11th NKL member meeting September 21th 2021

Chair: Anna Lydia Svalastog

1. Select a person to write the minutes

2. Accepting the Minutes from the 10th NKL member meeting Decmber 9th 2020.

3. Present and discuss activities that has been conducted in prolongation of decisions made at the 10h NKL member meeting

*NKL-webinars*

A. A new series of NKL-webinars have been conducted, and vaccination the topic that was selected.

* A questionnaire was developed, distributed to NKL-members, and put together in a second NKL Dataset. (The first NKL Dataset on facial masks was published in 2020).
* Key agents developing the questionnaire were three early career NKL members: Maruška Nardoni, Vanja Kopilas and Matjaz Vidmar.
* Two articles are in progress. Christina Nasadyuk made the first draft of one article, and Maruška Nardoni made the first draft of one article.
* Both articles are expected to be finalized autumn of 2021.

*Activities*

* In line with decisions made in 2020, no COST Action has been sent in 2021.
* Mid Sweden University organised the 5th NKL conference September 20h 2021.
* The PhD-training event 2021 was planned for, but due to few participants (2-3 abstracts received), the PhD-training event was cancelled. The group of 10 PhD-students that participated in the 2019 and 2020 NKL PhD-training event are now in their final phase of their studies and active in the NKL-webinars activities instead.
* France Mali, Jennie Olofsson and Anna Lydia Svalastog have been in contact with two journals.
  + First contact was with the *Science and Technology Studies* Journal (by the EASST network <https://easst.net/>). We have accepted to do an NKL Special Issue in 2025, which was their first opening for guest editing Special Issues. Even if 2025 may seems far away, it mans that we need to start preparing in 2023. In addition, in 2025 we have the 10th anniversary of the NKL network, and thus a special issue in a European STS journal will fit well.
  + Second contact was with Druzboslovene Razprave (<https://www.druzboslovne-razprave.org/en/>) which is the Slovenian Social Science journal. We managed to get an arrangement for a special issue for September 2022, as a follow up on the 2021 NKL coference.
  + We have not yet a new journal for a NKL-stream

*Plans*

* The plans for the 6th NKL events in Vienna 4th-5th-6th of May 2022 is still on track and expected to be on location, organised by Barbara Prainsack.
* Gernot Rider asked for help with the NKL-homepage and Maruška Nardoni has taken on the task, in addition to organise he NKL zoom-webinars.
* Regarding research applications one initiative has been taken by Ulf Carmesund and Anna Lydia Svalastog where the NKL members were invited to contribute. The result was a CHANSE application that is now submitted. (The application including 8 countries: Spain, Poland, Germany, UK, Slovenia, Croatia, Sweden and Norway. DIPEx International and Sociey for Risk Analysis (SRA Europe), two collaborative partners of the NKL-network, are also involved). This was the first research application developed from the NKL-network.

4. Questions raised at last member meeting that need follow up

* Collaboration with SRA Europe and developing a session at their annual meeting was not done. (Short noice). Though SRA Europe is involved in the CHANSE application. Do we like to further explore collaborative options with SRA Europe?
* Database for NKL member’s key competence is not established, and do we need it?
* Pictures of members are not added on the NKL home page, do we still want pictures?
* A NKL-blog organised by young scholars are not established, how do we proceed?
* For the NKL events in Vienna, do we want to organise a PhD-event? Do we have PhD-students in need of a PhD-event? Would we rather have a young scholar training event focusing on research application work? Or simply go back to a two day event with conference and member meeting?
* As we are to meet in person in Vienna, should we also try and organise a Steering Committee meting there? Should NKL members be encouraged to identify collaborative partners in advance of the meeting so that smaller working groups could meet and discuss research applications and collaboration?

5. Additional questions and remarks