

Minutes of ILCC/HCRC Staff Meeting

Monday 2nd March, 2015, 12.30pm.

Attendance

Steve Renals, Jon Oberlander (Chair), Robin Hill, Bart Craenen, Alex Lascarides, Shay Cohen, Chris Lucas, Hiroshi Shimodaira, Alexandra Birch-Mayne, Helen Pain, John Lee, Simon King, Victor Lavrenko, Bonnie Webber, Mark Steedman, Elaine Farrow, Adam Lopez, Barry Haddow, Markus Guhe, Ulrich Germann, Ewan Klein, Helen New, Carrie McNamee, Nicola Drago Ferrante

Apologies were received from Johanna Moore and Dragan Gasovic

1. Director's Report

Steve Renals introduced Jon Oberlander as the new ILCC Institute Director.

Jon thanked Steve for his Directorship over the last four years, and the Institute admin staff for their support. He laid out his plans for taking the Institute forward. Jon announced that he would be looking at and reviewing collaborations between other parts of the university and Informatics. A discussion then took place about this. Bonnie Webber suggested that some other parts of the university may not be as interested in engaging with Informatics as we are with them, especially regarding MSc student supervision. It was noted that second supervisors are currently not given any credit, so it was felt that whilst increasing collaborations would be good, it currently means an increased workload for academics without recognition.

2. Data Lab presentation

Dave Clark gave a presentation about The Data Lab. The Scottish Funding Council are investing £100 million over a period of 5-6 years (initially) in this innovation program. It is one of eight centres launched by the Scottish Government to create value for Scotland. Data Lab will enable new collaborations between industry, the public sector and universities. Any project they support will have to have a market, business or social need. There are three hub universities: Edinburgh, Glasgow and Robert Gordon in Aberdeen. Support is available through three approaches:

- Calls for proposals – These will be targeted, but you should not wait for them.
- Community building – Data Lab can offer a ‘match making’ service to encourage collaboration between data scientists, local industry and public sector.
- Skills and Training - funding will be made available to support PhD students and up to 40 MSc students each year

Contact: dave.clark@thedatalab.com or www.thedatalab.com for more information.

3. Any other business

There was no other business.

4. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is proposed to be 4th May 2015.