

General Meeting «Digital Society Initiative» – Meeting minutes

Date/time: Thursday, 10 October 2024, 12:00-14:00

Place: University of Zurich, Digital Society Initiative, SOC-010, Rämistrasse 69, 8001 Zurich

Presenter/host: Abraham Bernstein, Director Digital Society Initiative (DSI)

Topic	Content
Introductory Formalities	<p>Welcome and Introduction by Abraham Bernstein (AB), Director of the DSI and presentation of the agenda for the General Meeting 2024.</p> <p>Introductory Formalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes of last year's meeting: no feedback, no question ▪ Unanimous acceptance of last year's minutes
DSI Update 2024	<p>Presentation about the following topics (AB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DSI Research ▪ Overview of the 31 professorships (existing and new ones) ▪ Overview of the 13 DSI Communities. New communities: AI & Law, Digital Humanities ▪ Funding calls: DSI Infrastructure & Labs (last call: 2026) and Excellence Program Scholarships (last call: 2025) ▪ DSI Strategy Lab: 4th version in 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021: A legal framework for Artificial Intelligence 2022: Artificial Intelligence in medicine – where to we want to go? 2023: AI in education, research and innovation 2024: Disinformation Preview 2025: Quantum Computing ▪ Question on AI Buddy on page 12: Explanation of the UZH AI Buddy (for further information, pls. see UZH news here: https://www.news.uzh.ch/en/articles/news/2024/uzh-digital.html) <p>DSI Educational Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update Studium Digitale (for BA-students) ▪ Update Minor «Digital Skills» (for MA-students) ▪ Update Excellence Program (for PhD students) ▪ Digital MasterClass (for politicians) <p>Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on communication highlights: AI+X summit, DSI podcast «Genial digital?», DSI spotlights, journalist workshops ▪ Overview of all communication channels
Voting	<p>Election of new network members (since 3.11.2023 to 09.10.2024) (AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full members (155 new members): unanimous approval ▪ Associated members (120 new members): unanimous approval ▪ DSI Roadmap will be updated in 2025 <p>Total members of the DSI network: > 1'300 members</p>

Feedback and Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Question on the future of the DSI: AB gave a short preview. AB: Currently DSI is funded partly by DIZH funds. The DIZH will end 2029, so UZH must decide if the DSI and its activities will be funded after 2029. Currently diverse settings are possible, from expiration of the DSI up to creating a new center. The DSI is working on a concept on the future of the DSI to present it the Executive Board of UZH.▪ Question: How does DSI react on EU laws like 4.0 web? AB: DSI only provides infrastructure for research, the content must come out of the research community. So, it's up to the members to organize events on the topic and see if there is sufficient momentum. Some communities or associated centers (e.g., the ITSL) do organize discussions of regulatory topics.
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