

GENERAL ASSEMBLY Nov 2021



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Aug 6, 2021

VMI 20th Anniversary BBQ

What?

On March 7th, 2001, VMI was founded to represent all scientific staff in the computer science department. Since then, we've engaged in department politics, established numerous events ranging from board game nights to our annual summer retreat, launched our mental strength and wellbeing initiative, and much more.

Join us on August 6th from 18:00 to celebrate our 20th anniversary with a BBQ! We'll have food and drinks, outdoor games, and plenty of new and old friends to meet and catch up with. We're so excited to finally see you all in person to celebrate this milestone together!

[Read more & Sign up](#)





Welcome to D-INFK



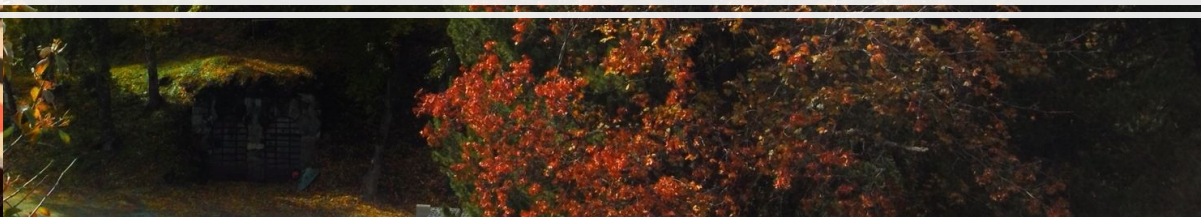


Welcome to D-INFK 2021





Summer Retreat!



Dec 15, 2021

Saying No - workshop



What?

Saying “no” is not always easy – but necessary. Whether at work or in private relationships. Those who have learned to say “yes” out of (false) politeness will sooner or later harm themselves and others. Burnout, bitterness and poor performance can follow, while turning to fake solutions like excuses and ‘ghosting’ will damage one’s self image and connections with others.

[Read more & Sign up](#)

Dec 1, 2021

Compassionate Communication - unworkshop



What?

Do you know the feeling that you cannot express what is really happening inside you? Are compassionate listening, honesty and authentic self expression important to you when dealing with people? Then this is the right unworkshop for you. We will take a look at non-violent communication to establish more compassion. For this it is essential to express your feelings and needs and to see the ones of the person opposite. There will be some individual reflection and pair discussion on the topic, before we do a role playing exercise, where you can experience different reactions to a situation that was uncomfortable for you.

[Read more & Sign up](#)

Well Being & Scientific Excellence

Now with additional funding from D-INFK!

Diversity Delegate

Julia Hörrmann

- Since 2021 every DA nominates a diversity delegate
- General goals:
 - Strengthen diversity
 - Support of minorities
 - Gender equality
- Detailed report on activities available in VMI-Github-Repository
<https://github.com/VMI-ETH/DiversityDelegateActivities>
- Highlights:
 - New female mentoring program
 - IT-Security Training from Women for Women
 - Feedback e-mails for free menstrual products and „information owner“ in directive on information security
- Candidate as successor: **Eleanor McMurtry**

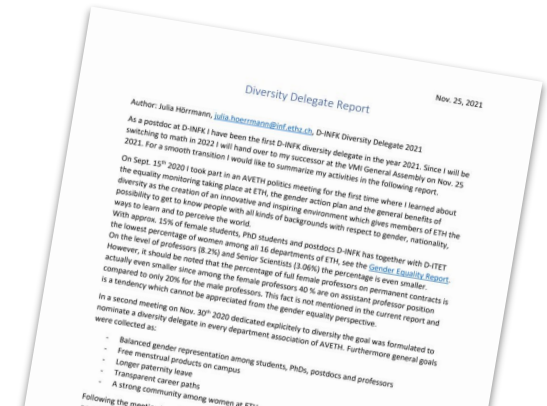
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VMI-CSNOW Mentoring Program

What?

The transition between student and academic life can be tricky and confusing for everyone, from learning how to be a good researcher to thinking about your career goals – and anything in between! It often helps to informally chat with older peers that have faced similar problems and asked similar questions in the past. Unfortunately, for female PhD students it is not always easy to get to know older female PhD students or Postdocs, as there might not be (m)any in the same research group.

The goal of our new mentoring program, in collaboration with CSNOW, is to help young female scientists to find a suitable mentor within our faculty. Would you like to benefit from the mentoring program or would you like to participate as a mentor? Then see application instructions and more details below!



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VMI Plans for 2022

- Expanding our activities:
 - Winter ~~Retreat~~ (Topic: Academic Job Market? TBD)
 - More Mental Strength Workshops!
 - With D-INFK funding, we can subsidize more expensive offers
 - Diversify Social Events: Cultural events, Arts&Crafts,...
- Expanding VMI:
 - Increase “core team” size
 - Recruit more “helpers” for events to spread the load

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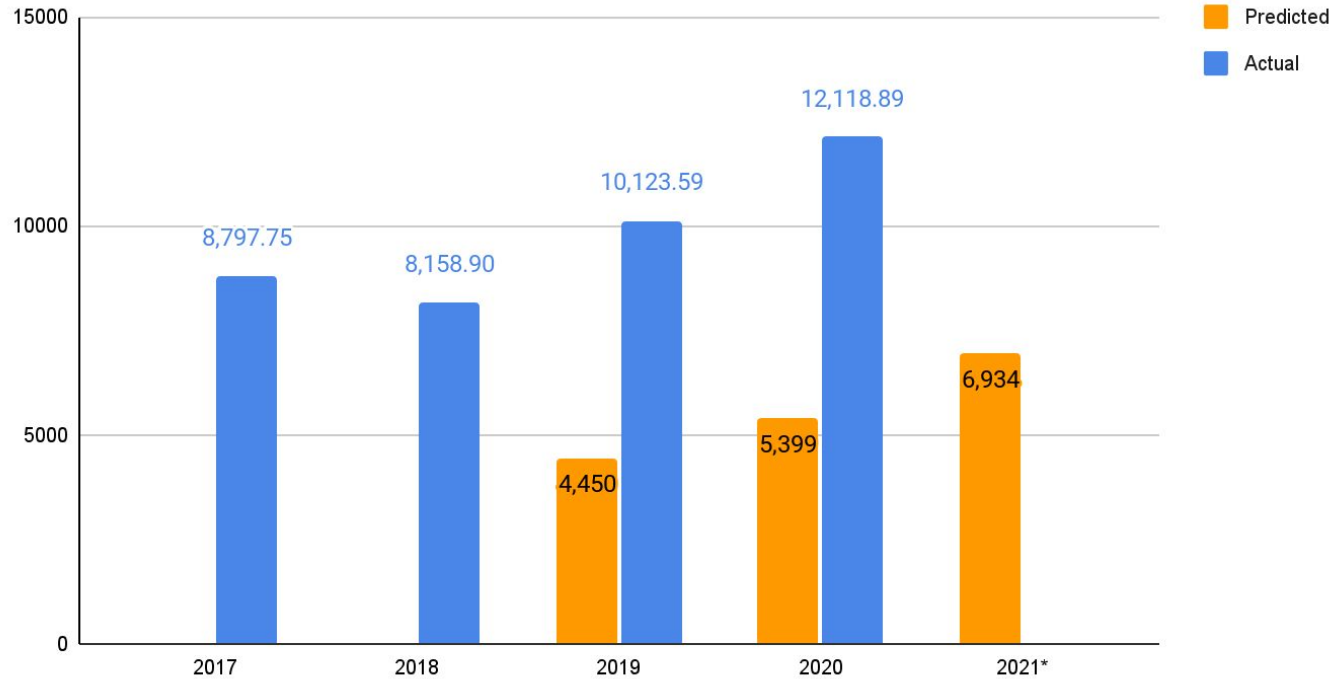
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VMI Budget	Revenue 2021	Expenses 2021		
Summer Retreat	15750	15750		
Welcome events	3000	3500		
Scientific Excellence & Well Being	7000	13000		
Board games events	-	300		
VMI BBQ	-	500		
GA	-	150		
Provisions	-	500		
Sport events	-	750		
Fondue	-	-		
Zurich Film Festival	-	-		
Account carrying charges	-	60		
Total Expenditures				
Memberships	3600	-		
External Sponsorships	x	x		
D-INFK sponsorship	x	x		
AVETH sponsorship	x	x		
Participation contributions	x			
Total Revenue				
Total	-	-		
Grand Total	-5160			

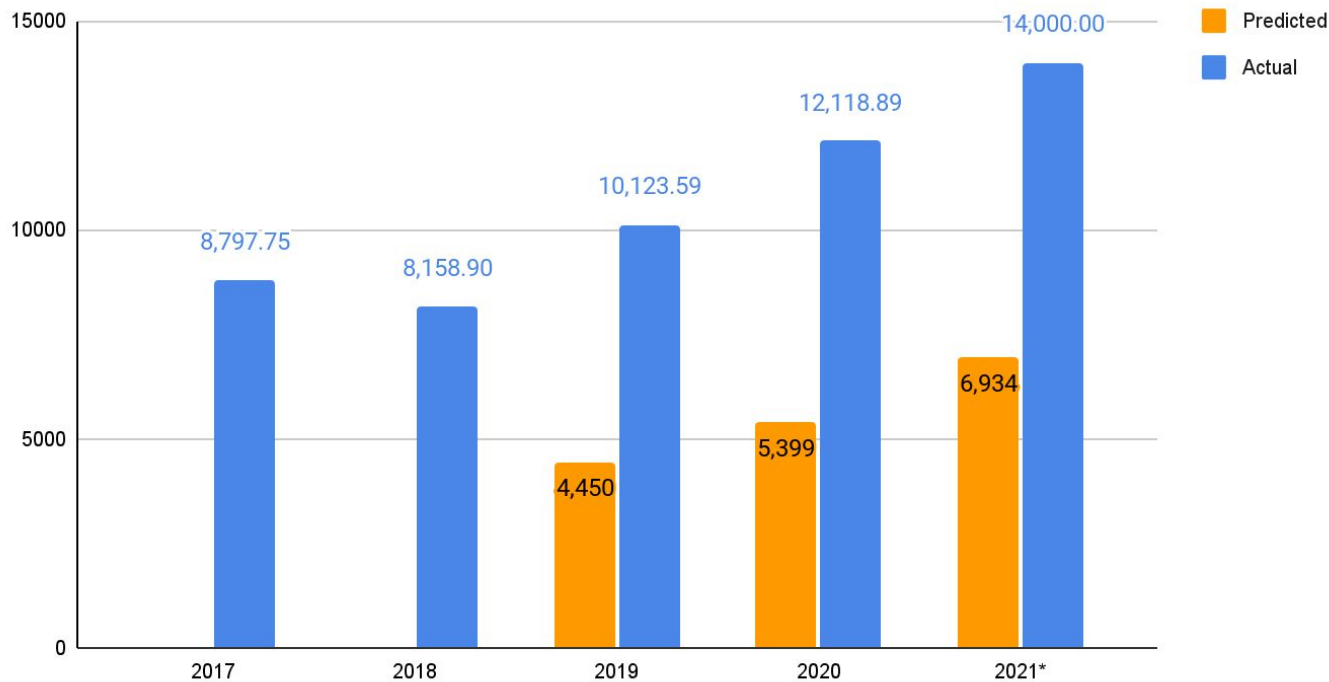
Actual result

+2000

EOY account balance (2020 forecast)



EOY account balance (reality)



Summer Retreat Budget

Account	SR, 2017 (24 participants)	SR, 2018 (23 participants)	SR, 2019 (36+5 participants)	SR, 2021 (64 participants)	SR, 2022 proposal (64 participants)
Transportation	536	1530	1883	3237	3500
Accommodation	3638	4162	11965	17267	18000
Food	1288			4527	4500
Social Program	464	698	1570	2916	3000
Total Expenditures	5926	6390	15418	27947	29000
Participation contributions	1083	920	1440	2385	2400
Participation contributions (+1s)	0	585	1780	-	-
Total Revenue	1083	1505	3220	2385	2400
D-INFK sponsorship	4843	4885	12198	25562	27600
Sponsorship per (D-INFK) participant	202	212	339	400	430

Mental Strength Budget

	Total	Paid by D-INFK	Participation Fees	Subsidy per Person	Total Cost to VMI
Coordination	5000	0			3000
Workshops (see examples below)	15'000	10'000	5'000	Between 25 and 100%	0
	Total: 20000				Total:3000

Examples for Workshops & associated Subsidies	Total	Cost covered by D-INFK	Participation Fee in %	Max. Participants	Total Cost to VMI
<i>Workshops by Teampact. E.g. How to prioritize?</i>	1000	700	30	To be decided	0
<i>Workshops by Marieke. E.g. Life and research in Balance</i>	3000	2100	30	tbd	0
<i>Outdoorworkshops by Flo. E.g. Igloo, Canoeing</i>	3000	1500	50	tbd	0
<i>Organisational meetings, Teambuilding, E.g. Unweekend</i>	2000	1400	30	tbd	0
<i>Well-being Essentials by Sara</i>	2000	1400	30	tbd	0
<i>Workshops by Rhetorik Forum. E.g. Public Speaking</i>	1000	700	30	tbd	0
<i>Saying No workshop by Matis</i>	1000	800	20	tbd	0
<i>Unworkshops (Equipment, provisions) and Varia</i>	2000	1400	30	tbd	0
Total	15000	10000			0

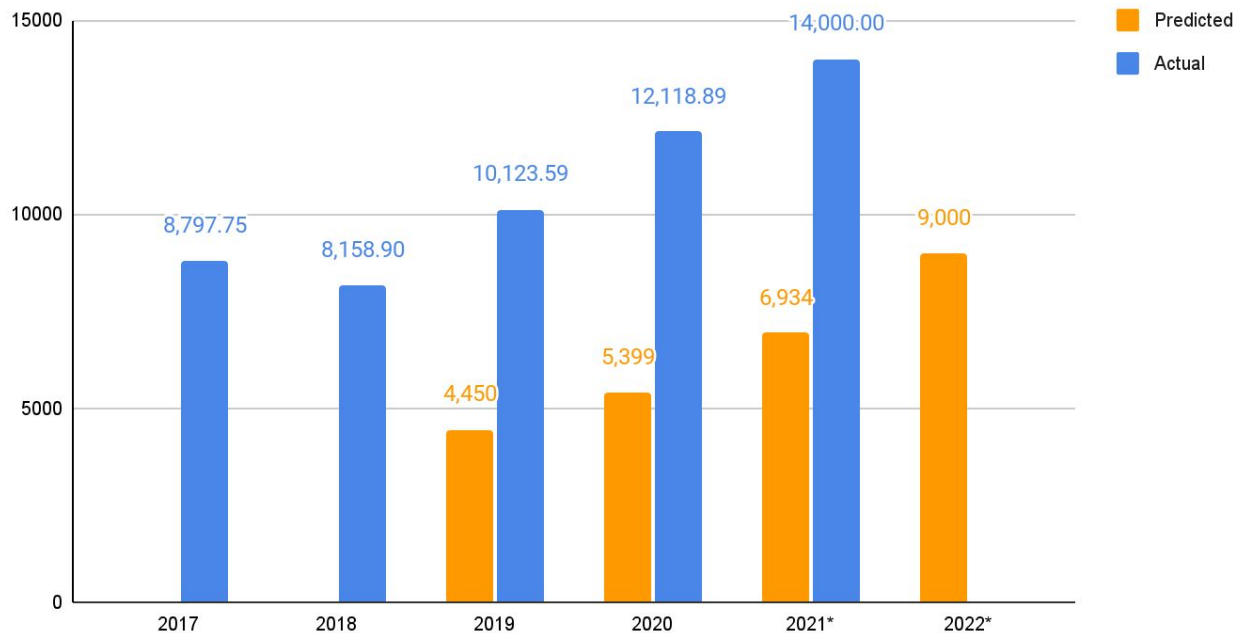
VMI Budget	Restructured categories
Summer Retreat	Retreats
Welcome events	Welcome & Information Events
Scientific Excellence & Well Being	Scientific Excellence & Well Being
VMI BBQ	Socializing events
Board games events	
Provisions	
Sport events	
Fondue	
Film festival	
GA	Operating costs
Account carrying charges	
	Board and Volunteers Events
Memberships	Memberships
External Sponsorships	Sponsorships
D-INFK sponsorship	
AVETH sponsorship	
Participation contributions (included in events)	
Total Revenue	Total Revenue
Total	Total
Grand Total	Grand Total

VMI Budget	Revenue 2021 (proj.)	Expenses 2021 (proj.)	Revenue 2022	Expenses 2022
Retreats	28000	28000	29000	29000
Welcome & Information Events	1660	1770	3500	3500
Scientific Excellence & Well Being	1300	6000	15000	20000
Socializing events	-	1365	300	2500
Operating costs (account, printing, GA)	-	460	-	880
Board and Volunteers Events	-	200	-	500
Total Expenditures	30960	37795	47800	56380
Memberships	3600	-	3600	-
Sponsorships	5000	-	?	-
Total Revenue	8600	-	3600	-
Grand Total	1765		-4980	

Example of social events:

- Board games: 4x100 CHF
- Paint&sip: 3x200 CHF
- BBQ: 700 CHF
- Quiz, competition, running dinner: 200 CHF gifts
- Hikes, other: 600 (300 CHF sponsoring, 300 participation fee)

EOY account balance (forecast)



*expectations, still can change

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Executive Board

- President
 - **Matilda Backendal**
- Vice-President
 - **Alexander Viand**
- Treasurer
 - Karel Kubíček
- Anupama Unnikrishnan
- **Linard Arquint**
- **Felix Linker**

Departmental Representatives

- Studies Committee
 - *Linard Arquint (Backup)*
 - Sverrir Thorgeirsson
 - Michael Hoffmann
 - **Eleanor McMurtry**
- Diversity Delegate
 - **Eleanor McMurtry**
- Revisors
 - Lukas Burkhalter
 - Reza Sefidgar
- Departmental Conference
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 - Anupama Unnikrishnan
 - (Linard Arquint - also in UK)
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 - **Eleanor McMurtry**
 - *Linard Arquint*
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 - Direct
 - Tomas Hruz
 - Charlotte Knierim
 - Julia Hörrmann (while still at D-INFK)
 - Tobias Klenze
 - Xenia Hofmeier

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Thank you! Remember to stay connected!

- Social Media



- Slack



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- Also check out AVETH, and D-INFK support!
 - Study Administration (Bernadette Giancesi)
 - D-INFK Communication Group

