

Title: Research Management Committee (RMC) Meeting

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting

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Recipient(s):

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

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1. Need or demand for training workshop for faculty

The RMC committee members collected from their departments the faculty needs in terms of training workshops:

- **Strategy department:** AMOS data analysis software
- **HRCO department:** Introduction to qualitative data analysis; more advanced workshops on 1/analysis of non-textual material (videos, sounds, images), 2/Consulting skills for social researchers, clinical fieldwork, participatory and action research, 3/Focus group design and moderation; Introduction to statistics (multivariate, basics); Data visualisation and Infographic design
- **Supply Chain department :** Not yet determined
- **Finance department :** Introduction on the use of different databases

- **Marketing department:** No formal training requested but need of workshops with experienced speakers on marketing-related topics, journals and their acceptance rates, methodology

Wolfram asks that training be named and well specified in order to better respond to the demand.

Concerning the presentations and exchange with senior experts from different research fields, it was unfortunately noted that the participation in the workshops previously organized in November 2021 (with Patrick DE PELSMACKER, Bjorn Erik MORK and Gilles CHEMLA) was very low.

ICN is happy to invite further experts on different topics to share their experience with the faculty. There should, however, be a commitment of participation from the faculty, in case such kind of expertise and exchange is further demanded by the colleagues.

Colleagues are also encouraged to propose high-level researchers or experienced editors/associate editors for inviting them. Suggestions may be made to Wolfram and Klaus.

2. Discussing modification of reference list and bonus system

As previously reported, the CNRS journal ranking will no longer be applied (likely as of September 2022, however an exact date has not been communicated yet).

The RMC members discussed which journal ranking may replace the CNRS list as a reference and bonus system within the ICN. They propose the following:

- The ABS list as standard, complemented by the FNEGE list for journals not on ABS. The German VHB journal list will be considered as well for non ABS listed journals.
- In addition to these lists a collection of selected journals relevant for the ICN research profile will still be considered with an annually updated.
- This reference and evaluation system shall be valid for both, the track allocation and bonuses.

The RMC members are asked to discuss this proposal within their departments that a decision can be taken in the next RMC meeting.

Klaus mentioned that discussions are still ongoing in the "GT Recherche" of the "Conference des Grandes Ecoles" (CGE). The tendency is to consider both, the ABS and the FNEGE lists. The journalists confirmed that they would take into account the lists that will be agreed upon in the CGE.

3. Status upcoming accreditations in 2022 and consequences for research

Wolfram updated the committee on the upcoming accreditations audits:

- The EQUIS self-assessment report has been submitted; the peer review team visit will take place in late March 2022 and will be online. The groups meeting with the peer review team will be smaller, but the entire school and faculty will be well represented at these meetings. The Accreditation Department will conduct briefing sessions for those who meet with the peer review team to prepare them. Of course, the conclusions of the visit will be communicated to the entire school by the Accreditation Department.
- AMBA accreditation for the PGE program and the MBA program is also being prepared.

4. Updates research project applications

Estelle and Klaus updated the committee on the status of the research project applications.

- 3 project applications were rejected: 2 applications submitted to ANR/DFG and 1 application submitted to ANR/T-AP.
Note: the calls are highly competitive and the evaluations are often not transparent. For one resubmitted project, the evaluators changed and have now criticized the new work done according to the former evaluators' advice. One submission was rejected despite positive recommendations from all evaluators.
- Responses are pending for an application from Klaus and Kamel for H2021-2022 and 2 applications from Alejandra and Ransome submitted to ANR for 1st round approval. If approved in the 1st round, then full project applications will be submitted.
- Jean-Francois got a project funding from the pole scientific with colleagues from ICN and UL.
- Klaus, Alejandra and Yves are working to set up an EU COST application with regards to the health care priority axis.

5. Miscellaneous

Regis gave an update on the research coffee meetings after the 4th edition:

- Attendance per meeting was about 25 participants each time.
- The 4th edition was unfortunately online due to the current health situation
- The pitches will be adjusted to 10 minutes to avoid long speeches and therefore favor exchanges.

Wolfram thanked Regis and Olivier for taking over the organization of the research coffee meetings.

Next RMC meeting

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 12:10pm – 01:50pm