



Norwegian University  
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# NORA Newsletter no. 6

## June 2016

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*Dear all,*

*In Norway July is the month for summer vacation and so here comes the  
summer greetings from the NORA project!*

Although the NORA project is ending this year, we understand that several NORA PhD students will continue working for still some months. Below is an updated overview over the planned finishing dates:

ESR #, NAME	PLAN TO FINISH
1, Pawel Lycus	September / October 2017
2, Manuel Soriano-Laguna	October 2017
3, Daria Kaptan	March 2017
4, Monica Conthe	November 2017
5, Linda Hink	December 2016
6, Tina Putz	December 2017
7, Luiz Horta	December 2016
8, Christoph Keuschnig	December 2016
9, Philipp Schleusner	Autumn 2017

### Work Package 5 (WP5) - Teaching

#### Leader Mark van Loosdrecht

#### Summer School 5 – Popular Scientific Writing

From February to May 2016 the NORA PhD students have followed an online “Open Learning” course led by the journalist Sondre Bjørdal. More information [here](#). For some participants the course led to a popular scientific article, which will be published in [ScienceNordic](#) – congratulations!

You may read a collection of popular scientific texts produced during this course in the [NORA web site](#). We are convinced the knowledge gained in this course is valuable for the NORA students’ scientific future.



Sondre Bjørdal

We have received positive feedback from several NORA students on this course; Sondre Bjørdal has definitely done a good job! A QuestBack survey is now out for course evaluation. The results from this survey will soon be published on the [NORA intranet](#) (logon required).

## The Final Project Meeting in Norwich, September 2016

The University of East Anglia (UEA) organizes this year's N-cycle meeting (Mon Sept 5 – Wed Sept 7, 2016). Originally we planned to connect the N-cycle meeting to a final NORA project meeting, held on Thursday 8th followed by an open “outreaching” one day conference on Friday 9th. The “Outreach conference” was described in our contract with EU (= Grant Agreement): “Open conference held at UEA to which relevant international stakeholders will be invited” and was planned to take place early autumn 2016.

For various reasons the original plans have been slightly changed, and we will merge the two NORA days into one:



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*The “Outreach conference” will be held on **Thursday September 8**, immediately after the N-cycle meeting. We expect all NORA fellows to be there, and hope to see all supervisors also. A short NORA meeting will be held towards the end of the day to*

- 1) sum up the major scientific achievements so far*
  - 2) provide constructive criticism “what has been good – what could have been better – and is there something more we can do now” and*
  - 3) discuss publication plans and possibly new research applications. The project meeting will be followed by a dinner for all NORA partners.*
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Further information and program for the “Outreach” meeting on September 8 will be sent out by David Richardson in early July 2016.

**Please note:** There will be no program on Friday September 9. However, with a late project meeting / dinner on Thursday September 8 we ask all NORA people please to stay the night in Norwich.

## Work Package 4 (WP4) – Management

Leader Åsa Frostegård

### Project Officer

Our Project Officer (PO) in Brussels has changed, once again. The former PO, Lucia Pacillo, ended her engagement on May 31, 2016. The ITN team is currently recruiting new staff team – in the meantime our preliminary PO is Guiliana Donini ([Giuliana.DONINI@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Giuliana.DONINI@ec.europa.eu)).

### Project Reporting

- The NORA ESRs are now writing their *final internal report*. We have decided that this report can be identical to the abstract sent to the N-cycle meeting in September, or another recently written project summary. The deadline for handing in this final internal report has been set to July 31, 2016.
- Upcoming reports to the EU Commission are
  - the **NORA Periodic Report II** (with financial reporting) as well as
  - the **NORA Final Report**Both are to be sent to the Coordinator within January 15, 2017.

## Work Package 6 (WP6) - Dissemination / Outreach

Leader David Richardson / Andrew Gates

### Scientific publications:

There are no new publications reported since our last newsletter. We anticipate that the NORA PhD students are all writing and submitting manuscripts these days.

Publications by NORA fellows so far are listed [here](#), and pdf files are uploaded [here](#) (NORA intranet, logon required).

### Outreach:

The partners are continuously registering all dissemination activities related to NORA in the [NORA website](#). The dissemination activities are listed in the following, searchable categories:

- scientific publications
- popular scientific publications
- oral presentations
- popular oral presentations
- poster
- media activity

The NORA people also report their dissemination activities directly to the WP6 leader ([Andy Gates](#)).