

Centre for Research, Innovation and Coordination of Mathematics Teaching

International Advisory Board.

Initial thoughts about the role and terms of reference of the International Advisory Board are that the Board will:

- Offer advice to the Centre leadership and Management Board that will enable the Centre to realize its vision: *“to lead innovation, research and excellence in mathematics teaching and learning within higher education ‘user programmes’ (throughout Norway).”*
- Study Centre plans and suggest revisions to those plans in order for the Centre to better achieve its goals.
- Receive reports from the Centre and critically evaluate the work and development of the Centre and make suggestions about changes to activities and plans.
- Contribute to the evaluation of proposals of projects sponsored by the Centre.
- Contribute to the evaluation of applicants to positions announced by the Centre.
- Contribute to ‘mid-way’ evaluation of the Centre.
- Contribute to the Centre’s programme of seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Advise on possible speakers for Centre’s programme.
- Advise about possible international Centres of Excellence to which the Centre can sponsor visits.
- Advise about possible international experts who can be invited to visit ‘The Centre’ for a short period.
- Advise on potential international collaborators for future work (eg EU projects)

It is not envisaged that every member of the Board will be engaged in all of the above every year. The demands of the Board must respect Board members time and busy schedules.

One of the initial tasks that we will ask members of the Board is to examine the Board’s terms of reference and suggest revisions to align these with ‘best practice’. The Centre’s budget has been planned with the idea of bring the Board together in Norway once each year, to coincide with the Centre conference. The feasibility of this will depend upon how large the Board is, and the availability of individuals to come at the time the conference is planned. We certainly would not want anyone to be discouraged from participating on the Board because they did not want to commit to such a visit.

I believe there should be some form of honorarium for Board members, but I do not know at what level this should be set. This is another area in which I seek advice from the Board (initial nucleus).