

Meeting minutes 14.3.2025

Place: House of Science and Letters, room 207 and Teams

Present: Pauli Miettinen (chair), Pekka Abrahamsson, Oğuz Buruk, Filip Ginter, Tomi Janhunen, Veli Mäkinen, Maria Paasivaara, Muhammad Faheem (from 13.32).

Absent: Harri Oinas-Kukkonen, Henri Pirkkalainen, Ben Cowley

Secretariat: Elina Pylvänäinen and Anna-Kaarina Linna

1. Opening

The panel chair opened the meeting at 13.01.

2. Introductions

3. Panel

a. Panel composition

The fields covered in this panel are listed in appendix 1. The panel went through the list and discussed if there is a need to supplement the panel composition.

Discussion:

- The panel discussed information sciences and whether there is a need to complement the panel's expertise in this field.
- It is also possible to complement the panel composition later, but preferably before the level 2 and 3 re-evaluation. The discussion will be re-visited at the autumn meeting.

b. Selecting the vice-chair of the panel

A vice-chair was selected for the panel. The vice-chair stands in for the panel chair when they are absent. The vice-chair also has a right to confirm evaluations in the JUFO portal on behalf of the panel chair.

Decision:

- Filip Ginter was selected as a vice-chair of the panel.

4. Orientation to the panel work

The secretariat introduced the Publication Forum, its aims and purpose as well as the evaluation criteria.

5. Level 1 and 0 evaluations in the JUFO portal

The deadline for the first set of level 1 and 0 evaluations is 26.3.2025 for the panel members and the panel chair needs to confirm evaluations at latest on 1.4.2025. More information has been sent by email.

a. Journal of open source software

The journal was discussed in the previous panel term. It has been suggested to level 1 but the view of the panel was that the journal does not meet the definition for scientific publication channel in level 1 criteria. The panel asked the JUFO steering group to discuss the classification of software journals.

The steering group decided to update the level 1 criteria so that also this type of journals could be considered to level 1. After the update, the definition for scientific publication channel is as follows: “The publication channel is specialised in the publication of scientific or scholarly research outcomes and it publishes peer-reviewed scientific publications on a regular basis. Channels that publish scientific data, software and methods that support the production of research outcomes are equated with channels that publish scientific or scholarly research outcomes.”

The panel discussed if there is a need to re-evaluate the classification of this journal.

Decision:

- The panel decided that the journal will be re-evaluated in May.

6. Conflicts of interest

The panel members were asked to disclose their engagements with publication channels in which they have been an editor or a member of the editorial board in the past five years.

7. Other

No other business.

8. Closing

The panel chair closed the meeting at 15.44.

Appendix 1

Panel’s MinEdu fields

113 Computer and information Sciences

- Computer science
- Computational data analysis
- Software engineering, operating systems, human-computer interaction
- Theoretical computer science
- Information systems science
- Information sciences
- Bioinformatics