

Report from the Board of Directors meeting
27-10-2014

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1.General communications

a. Talents Project: The aim of this project is to create a web interface to make visible SISSA students (PhD and postdoc) to business. Students can upload their Curriculum vitae and other relevant information in this webpage (i.e. letter of presentations etc.). Companies can use this information to scout for students that fulfill their requirements and contact those for job positions. In the last general assembly the project was presented to students by the Director and Enrico Balli from Medialab: as result many students enrolled this project. At the present time the Director is scouting for companies that can improve the quality of this project (i.e. suggestions on relevant and irrelevant information etc.).

b. Welcome Day: The Welcome Day will be on 19.11.2014 in the morning. One video will be showed to the students. This video will give institutional information about SISSA and statements from different students. Afterward the following steps: i) the Director will given novel information, ii) one professor per Area will present the work it is carried out in it, iii) and finally speeches from 2 PhD students, 1 postdoc and R. Iancu. A *lectio magistralis* will conclude the Welcome Day.

2.Commissions

The mandate of all of the members of previous committees (didactic, research, technology transfer etc.) has been prolonged until 31.12.2015. Cristina Firmiani has been designed as representative in the commission services and resources, while Giorgio Scattereggia in the Didactic commission.

3. Code of conduct

The code of conduct is made up of national and local rules. The same code received the approval of union representatives and to the Evaluation Unit "OIV". It has been updated on the forum page SISSA <https://www.sissa.it/forum/index.php?topic=133.0> to receive suggestions and

improvement from all SISSA community and will be open until 15 November. Then, the updated version will be presented and submitted to the government bodies on December. Although for people who have the employment contract and representatives of government bodies, SISSA students are “heartily” recommended to follow it too.

4. Fellowships in master “Communication of Science”

The Director subscribed an agreement with “Fondazione Giacomo Feltrinelli” including the funding for 10 fellowships to give to the students of the master “Communication in Science”. The agreement has been reached for the next 4 years.

5. Admissions

a. 1 year PhD program: In the table below the outcome of the entrance exams for PhD courses that had still to be approved

PhD Courses	Applications	Attending students	Idoneous	Available places	Requests for more places	Admitted
Functional and structural genomics	42	22	8	5	1*	6
Neurobiology	55	19	9	8		8
Molecular Biology	72		13	6	1	7
Theory and numerical simulation of condensed matter (2nd call)	23	10	7	3		3
Astrophysics (2nd call)	9	5	4	1		1
Cognitive Neuroscience (2nd call)	31	14	4	3	1	4

*The Director highlights one point for the single place request in the Functional and structural Genomics. When the PhD course Joint program in Molecular Biology was established, Functional and structural genomics renounced to one position. Now, because one student didn't pass the exam to be enrolled in the II

year, one position could be filled and they ask back this position. All requests for positions are approved by the BoD.

b. II, III and IV year of PhD: The BoD approves the admission to the II, III and IV year 106 students.

c. II year master in Mathematics: The BoD approves the passage of five students in the II year of the master in Mathematics with relative fellowships and accommodation.

6. Requests for postponed thesis defense

The BoD approves the postponement of the thesis defense for two students of the Neuroscience sector over the three months permitted by the regulation (Laura Babcock in March 2015 - *Cognitive Neuroscience*; Dario Olivieri in February - *Neurobiology*). It also approves the request of post-degree fellowships for 4 PhD students (Dario Olivieri - *Neurobiology*; Malgorzata Serzysko - *Neurobiology*; Vahid Esmaeili - *Cognitive Neuroscience*; Alessandro De Filippo - *Cognitive Neuroscience*).

7. Master in Complex Actions

The BoD approves the immediate calling for competition, titles and job interview for the enrollment in master in complex action. The application deadline is on 20.11.2014. Selection will be on 27.11.2014. Lectures will start on 9.01.2014. Within the 10th of December the inscription fee to be paid will be 1000 euro. After, it will be 2000 euro. UniTS and UniUD will join SISSA in the organization.