



## Agenda ENID General Assembly

29th September 2023, 12.45-13.45, Leiden, Venue of STI2023: Stadsgehoorzaal, Breestraat 60, 2311 CS Leiden, Jan-Willem Schaap foyer

### Members present:

Organization	Last name	First name
Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University	Bloch Schneider	Carter Jesper
GRETHA Univ Bordeaux and CNRS (virtual)	Carayol	Nicolas
Centre for Higher Education Transformations, University of Bristol (virtual)	Derrick	Gemma
Centre for R&D Monitoring (ECOOM), KU Leuven(virtual)	Thijs	Bart
Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research	Haunschild	Robin
CORe - Center of Open and Responsible Research at Berlin University Alliance (BUA)	Hinze	Sybille
Latvian Council of Science	Kokorevics	Arnis
Center for Organization Research and Design (CORD), Arizona State University	Melkers	Julia
Elsevier	Plume	Andrew
Joanneum Research (virtual)	Ploder	Michael
CNR CERIS (virtual)	Reale	Emanuela
Innovation Systems Department, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology (virtual)	Neuländtner	Martina
NIFU	Aksnes	Dag
German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW)	Stahlschmidt	Stephan
Centre for Organisational Research, University of Lugano, Lugano (virtual)	Lepori	Bendetto
NIDAP Research Netherlands	van der Wal	Paul Alexander
Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) University of Leiden	van Leeuwen	Theod

1. Approval of the agenda

Agenda was approved by the members present.

2. Report of the President on the activities of the ENID association:

The van Leeuwen informed members that the board approved the application for membership from the Center for Organization Research and Design (CORD), ASU with Julia Melkers as representative and thus, ENID welcomes CORD as a new member.

The website now provides the feature discussed last year, a calendar that allows to inform about relevant events (seminars, conferences, workshops etc.). Entries can be made by everybody but, to prevent misuse, need to be approved by Sybille Hinze before they are published. So far, the uptake is still slow and thus all members are asked to, please, provide relevant information.

3. Report on finances (Treasurer)

The van Leeuwen informed members that Marc Barbier, the treasurer, was unable to join the meeting but, that he sent a written report to the board outlining that the account remained stable with the exception of Bank charges, which were deducted from the account. In addition, given that Marc Barbier will not continue as the association's treasurer (see also iii) most likely, also the account would need to be moved. The van Leeuwen reported that the board discussed how to proceed with the resources available. Against the background that keeping the account means spending money on bank charges and the rather small sum, it was decided that the money should rather be spent in the context of next year's conference to support e.g., the WISP or a PhD related event. In the discussion alternative options came up such as re-designing the ENID logo and website. A list of items will be assembled presented to the board for decision. Both treasurers, Marc Barbier and his successor, will be consulted.

4. STI conference series

I. 2023 – Report on the Publish-Review-Curate experiment

The van Leeuwen reflected upon the experiment with the submission and review system implemented for STI2023. Nearly 200 contributions (> 75% regular papers) were submitted via Orvium. It was attempted to assign 3 reviewers to each paper, which could not quite be achieved, i.e., on average each paper was reviewed by 2,5 reviewers. Quality and length of the reviews varied, as usual. All reviews have been published alongside the papers. One review had to be curated as it was out-of-line regarding respect. The reviewer was asked to align his review, and he did. Given that reviewers were recruited from the pool of researchers who submitted a paper only ECRs with at least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal were invited to review; ECRs were encouraged to ask for support. So far only one person critically reflected on the open review process, the pre-printing and the overall open communication. The concerns related to the 1) quality requirements by the researcher himself, i.e., the self-perceived gap between a submission for a conference and the required quality to publish the contribution as a pre-print) and 2) the potential negative consequences of un-successful submissions for individual researchers, in particular ECRs. Most other reactions were more positive or neutral. The van Leeuwen also informed the board

that a survey is foreseen to collect feedback in a more systematic way, which should also address the question of “how the community thinks about the way forward regarding scholarly publishing”.

Orvium to a large extent performed as expected though some shortcomings were identified and which could not be fixed, despite the helpful support from the Orvium team. Consequently, the overall assessment is mixed and no clear recommendation to use Orvium again can be made, rather, other systems should be tested.

The van Leeuwen informed members that the CWTS team foresees to provide the results of the survey by the end of October as a blog post. Results will also be sent to the board and made available to the organizers of STI2024 in order to inform the decision about process and tools for next year’s conference.

Additional questions raised in the discussion:

Q: Plans to analyse the reviews in more detail?

A: So far there are no explicit plans to analyse the reviews but, would be of interest and could be considered, however, this would need to be endorsed by the board and checked against the communication with / to the reviewers.

Q: Options to revise the pre-prints multiple times? Did not seem to be feasible this time but would be an appreciated feature.

A: Feasibility would need to be checked with the system.

A (delivered by The van Leeuwen as response to the request after the meeting based on consultation with the team in charge): manuscripts, published as preprints are still editable

## II. 2023 – Leiden: first impressions

The feedback was very positive. The venue was perceived as very well suited and the infrastructure appeared to be very professional. There were some technical issues with the online presentations. It was requested to enlarge the slides for online presentations as they were hard to read, i.e., rather leave out the presenter and focus on the slides. Recordings of the sessions were requested. The van Leeuwen will inquire with the firm that took care of the technology and, he will supply the answer as soon as he received it.

A minor issue concerned the readability of the name tags, i.e., enlarge the names and, consider QR codes linking to e.g., LinkedIn Profiles. The hybrid solution was perceived to have worked well. Thus, the discussion focussed on the question of the format for future conferences. It was discussed that the decision should lie with the organizers as a hybrid event is rather costly and thus, should not be made a requirement as this could lead to organisations being reluctant to organise the STI conference series due to potentially increasing costs. It was suggested to calculate, based on the CWTS experience, an attendee unit cost, differentiating between onsite and offsite participation. The van Leeuwen agreed to suggest this to the organizing team. He will provide the information to the ENID Board a.s.a.p.

## III. 2024 – Berlin

The organizing team for STI2024 introduced the topic and the venue in the morning session on Friday, Sept. 29th.

## IV. 2025 – potential candidates

Univ Aarhus and Univ Bristol confirmed their preparedness and interest to host one of the upcoming events. Both organisations would have a preference for 2026 but agreed

to internally discuss options to host STI2025 and let the board know about the feasibility by end of October 2023. Members will be reminded to come forward if they are interested in hosting the STI in the future.

5. Election of ENID board, president, treasurer, secretary

The van Leeuwen recalled the decisions taken by the board: 1) keep the number of board members stable, i.e., no increase and 2) to go for a “vote by mail” procedure - to enable also members to vote who could not attend the STI2023. The call among members to come forward with candidates for the board resulted in following 10 candidates plus the candidates for president, treasurer and secretary.

List of candidates:

- Dag Aksnes; NIFU
- Clara Calero; CWTS
- Nicolas Carayol, Univ Bordeaux (for treasurer)
- Gemma Derrick; Univ Bristol
- Sybille Hinze; BUA (for secretary)
- Abdullah Gök; Univ Strathclyde
- Martina Neuländtner; AIT
- Michael Ploder; Joanneum Research
- Andrew Plume; ICSR-Elsevier
- Bart Thijs; KU Leuven
- Jesper Schneider; CFA – Aarhus University (for president)
- Fabiana Visentin; MERIT
- Antonio Zinilli; CNR / CERIS

Members were invited to vote by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., 12 am to allow results being communicated in the General Assembly on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup>. The election resulted in the following assembly of the board:

- Dag Aksnes; NIFU
- Clara Calero; CWTS
- Nicolas Carayol, Univ Bordeaux (treasurer)
- Gemma Derrick; Univ Bristol
- Sybille Hinze; BUA (secretary)
- Abdullah Gök; Univ Strathclyde
- Martina Neuländtner; AIT
- Andrew Plume; ICSR-Elsevier
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The van Leeuwen thanked the outgoing members of the board for their engagement over the last two years and welcomed the new board. He also handed over chairing the meeting to Jesper Schneider, the new president, who again thanked the outgoing members for their engagement over the last two years and welcomed the new board.

6. Measures to increase visibility: Uptake of opportunity to share information on ongoing seminars and / or seminar series (inventory) organized by member organizations

In the meeting in 2022 it was discussed to implement a new feature into the ENID website (see also 2) which would enable members to inform about relevant events such as seminar series, workshops, conferences that are open to external participants. As result and thanks to Astrid Sohn, a colleague at DZHW, a calendar was implemented. So far, the uptake of the new feature is rather low and thus, members are kindly asked to provide relevant information via the interface provided on the website. All calendar entries are checked / approved before publication by Sybille Hinze to prevent misuse.

It was discussed to better link the ENID website with other relevant websites e.g., explicitly to generate partnership websites (e.g. CORD – ASU) and enable “communication” between websites e.g. RISIS to use synergies. Sybille Hinze will initiate a discussion about the feasibility / technicalities among relevant parties.

7. Varia:

The van Leeuwen (outgoing-president)



Jesper Schneider (incoming-president)



Berlin, 30.10.2023

Sybille Hinze (secretary)

