

Terms of Reference DeiC Science Forum

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Background

DeiC coordinates the national digital research infrastructure as a collaboration with and between the universities. The purpose is to ensure large-scale computing and storage facilities, a national research network infrastructure and services to the university research, education and innovation. DeiC coordinates the Danish participation in international e-infrastructure organizations and projects.

The Ministry of Higher Education and Science and the eight Danish universities stand together behind “Strategy on National Collaboration on Digital Research Infrastructure” (published by the Ministry December 2018). The strategy emphasizes the need for a strengthened dialogue and involvement of the users in the development of the digital research infrastructure in Denmark.

The DeiC Science Forum is established as an advisory forum that will make recommendations on the long term strategic development on the area of digital research infrastructure in Denmark.

Terms of Reference

The DeiC Science Forum is established as an advisory body in DeiC with reference to the DeiC Board.

Purpose and tasks

The purpose of DeiC Science Forum is to ensure a development of the infrastructure that meets the needs of the future. The members of the group are researchers who use the infrastructure and are in the forefront of the use, so that they are able to advise the DeiC Board on the strategic direction.

The DeiC Science Forum must help to ensure coherence between the international development and the Danish activities and strategies.

The DeiC Science Forum will meet twice a year; in the spring and in the autumn. The meeting in the spring will be a workshop with presentations from the members on development and trends. Other national and international speakers and guests can be invited to the workshop after recommendation from the members of DeiC Science Forum.

The purpose of the meeting in the autumn is to produce a yearly note/vision paper to the DeiC Board informing about trends and future possibilities in the national e-infrastructure development.

The DeiC Board can ask DeiC Science Forum for recommendations concerning specific topics.

Members

The DeiC Board appoints one or more members of the Forum after recommendation from their universities.

A broad representation of all scientific fields is sought. The members of the DeiC Science Forum represent their scientific field in their personal capacity.

The chairperson of the DeiC Science Forum is the Chair of the DeiC Board.

The members are appointed for a 2-year period.

If a member resigns from the DeiC Science Forum, their university can propose a new member as substitute.

The members are to jointly determine the final form of the terms of reference. The final terms of reference must be approved by the DeiC Board.

Travel expenses and other expenses in connection with the membership of the DeiC Science Forum are borne by the member's university.

Secretariat

The DeiC CEO acts as secretary for the DeiC Science Forum and has a close collaboration with the Chairperson.

Change of Terms of Reference and Termination of the Forum

The Terms of Reference for the DeiC Science Forum can be changed by the DeiC Board on its own initiative.

The DeiC Science Forum can recommend a change to the Terms of Reference, if more than half of the members support it.

The DeiC Board can close the DeiC Science Forum and deputize the members.

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Chair of the DeiC Board