

Helsinki Institute for Information Technology HIIT

Board Meeting Minutes 3/2024

Time: Tuesday 1.10.2024 at 14:15-16:00

Place: Hybrid meeting: Exactum A114, Kumpula, Zoom link:

<https://helsinki.zoom.us/j/63973696019?pwd=9Q82LUsgXmMtoXax85ZAKDaghraDwa.1>

Invited

Members

~~Dean, Professor Jouko Lampinen, Aalto~~

Dean, Professor Sasu Tarkoma, UH

Associate Professor Janne Lindqvist, Aalto, §6-

Professor Jussi Kangasharju, UH

~~Executive Vice President Tua Huomo, VTT~~

Chief Policy Adviser Mika Tuuliainen,
Confederation of Finnish Industries, §4-6

Director Erkki Ahola, Technology Industries of
Finland

Personnel Representative: Associate
Professor Pekka Marttinen, Aalto

Deputy Members

~~Vice-Dean, Professor Peter Liljeroth,
Aalto~~

~~Vice-Dean, Professor Samuli Siltanen,
UH~~

~~University Lecturer Lassi Haaranen,
Aalto~~

~~Professor Veli Mäkinen, UH~~

Research Professor Heikki Ailisto,
VTT, §4-

~~Director Riikka Heikinheimo,
Confederation of Finnish Industries~~

~~Director Ville Peltola, Technology
Industries of Finland~~

Research Fellow Alan Medlar, UH

Others

Professor Petteri Kaski, Aalto, -§4.

HIIT Vice Director Juho Rousu, Aalto

Coordinator Katri Karhunen, UH

Presenter: Director, Professor Petri Myllymäki, phone 040 553 1162

Secretary: Vice-Director, Docent Patrik Floréen, phone 040 570 0444

Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - The Chair of the Board was absent. The Vice-Chair of the Board opened the meeting at 14:18.
2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda
 - The meeting agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes (Appendix 1)
 - The meeting minutes 2/2024 were approved.
4. Focus Area Foundations of Computing (Appendix 2)
 - Focus Area Leader Petteri Kaski presented.
 - Quorum of the meeting was reached. Heikki Ailisto and Mika Tuuliainen confirmed the acceptance of points 1-3.
5. HIIT and FCAI Status Update (Appendix 3: Slide set by HIIT Director)
 - HIIT Director presented.
6. Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board (part of Appendix 3)
 - According to the HIIT Regulations, Section 8, “HIIT has a scientific advisory board consisting of experts in those fields of science that are central for its research activities. Its duties are to assess the research conducted at HIIT and to put forth proposals regarding the focus of the research activities. The HIIT board will invite the scientific advisory board for a specified term of office. The Scientific Advisory Board elects a chairperson from amongst its membership.”
 - FCAI has expressed interest to be included in the process, so it would be a joint HIIT & FCAI SAB meeting, foreseen for spring/summer 2025.
 - Decision: The Board decided to invite the following persons to the SAB: Nicolò Cesa-Bianchi, Shafi Goldwasser, Monika Henzinger, Sepp Hochreiter, Giuseppe Italiano, Randy Katz, Nada Lavrač, Danupon Nanongkai, Barry O’Sullivan. The following persons are on the reserve list: Hagit Attiya, Hannah Bast, Dunia Mladenovic, Ann Nicholson, Kenny Paterson, Luc de Raedt. The HIIT Steering Group can select the suitable

persons from the reserve list in case someone proposed as member is not available. In case there is a need for further candidates, the Board will discuss any further persons by email.

7. Selection Process for the Next HIIT Director

- Prof. Petri Myllymäki's current term as Director ends 31 July 2025.
- According to the HIIT Regulations, Section 5, the Director is appointed with a term of office of no more than five years. The Director is a joint appointment by the Rectors of the two universities.
- The Board will propose a candidate to the Rectors.
- Last time, in 2019, the process started with the Board forming a recruitment committee. Aalto HR supported the process. The decision whom to propose as new Director was taken in the first meeting in 2020.
- Decision: The Board appointed a recruitment committee consisting of Erkki Ahola, Jouko Lampinen, Pekka Marttinen and Sasu Tarkoma.

8. HIIT 25 Years Reception and Next Board Meeting

- The next Board meeting is planned to take place at the University of Helsinki Banquet Rooms, Unioninkatu 33, on 10 December 2024 at 14.15-16.00 and the HIIT 25 years celebrations directly after that in the same building.

9. Any Other Business

10. Closing of the Meeting

- The Chair of the meeting closed the meeting at 15:58.

Appendices:

Appendix 1. Previous Minutes of the HIIT Board Meeting

Appendix 2. Focus Area Foundations of Computing

Appendix 3. HIIT and FCAI Status Update