

## News from the Senior Group for your information

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Dear Members of the IPNFA,

The Senior Group had a lengthy discussion on the following 8 topics. The results are for your information. The mentor workshop outcomes were one of the reasons to send you this letter.

Content/Result:

**1. Meetings between instructors/mentors/mentees**

The need for more intensive interactive communication regarding the instructors, assistants and IC candidates was addressed, to provide helpful and constructive support during the IPNFA education.

**Result:** Skype meetings between assistants and supervising instructors with max. 4 participants, plus 1:1 contact as before, each with a protocol to document the outcomes may be a strategy we could use in the future. Also, before and after assistantships a meeting may help to either prepare for an upcoming, or reflect on a past assistantship. International time gap needs to be considered.

**2. Comprehensive and responsible review of the evaluation sheets by all supervising instructors**

**Result:** One “digital long term evaluation”, starting from AQC, was in discussion. At this point in time the digital Evaluation is not ready but possibly something for the future. So the process remains the same; all single evaluations are to be sent to next instructor and Ed.com. Studying the evaluations is a must, plus contacting the former instructor is suggested. A mandatory contact to the former instructor is still in discussion. This may be needless if point 1 works well.

**3. Survey/feedback about the satisfaction on the senior work**

**Result:** The survey during the mentor workshop was very interesting. As in every group, there are persons who are very satisfied and those who are less. We hope that following the mentoring workshop, the communication among the membership will be more open and direct. Our continuing workshops/projects with more members participating and offering their time and knowledge to the IPNFA will result in closer exchange, e.g. ideas, thoughts, concerns.

**4. Continuing with a second mentor workshop this year**

**Result:** We were very happy with the first workshop. We think we have quite a bit of homework to do to integrate the ideas of the 2016 workshop before having a second workshop.

**5. Giving an overview about all assistants (beginning from the 3<sup>rd</sup> assistantship) during the annual senior meetings.**

**Result:** We feel it would be very positive and supportive to have a general overview

on the development of the IPNFA assistants, getting in contact and exchange with mentors and mentees if needed.

**6. Can/should we organise a “pre-view” of presentations for the upcoming meetings? Each year another expert group could do the pre-view job, depending on the symposium topic.**

**Result:** This idea is to support both, the hosting country but also the Vice President who is responsible for the Ed.-day content. Research com. and Ed.com. could also be involved in supporting this pre-view job.

**7. Periodical Skype meetings within the senior group**

**Result:** There are problems with time. E-mailing is easier, more efficient at the moment.

**8. Working out a proposal about mentoring** to be introduced at next meeting

Best wishes to all of you,  
on behalf of the Senior Instructor Group,  
Marianne