.kth.se/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/12/Dr2020-PB-0420PhD20Chapter-20Board20Report.pdf>

<sup>3</sup>

<https://www.dr.kth.se/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/12/Dr2020-CF-0220PhD20Chapter-20Audit20Report.pdf>

<sup>4</sup>

[https://www.dr.kth.se/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/12/Dr2020-CF-03\\_M2V0-Nominating-committee-report.pdf](https://www.dr.kth.se/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/12/Dr2020-CF-03_M2V0-Nominating-committee-report.pdf)



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*Tharagan Kumar sends Federico to the breakout room.*

*Tage asks the Chapter Meeting to vote for Federico's candidacy.*

*17 voted in favor*

*0 voted against*

*2 abstained*

*Federico Izzo is found to be elected as Vice Chair of the PhD Chapter.*

*[Mobit Daga moves a motion proposing to decide on agenda points 5.i.i. and 5.v. to after 5.i.i.i. and 5.v as there are no candidates for those positions. Motion is approved by majority.]*

*[Kian Shaker left the meeting at 18.35]*

ii. Election of Business Liaison -- until December 2021

*Tage informs that Inês De Miranda De Matos Lourenço has been nominated to be Business Liaison.*

*Inês introduces herself.*

*The Chapter Meeting is invited to ask questions to the candidate.*

*No questions were asked.*

*Tharagan sends Inês to the breakout room.*

*Mobit Daga states his support for Inês to continue as Business Liaison. Gloria*

*Samosir states her support for Inês, which is seconded by Sofia Broomé.*

*Tage asks the Chapter Meeting to vote for Inês' candidacy.*

*20 voted in favor*

*0 voted against*

*0 abstained*

*Inês De Miranda De Matos Lourenço is found to be elected as Business Liaison of the PhD Chapter.*

iii. Election of Council Coordinator -- until December 2021

*Tage informs that Saiman Ding has been nominated to be Council Coordinator.*

*Saiman introduces herself.*

*The Chapter Meeting is invited to ask questions to the candidate.*

*No questions were asked.*

*Tharagan sends Saiman Ding to the breakout room.*

*Alessandro Enrico states his support for Saiman to continue as Council Coordinator. Gloria states her support for Saiman.*

*Tage asks the Chapter Meeting to vote for Saiman's candidacy.*

*19 voted in favor*

*0 voted against*

*1 abstained*



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*Saiman Ding is found to be elected as Council Coordinator of the PhD Chapter.*

*[Achim Küppelberg left the meeting at 18.50]*

- iv. Election of Treasurer -- until December 2021  
*Mohit moves a motion to open free nominations for the position of Treasurer. The motion is approved by a majority vote.*  
*Mohit moves a motion to elect Federico Izzo as Vice Chair to also take on the role of Treasurer as per the provisions of Section 3.4 of the statutes. Federico accepts the nomination.*  
  
*Tage asks the Chapter Meeting to vote for Federico's candidacy.*  
*17 voted in favor*  
*0 voted against*  
*1 abstained*  
*Federico Izzo is found to be elected as Treasurer of the PhD Chapter.*
  - v. Election of Communication Manager -- until December 2021  
*Mohit proposes a motion to open for free nominations. Free nominations are approved. No nominations are made.*
  - vi. By-election of Webmaster -- until June 2020  
*No motions come forward.*
- b. PhD Chapter Functionaries
- i. Election of Women's Doctoral Committee: Head of the Committee -- until December 2021  
*No motions come forward.*

*[Lena Leitenmaier left the meeting at 19.00]*

- ii. Election of Master's of Ceremonies (one of two positions) -- until December 2021  
*No motions come forward.*
- iii. Election of Nominating Committee (3 to 5 members) -- until December 2021  
*Sina is nominated.*  
*Gloria Samosir proposes a motion to open for free nominations. Free nominations are approved by majority vote. Sina nominates Tage. Tage*



*accepts the nomination. Gloria nominates Robin, Tharagan, and Alessandro. Federico nominates Mobit. Tharagan declined the nomination. Alessandro declined the nomination. Mobit declined the nomination. Robin declined the nomination. Deniz Yildiz nominates Wiebke Köpp. Wiebke declines the nomination. Mobit nominates Deniz. Deniz declined the nomination. Sofia nominates Tanja. Tanja declined the nomination. Sina nominates Emma. Emma declined the nomination. Sina nominates Susanna. Susanna declined the nomination.*

*The Chapter Meeting finds that overall there are two candidates: Tage and Sina for 5 open positions. Due to conflict of interest, Tage hands over the administering of the election for this position to Robin, a member of the nominating committee.*

*Tage is sent to the breakout room. Sina introduces himself. Robin asks if there are any questions for Sina. Tage is brought back and Sina is sent to the break-out room. Tage introduces himself. Robin asks if there are any questions for Tage. Mobit asks how Tage looks at the risk of being in the Nominating Committee for too long. Tage notes the point. Gloria supports Tage's nomination.*

*[Inês Lourenço left the meeting 19.16]*

*Tage is sent to the break-out room.*

*Robin asks the Chapter Meeting to approve the voting style, where both Sina and Tage are voted together. The Chapter Meeting approves of the voting style. Tage and Sina are elected by the Chapter Meeting by majority vote.*

*Tage takes over the role of administering the election.*

iv. Election of Standard Bearers

*Robin moves a motion to open for free nominations. Free nominations are approved. Robin nominates Emma as Standard Bearer and Tage as Deputy Standard Bearer (same as last year). Emma nominates Gloria for Standard Bearer. Gloria accepts the nomination. Emma declined the nomination.*



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*Tage nominates Deniz as deputy Standard Bearer. Deniz accepts the nomination.*

*Tage asks if there are any questions for Gloria or Deniz.*

*Tharagan sends Gloria and Deniz to the break-out room.*

*Gloria is elected to be the Standard Bearer and Deniz is elected as the Deputy Standard Bearer by the Chapter Meeting by a majority vote.*

- a. Standard Bearer -- until December 2021
- b. Deputy Standard Bearer -- until December 2021
- v. By-election of Auditors (2 positions)  
*Tage informs that Lovisa Olsson from Söderntörn University and Mirco Martino from Karolinska Institute are nominated for these positions. Both of them have experience of working at leadership positions of there respective universities doctoral student bodies.*

*Tage asks if there are questions regarding their nominations.*

*Lovisa and Mirco are elected by the Chapter Meeting by majority vote.*

**6. Additional issues and information [19.32-19.34]**

*Gloria asks if there are questions or additional topics to discuss. No questions or issues are raised. Gloria congratulates Federico Izzo, and thanks Mohit Daga, Tanja Richter, and Tharagan Kumar who will end their mandate in the PhD Chapter's Board.*

**7. Meeting closing [19.34]**

*Gloria Samosir declared the meeting closed.*

Protocol,

Meeting chairperson: Gloria Samosir

Signature: *Gloria Sh*

Secretary of the meeting: Jasmin Höglund Hellgren

Signature: *Jasmin Höglund Hellgren*

Minutes checked by: Mohit Daga

Signature: *MD*