

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

### Summary of meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### Attendees:

Prof. Yan Fyodorov, Director of Research (*Chair*)  
Maria Dlugosch, Research & Enterprise Manager (*Secretary*)  
Jo Young, School Manager  
Prof. Vito Latora (Head of Group, Complex Systems and Networks)  
Prof. Bill Jackson  
Prof. Cho-Ho Chu  
Prof. Christian Beck (Head of Dynamical Systems and Statistical Physics Group)  
Prof. Alexander Gnedin (Head of Group, Probability and Applications)  
Dr. Heiko Grossman (Head of Group, Statistics and Data Analysis)  
Dr. Rainer Klages (Director of Postgraduate Research Studies)  
Dr. Wolfram Just (Impact Champion)  
Dr. Alessandro Fiasconaro (Postdoc Representative)

#### ITEM 1: Apologies

Prof. Boris Khoruzhenko (represented by Prof. T. Prellberg), Prof. R. Wilson

#### ITEM 2: MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Minutes agreed for accuracy
- Dr. Alessandro Fiasconaro named as new Postdoc Representative

#### ITEM 3: OPEN ACCESS POLICY

- Short presentation given by library professional
- See presentation attached to these minutes
- Goal of this new initiative is to meet the EPSRC policy on open access of publications
- General rule: it is up to the researcher to comply with this policy, but the institution needs to provide support to the researcher
- All research stemmed from EPSRC funding and the publication is made public after May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 need to comply to this new policy
- Generally, there is funding for making publications open access. If a researcher wants to make his article open access, or has further questions, he / she should direct her questions to YF.
- Prof. Latora mentioned that this policy could become a big problem, especially when the research is done in collaboration with other institutions
- Dr. Just raised the fact that this policy brings legal problems and implications with it, and wants the College to address these issues

#### ITEM 4: PIPELINE

- Maria Dlugosch presented new research spreadsheets
- Problem: we don't have a lot of grants in the pipeline.

- General rule if researcher intends to submit application: contact Research Manager (Maria Dlugosch) as soon as possible, ideally before drafting so that she can support the application
- Dr. Just called for the School to define its research priorities and allocate resources (monetary and professional) accordingly
- Prof. Prellberg mentioned that EPSRC has higher success rates for pure mathematicians than usually thought.
- Dr. Klages mentioned that the School has made good experiences with EPSRC First Grants, and advises everybody to write a grant as soon as he / she has secured a grant. Previous grant success both means that the researcher has more time to dedicate to the grant writing process, and is also noted preferably by the panels
- Prof. Prellberg suggested that every head of group is preparing a table with the group members and the status of plans for grants (currently drafting, planning to draft, currently funded, etc.)
- **Maria Dlugosch to prepare a list of grant applications that have been submitted over the last three years**

#### ITEM 5: LAYMAN TERMS

- Over 60% of people submitted a short description of their research focus in layman terms
- Jo Young talked to PR Representative in central professional services, who liked the idea. It has been decided that the central services will have a look at 2-3 of the descriptions and will slightly edit them to achieve a consistent tone and formatting.
- These descriptions will be used in future correspondence and marketing materials.

#### ITEM 6: DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH GROUPS

- Prof. Fyodorov: presented the first description of the research group activities (written by Prof. Gnedin) as a good starting point
- This document will be used for further information, perhaps for the website

#### ITEM 7: EPSRC TAXONOMY PROJECT

- Document presented by Prof. Fyodorov
- Prof. Prellberg is looking for feedback on current taxonomy of the EPSRC
- If anybody has any comment or feedback, they should direct their opinion to Prof. Fyodorov

#### ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

#### ITEM 9: DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – 3.30 pm.