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14 September 2022 - 16h00 - I3S Laboratory and online meeting

Members in attendance: Sara RIVA, Laetitia LAVERSA, Romain MICHELUCCI, Igor CARRARA, Vladimir KRAJNAK, Amélie GRUEL, Jules MABON, Steve MALALEL, Francesco D'AMORE (distance), Carlotta LUPATELLI (distance), Nina SINGLAN (arrival at 17h09)

Total : 11

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## 1 September events situation check

### 1.1 Archery

The Archery event is planned on Saturday 17 November, and organised by Sara RIVA and Laetitia LAVERSA. The registration is over with 18 members registered. Everything is planned out. Posters are online in the shared repository, waiting to be printed out and handed in INRIA by Vladimir KRAJNAK.

## 1.2 Afterwork

Amélie GRUEL is organising an Afterwork event in September 2022. The quizz is ready and the event will follow the same concept as before (one free drink and some pizzas for each registered member). She needs to call the MK bar to set the date, which will be either on the 26 or 27 of September 2022.

## 2 October and November events

### 2.1 Sensorial Path event

Sara RIVA proposes to rent out the SENSAS Nice. This event last 2 hours and can host big teams (up to 30 persons). There are some cons: it is expensive (around 26€ per person) but the ADSTIC will pay only a small part of the full price then ask a lot from the participants.

Sara propose to limit the registration to 20 persons only, in order to have a big ADSTIC team. She will book the place around the end of October, on the week from the 24 to the 27 of October 2022.

### 2.2 Anti-Thesis

Amélie GRUEL proposes an Anti-Thesis event. The goal is for the participant to present a random person's slides, which were given with no title, no continuity, maybe no legends... from another scientific domain. Each participant will thus have 5 min to present a never-seen before slide show. This event will be advertise as a "special Afterwork". Everyone who present or send their slides is offered a free beer. In the end, there will be a public vote on the best improvised presentation. Vladimir KRAKNAK proposes to give phrases to people to be used as constraint / help.

The event will be held in the MK bar, between the 7 to 11 November 2022.

### 2.3 Halloween Party

Amélie GRUEL proposes to hold an Halloween party, either on Friday 28 of October or Monday 31 October. ADSTIC will provide only bring food and soft drinks and will need to ask for people to bring alcohol. The location of this event is discussed: holding it in a bar seems difficult as everything will likely be booked. ADSTIC agrees in the end on holding it on Beach in Juan les Pins.

### 2.4 Laser Game

Steve MALALEL presents an idea emitted by Florian REGIN (exceptionnally absent at this meeting). He proposes to plan a Laser Game event, at a place in Antibes. There is an offer for unlimited games for 20€ per person on Monday and Thursday. The place also offers soft drinks at 2.5€ each, and beers at 3.5€ each.

ADSTIC will invite members to register for one entry (unlimited games) and one drink. ADSTIC will pay half the price per member, so that each member can register for 10€. The event is agreed to be organised during the week from 14 to 17 November 2022.

Carlotta LUPATELLI joins on the organisation of this event.

### 2.5 Hike

Jules MABON and Vladimir KRAJNAK will organise a new hiking event, either on Saturday 8 or 15 of October 2022.

### 2.6 C@fé ADSTIC

Sara RIVA proposes to organise a C@fé ADSTIC in October 2022. Carlotta LUPATELLI knows a researcher at INRAE who would be willing to be a speaker. She will contact him then organise it with Nina SINGLAN.

Sara also proposes to organise one in November 2022. She has someone in mind: she knows a girl who obtained her PhD one year ago then created her startup with the help of an incubator. As she lives in USA, this might be difficult but she may come in France during November 2022.

## 2.7 Board Game Night

Sara RIVA proposes a Board Game Night in Nice. Steve MALALEL agrees to join in the organisation. This event will likely take place on the 24th of November, at the "Bar à Jeu - La Bulle".

## 2.8 Cinema night

Carlotta LUPATELLI proposes to open a new Discord channel to organise group outings to the cinema. ADSTIC agrees.

## 2.9 Karting event

Steve MALALEL presents an idea emitted by Florian REGIN (exceptionally absent at this meeting), for a Karting event happening in December 2022. The place could be booked only for members of the ADSTIC, and registration will be opened to 24 members maximum. This event could be done in partnership with the ADAMS association, in order to split the cost.

Sara RIVA and Laetitia LAVERSA already discussed such an event: they believe this is a good idea but identified two main cons. The event is really pricey (55€ per person) and there is the problem of responsibility in case of accident. They believe the event can be planned, but need more time to be planned than a usual event.

## 2.10 Other ideas

Some other ideas were mentioned:

- axe throwing
- bowling
- workshop - ceramic, painting... proposed by Carlotta

## 3 Vote of new treasurer

Nina SINGLAN proposes herself to be the new treasurer, to replace Laetitia LAVERSA.

Votes:

- for: 12
- against: 0
- blank: 0

Nina SINGLAN is officially elected the new ADSTIC treasurer.

## 4 General assembly date

Sara RIVA proposes the general assembly to be held around the 22nd or 23rd of November 2022.

## 5 Others

### 5.1 Second year PhD meeting

Sara RIVA will present the ADSTIC during the second year PhD meeting, on Friday 16th of October 2022. ADAMS will also be there.

On October 16 afternoon, everyone can come to talk about the EDSTIC PhD with the EDSTIC director Claire MIGLIACCIO.

## 5.2 How can PhD supervisors be evaluated on their performance?

Sara RIVA proposes to set up a way for the PhD students to give their opinion on their supervisor after they defend, in order to help future PhD students.

As a result, this could help evaluating the supervisors' performance. Indeed, it seems that the supervisors do not recognise the power and importance of the EDSTIC, and this could be changed by evaluating their performance. Indeed, PhD students are evaluated thanks to CSI - the same should be done for PhD supervisors during the CSI, as the members of the jury are often friends with them.

Sara proposes that ADSTIC send a survey to fill in when PhD students defend their thesis or when they drop out, concerning the performance of their supervisor. This way, ADSTIC creates a back-catalogue concerning each supervisors and PhD candidates can find out about their potential supervisor's leadership style. This could be especially useful for PhD candidate choosing between different thesis, or for coming from abroad (or from another laboratory).

Romain MICHELUCCI is a member of the EDSTIC jury, for the thesis grand awarding. The EDSTIC jury say they evaluate the subject of the thesis, the supervisor and the PhD candidate equally. However he feels that in reality, they pay attention 80% of the time to the CV of PhD candidate, 15% of the time to the adequacy of subject and candidate and finally only 5% of the time to the supervisor.

Sara proposes that ADSTIC build such a database, and give access to the information concerning only the potential supervisor to any PhD candidate asking for it.

Nina SINGLAN says that ADSTIC should find a way to make this database accessible to PhD candidate coming from far away, by asking the EDSTIC to advertise this. Sara proposes to advertise it as well on the ADSTIC website, among other information for new PhD students.

Nina SINGLAN proposes also to send the survey to all the PhD students, not only the ones who are defending. She specifies that the survey should be the most objective possible.

Jules MABON says that he is not sure that a survey is the best way to go at it, and would prefer to contact directly the previous PhD student. The global consensus was to ask in the survey to previous PhD students to leave their contact if they agree.

Jules MABON proposes to frame it as ADSTIC being the middleman, only putting in contact the different students. The questions should also be asked as 'how did the PhD went in your case?', in order to be particularly objective.

Vladimir KRAJNAK says it would be a good idea for previous PhD students to be able to change their answer. Romain MICHELUCCI thinks it might be better for them to only be able to add to what they wrote down, in order for the PhD candidates to understand how they felt during their PhD.

Vladimir KRAJNAK also points out that there are surveys about management styles we could use, to "classify" the supervisors in different leadership styles.

Jules MABON adds that we have to check about the legal side of keeping a database with PhD students names in it.

End of meeting: 18h00

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