Digitization Board Meeting on 17.09.2026, 8:30-9:25

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Reports of Spokesperson and Topic Groups

The application for the continuation and further development of the ErUM-Data-Hub was successful. It will be funded with 3.5 M€ for four years and will extend its acitivies in particular in the directions of industry transfer and communication. This is great news for the ErUM-Data community. The designated new team leader is Veronika Kratzer who presented herself. The DB welcomed her.
The DZA submitted a sketch application for a transfer hub focusing on microelectronics and AI. If the sketch is accepted a broader involvement of the community is planned for the preparation of the full proposal which was not possible so far because of the very tight deadline and holiday season. Bridget offered a further support letter from DAPHNE.
The preparation of the RDM workshop on October 1 and 2 is progressing. The FI TG plans an online workshop in November. The AI token resource issue was discussed in a meeting and the outcome will be documented in the whitepaper on a time scale of about three months. Jan offered input to the topic.
The BDA yearly meetings are very successful, but participation in the monthly meetings is limited. It is considered to include scientific talks in the agenda. This is a good item for the TG Chairs meeting on October 2. The UI TG is working on workshop plannings. The KD TG is discussing ideas of events.
The school in Kiel was very successful. Angela encouraged the DB members to advertise the online entrepeneurship workshop on October 22.

DIG-UM Awards

There was one nomination for the Early Career Award and three for the PhD Award. All candidates are very good and fulfill the criteria for an award. The selection committee selected the Early Career scientist and two candidates for the PhD Award. The DB endorsed the decision. The awardees will be informed. The official announcement will be at the DIG-UM Annual meeting. Kilian pointed out that it would be good to have more nominations. The DB decided that from next year on the chair of the DIG-UM e.V. will be a member of the selection committee.

Panning of Hub events 2027

Angela presented the current planning of events by the Hub for next year. In particular the in-person

events must be fixed soon to book the locations. Input from the DB and the community is always welcome.

Candidates for TG chairs

The two year terms of the TG chairs and deputies end in December. The DB should make a proposal for the next term to the OB. Some TG chairs and deputies indicated that the would be available to serve another term. We should aim for finalizing the proposal at the next DB meeting.

AOB

The next DB meetings will be on 15.10. and 19.11. The DIG-UM Annual Meeting will be on 1.12. in Munich.