

ACTIONS from WSI Academic Advisory Board | 17 February 2020

Participants: Les Carr (Chair), George Attard, James Batchelor, Christian Bokhove, Thomas Gernon, Ben McArthur, Will McNeill, David Rew, Matthew Ryan, Sophie Stalla-Bourdillon, Mark Weal, Nichola Need (Board support).

Apologies: Susan Davies, Vadim Grinevich, Wendy Hall, Tom Irvine, Will Jennings, Pauline Leonard, Anneke Lucassen, Tiejun Ma, Sunil Manghan, David Martin, Ajit Nayak, Tim Norman, Joanna Sofaer, Ben Waterson.

Action	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	Notes	Status
Advert for Leverhulme	TI/GA	Before next meeting	Tom Irvine to draft advert for Leverhulme Postdocs and send to George Attard for checking. Update at next meeting	
WSI Impact on UG's "down to" Part 1	LAC/CB/DR and AAB for input	Report back at next meeting	Education strategy paper sent by David Rew, as attached. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian to produce a questionnaire /survey to investigate Educational needs/training requirements of PhD's? SSI (Software Sustainability institute) have Carpentry programmes which teach computing and data skills to researchers across all disciplines. Can we use them to investigate UG's expectations? Can VLE (Virtual Learning Environments) be used as a feed into learning? 	
Non-stem MSc online courses	LAC/AAB	Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAC to email summary of course. Please supply feedback/suggestions. AAB members to identify modules that could be included, that aren't currently online. 	
WSI/Alan Turing projects	Sunil Manghani		Project with Alan Turing Institute, update:	

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			This group is in its early stages, but brings together those interested in AI and data science and the arts from ALL of the Turing Institute members and also numerous high profile arts and culture organisations. It is hopefully going to lead to vibrant projects and good networking. I am really keen to develop a 'local' version of this group for us all at UoS, which I will aim to develop.	
WSI Newsletter	AAB/NN	Ongoing	Any news from all faculties can be added to the WSI newsletter that is being produced. Forward any information to Sam Collins (S.A.Collins@soton.ac.uk) for inclusion. NN to send periodic reminders. Next issue will be May 2020	
WebSci 2020 – WSI hosting event from 6 -10 July 2020	AAB	July 2020	Please contact Les if you are interested in hosting a workshop during the conference, which will be centred on AI and Future Society.	
WSI Stimulus Fund projects	AAB	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we stimulate research? • What resourcing is available? Would mentors be a good idea • Buy time from someone within SSI research to help do the data work? • Would a 1 day writing retreat to enable writing a bid at the end of the stimulus fund help? • What is the success rate from the previous project? • Do we need to create a data scientist? • Look at what systems we have already in place (PURE/ One Web Project) and how they are used, investment in infrastructure to find collaboration with interdisciplinary across UoS. • Can we make it into a WSI fellowship like the Turing fellowship? • Join with RIS concept to bid programme. <p>Next call will be September 2020. Please promote and encourage applications. If help is required, get in touch with the WSI.</p>	

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WSI Distinguished Lectures	AAB/NN		Please advise NN of any potential distinguished speakers that could be invited to give a lecture. Next DL lecture planned for 13 March 2020. Priya Lakhani – Century Tech	
Next meeting date	NN	ASAP	Doodle poll will be sent for June dates.	

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