

# Annual Report of Activities of the NTK PhD Section

Academic Year 2019/2020

This year, the PhD section of NTK arranged several social activities and carried out some tasks to improve the section itself and the wellbeing of PhD students under the NTK Union at Umeå university.

## Social activities:

### 1. **Lunch Seminar**

Lunch Seminars is a series of events during which we share our knowledge about tools, technologies, methods and skills, that are useful for PhD students irrespective of their field of science. Seminars are organized during the lunch time (12-13) and we try to provide free food for registered NTK members.

- This year we couldn't conclude the lunch seminar because of the COVID-19 situation, which made impossible to have a room and enough persons at the university.

### 2. **PhD social meetings**

In order to know other PhD students at the faculty, during past year we organised a PhD pub meeting at Orangeriet and a barbecue at the University's pond, where we met our members and other PhD students in a relaxed environment.

## Network:

### 1. **Communication**

We undertook a small campaign to publicize our branch to the departments under the Science and Technology Faculty, for which several board members organized a meeting with the interested PhDs (Departments of Physics, Computing Science, Ecology and Environmental Studies, Chemistry, etc).

## Internal tasks:

### 1. **Reorganisation of the website**

Our website is an important tool to publicize our activities and gathering the reports of our meetings. Since the contents of the website where in a old and messy state, the website was taken in the hands of our members to keep it organized.

## 2. **Participation in university organization**

The NTK PhD Section is the branch of the NTK student union for PhD students at the Science and Technology Faculty. We participate at the maintenance of rights and services of the university's PhD students. This year we organized and chaired a vote meeting for the Council Of Doctoral Education member (CODE) membership election at the Computing Science department. CODE is an important decision organ inside the department.

### Members:

#### 1. **Membership**

This year has been fairly transitory for memberships, and we had important roles of the board being changed. The most important was the chair position, that was held by our experienced Sharmin. Two members left the board and three joined it. Welcome!

#### 2. **Current board members**

**Chair:** Michele Persiani, Department of Computing Science

**Vice-Chair:** Maitreyee Tewari, Department of Computing Science

**Treasurer:** Anjan Rao Putting, Department of Applied Physics and Electronics

#### **Board Members:**

Nazanin Fouladgar, Department of Computing Science

Lucas Hedström, Department of Physics

#### **Alternative board members:**

Erik Steinvall, Department of Applied Physics and Electronics

Zahoor ul Islam, Department of Computing Science

#### **Auditor:**

Sharmin Söderström, Department of Science and Mathematics Education

#### **PhD Administrator:**

Erik Steinvall, Department of Applied Physics and Electronics