



Minutes ENID General Assembly

19th September 2024, 13.00-14.00, Berlin, Venue of STI2024, Room Lumen (Fraunhofer Forum)

Members present:

Organization	Last name	First name
Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University	Schneider	Jesper
Centre for Higher Education Transformations, University of Bristol	Derrick	Gemma
Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research	Haunschild	Robin
CORE - Center of Open and Responsible Research at Berlin University Alliance (BUA)	Hinze	Sybillé
Latvian Council of Science	Kokorevics	Arnis
Center for Organization Research and Design (CORD), Arizona State University	Melkers	Julia
Elsevier	Plume	Andrew
CNR CERIS	Zinilli	Antonio
Innovation Systems Department, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology (virtual)	Neuländtner	Martina
NIFU	Aksnes	Dag
Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) University of Leiden	van Leeuwen Calero	Thed Clara
Federation of Finnish Learned Societies, Publication Forum	Pölonen	Janne
UNU-MERIT	Wang	Lili
University Antwerp	Engels	Tim

1. Approval of the agenda

Agenda was approved by the members present.

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

Jesper Schneider informed members that the board approved the **application for membership** from the Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information, Center for Global R&D Data Analysis. ENID welcomes KISTI as a new member.

He also informed members that the board discussed **membership criteria** (see agenda item 5).

The Board also reflected on the experience with the Preprint & **Peer Review Experiment** at STI2023 (see also <https://www.leidenmadtrics.nl/articles/preprinting-and-open-peer-review-at-the-sti-2023-conference-evaluation-of-an-open-science-experiment>) and came to the conclusion that it welcomed the experiment and its results but, would still leave it to the local organisers to decide on the process incl. the Peer Review format to be implemented. In order to ensure the appropriate **quality of the reviews** the Board suggests that the review forms used should be extended to explicitly ask reviewers to “justify” their marks. This will oblige reviewers to provide written feedback, which is usually highly valued by researchers and particularly valuable for newcomers. This requirement will be introduced by a minimum number of words required for each criterion in the review (possible wording in the review form: Feedback to the author). The ENID board liaison in the program committee will be tasked with ensuring the implementation of this requirement.

Measures to increase visibility, Jesper Schneider informs members that, unfortunately the opportunity to share information on ongoing seminars and / or seminar series (inventory) organized by member organizations via the ENID website is still not taken up by members.

Finally, Jesper Schneider informed the members about a discussion on **ENID’s position towards CoARA** or rather, the question whether ENID needs to position itself towards CoARA. As ENID is a network of organisations that aims to bring people and organisations together and facilitate discussions ENID itself should be neutral, a place for debate and different perspectives. Consequently, the Board does not see the need for ENID to present or attempt to develop an agreed position.

In the discussion the question was raised whether and how ENID should / will be present at The Metascience Conference in 2025. It was felt that an official representation would be beneficial and therefore, Jesper Schneider will contact the organisers in order to clarify how this could be implemented.

3. Report on finances (Treasurer)

Jesper Schneider informed the members that Nicolas Carayol, the Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but, that he had arranged for a written report to be submitted to the Board by Marc Barbier, who is in charge of the account, to the board. The report stated that the account remained stable with the exception of bank charges, which were deducted from the account. In line with the decisions taken in 2023 the funds are committed to be spent to support the WISP and the Early Career

Researchers event. The account will then be closed. In addition, in preparation for the 2025 election, the need for a treasurer will be considered, as there won't be an account and no membership fees will be collected.

4. STI conference series

I. 2024 – Berlin: 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 minor technical issues with audio quality in the bigger rooms.

II. 2025 - Bristol

Gemma Derrick confirmed that she will introduce the topic and the venue on behalf of the organizing team for STI2025 in the closing session on Friday, Sept. 20th.

III. potential candidates for subsequent years

Jesper Schneider informed the members that, unfortunately, the University of Aarhus will not be able to organize STI2026. Following the call for expressions of interest Janne Pölönen, on behalf of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies and Lili Wang on behalf of UNI-MERIT stated their interest in hosting STI2026, Thed van Leeuwen confirmed CWTS interest in hosting STI2027, as did Antonio Zinilli on behalf of CNR-Rome. Also NIFU raised interest in organizing one of the future conferences.

The Board will discuss with interested parties and moderate the decision-making process.

Jesper also informed the members about the Board's discussion on potential conference locations and its perspective that, given that ENID is a European network, that very much welcomes members from outside Europe. In order to enable a broad participation from European organisations, Europe as conference location is a priority.

Some concerns were raised regarding the conference themes, i.e., this year's theme was perceived by some members as rather narrow, with the risk that relevant actors would feel excluded. However, the breadth of the actual submissions showed that the theme was indeed broadly interpreted, as intended. It was agreed that the theme should provide some guidance and focus, in line with the specific interests of the organizers, while allowing for diversity.

Regarding the composition of the Program Committee, the rather recent tradition of having members from the organisers of the previous and the following conference and a representative from the ENID Board is working very well, ensuring the transfer of knowledge and the development of standards.

5. Membership criteria.

Jesper Schneider also informed the members that the board discussed **membership criteria** and decided to introduce the requirement that organisations interested in joining ENID should provide "evidence of belonging". I.e., in the future applicants will be asked to briefly explain their motivation to join ENID and how they intend to engage

with the community. Respective questions will be added to the application form on the website.

6. Varia:



Jesper Schneider (president)



Sybille Hinze (secretary)