

**Title:** Research Management Committee (RMC) Meeting

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**Recipient(s):**

- All Research Management Committee (RMC) Members.
- All ICN BS permanent teachers

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### AGENDA

Discussion on research affiliate professors experience within ICN

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Elmar LUKAS – Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany  
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The four ICN affiliate professors research shared their positive feedback and areas for improvement on their experience working with ICN Faculty.

Overall, they are all satisfied with the quality of relationship with the ICN researchers they are or have been working with.

The areas for improvement mentioned by them are the following:

- Involving the affiliate research professors from the genesis of projects (should it be a paper or a third-party funded project), they are too often contacted once the groundwork is already built, they should be more than a “reviewer”
- Involvement from the faculty: only few faculty members are showing up to their workshops and few reach out to them for collaboration

- Publication collaboration: as of now, collaborations are mainly with senior or experienced researchers. The collaboration should be stronger oriented towards junior researchers, PhD students and researcher struggling to publish. The mentoring program could be expanded to the affiliated research professors.
- Third-party funding: the process of answering a call is not optimized within ICN Faculty. This could be enhanced by the affiliated professors' experience in such calls in order to externalize research fundings.

After exchanging with the members of the Research Management Committee, it was clearly stated that faculty members can benefit a lot from our affiliated research professors' expertise, however the initiative needs to come from ICN faculty. Here are some workleads to that extend :

- Connecting junior and struggling researchers with the affiliated professors through:
  - o Workshops: although the research field from a research affiliated professor may not seem relevant to one's research, it is important to assist to the workshops to not miss on possible points of convergence.
  - o One-on-one time: the most adequate way to create a collaborative relationship and a safe place to cover all bases and individual needs.
- Creating attractive and efficient research clusters to get out of the very individual way of researching of ICN faculty
  - o Research Coffees are a valuable and well-established approach. The affiliated research professors can enrich this experience and exchange. Therefore they will be invited to participate or present their work.
  - o Paper presentation "seminar" as an option allowing ICN researchers to present their paper in a friendly environment before presenting in conferences.

## Dates

Next RMC meeting : Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023