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Lecturers' Conference (KdL):

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On 1 July 2021 Dr Hermann Lehner succeeded Dr Dieter Wüest as KdL Actuary/Treasurer.

Innovation in Learning and Teaching Fair and the 2022 KITE Award

Due to the special situation, the focus of the 2022 KITE Award is on teaching formats developed during the COVID-19 pandemic for the transition to online teaching. Out of 25 projects submitted, the KITE Award Committee selected three for the short list.

A significant alteration in 2022 is the merging of the Innovation in Learning and Teaching Fair with the Kite Award conferral ceremony. These events complement one another perfectly and both will profit. The combined event on 4 May 2022 will showcase teaching and learning with an exhibition of 44 innovative teaching projects in the main hall of the ETH Main Building followed by bestowal of the KITE Award in the Audi Max.

KdL contact person

The last two activity reports mentioned the establishment of a KdL contact person for members of the teaching cadre. A pilot phase began in summer 2019 during which Prof. Gudela Grote kindly offered to perform the function of contact person. The pilot phase was extended until the end of 2021.

In autumn 2021, Gudela Grote decided to withdraw from her function as KdL contact person. For the time being, the function will not be re-assigned. Instead, the decision will await the results of the rETHink Workstreams 3 project, which aims to create rules and processes for conflict management at ETH. The KdL will decide on the basis of these results whether designating a special contact person for teaching cadre members would be useful.

Election of the Rector: Debriefing

The debriefing on the first Rector's election conducted by postal vote provided the following findings:

KdL bylaws need to be extended as follows (this has not yet happened):

- There should be a way to extend the nomination period if only one person declares candidacy.
- In the event of a draw, both candidates should be presented to the ETH Zurich President for consideration.

ETH should also develop an online voting tool (KdL proposal to the Executive Board).

New projects / working groups

The following working groups were established in 2021/2022:

- **Good scientific practice during academic studies:** The aim of this working group is to address the topic of good scientific practice during academic studies. Its initial focus will be the implementation of the doctoral course “Ethics and Scientific Integrity for Doctoral Students”, which will be offered by all departments from Spring Semester 2023 onwards, followed by extension of the topic in stages to ETH Zurich Master’s degree programmes.
- **Diversity and inclusion in teaching and learning:** The aim of this working group is to build an awareness of the topic among the teaching cadre and to create a checklist with pointers and possible courses of action in the framework of various teaching formats. A further working group focus is the “Date for diversity” project, the goal of which is to analyse existing data to identify any problem areas and evaluate the efficacy of specific remedies. With an eye to certain issues, the group also intends to stimulate continued compilation of data on diversity.

Guests

The following guests attended plenary KdL meetings:

- Prof. Dr Sarah M. Springman, ETH Zurich Rector, providing “Rectorial reflections”
- Martin Ghisletti, Head of Development and Leadership, discussion workshop on ETH culture (rETHink)

Consultations

In the year of this report the KdL, after the respective consultation process, stated its position on the following:

- Regulations regarding the data of academic applicants and students at ETH Zurich
- Revision of the ordinance on continuing education and the organisational regulations for continuing education
- Revision of the directive on continuous performance assessment
- Preliminary consultation on Professors of Practice
- Partial revision of the Professors’ Ordinance
- Change to the desk-sharing concept of the ETH domain
- ETH Zurich guidelines on scientific integrity
- Research Data Management Guidelines
- Strategic Plan 2025-2028 of the ETH Board for the ETH Domain
- Partial revision of the ETHZ-ETHL-Verordnung [ETHZ-EPFL ordinance] (with respect to Professors of Practice)

The respective position statements may be viewed on the KdL website (www.kdl.ethz.ch), together with further information on the KdL, a list of its members, and meeting dates.

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