



VMI General Assembly

Monday, 25.11.2021 13:00

Dear D-INFK members,

the scientific staff association (VMI) invites you to the next general assembly. We meet on **Thursday, 25th of November at 13:00** via [Zoom](#) to present past work, discuss plans for the upcoming months and to (re-)elect our representatives and board.

Agenda

1. Welcome by VMI president Alexander Viand
2. Election of the scrutineer and keeper of the minutes
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Adoption of the protocol of the last General Assembly
5. Reports on the activities of the VMI since the last GA

Between the last General Assembly and now, the pandemic situation in Switzerland experienced a calm period, allowing the much anticipated Summer Retreat to finally take place again. The retreat, which was split into two groups of participants across a full week to allow as many as possible of VMI's members to join, was held in the beautiful mountain town Scuol and was much appreciated by participants and organizers alike.

In addition to the retreat, the improved pandemic situation and the summer weather allowed in-person events such as a canoeing weekend (as part of the Scientific Excellence and Mental Well-Being initiative), a river-side BBQ to celebrate VMI's 20th anniversary and various events as part of the spring iteration of the buddy group initiative to take place. Additionally, a number of (un)workshops have been held as part of the Mental Strength initiative, as well as an un-weekend for the organizers and other interested parties.

In the beginning of November, we were also able to hold an in-person Welcome Event for new staff, followed by an apero in CAB. Replacing the buddy groups, VMI also offers a rich program with social events for the fall semester, of which a board game night and "Paint and Sip" (a new and very popular event) have already taken place.

- Summer Retreat 2021 in Scuol
- Welcome event and fall/winter social events



- Scientific Excellence & Well-Being Program Joint events and programs with CSNOW
- Activities of the diversity delegate

6. Announcement of upcoming VMI events

- Social events
- Future Scientific Excellence & Well-Being plans
- Setting up a “VMI Help-Desk” (AVETH initiative)

7. Presentation of 2022 Budget

We will present the budget for next year. Based on our success with seeking additional funding this year, we are planning to step up our activities quite a bit, especially in terms of Scientific Excellence & Well-Being events.

8. Elections

- President and vice-president, secretary, treasurer
- Representatives in the Department Conference
- Representatives in the Studies Committee
- Auditors for 2021
- Diversity Delegate

9. AOB