Minutes PhD council meeting - Jan 29th 2021

Present: Alessio, Alexandra, Avanish, Bouke, Igor, Lennart, Serena (all via Zoom)

1. Next OSAF meeting
   - ➢ It will take place on 16th March at 3 PM
   - ➢ 30 minutes slot will be allocated to our PhD council
   - ➢ Avanish, Bouke volunteered to be present
   - ➢ Rasa's proposal for Topical lectures topic (ML, BDT / Python & C++ & ROOT) will be mentioned in email in advance
2. Issue with Dutch course issue
   - ➢ Serena reported PhD students employed by UvA not being accepted for Dutch language course.
   - ➢ Language course for PhD students was discontinued some years ago, this topic has already brought up in the past with no avail.
   - ➢ Contact Pieter van Braam van Vloten about it.
3. Meeting with Stan and personnel department next Tuesday about contract issues due to the pandemic
   - ➢ Lennart suggested to extend contract for PhD students taking care of own children
   - ➢ Next step: organising a meeting with all PhD students and postdocs, to discuss this with the whole community
4. Supervision review scheme
   - ➢ We need to properly define setup first
   - ➢ Some volunteers for the board are already present
5. Comments on recent Veldhoven
   - ➢ Several shortcomings related to hosting a virtual conference, including low res posters hard to read
6. Other topics
   - ➢ Plan to organize more social virtual events as a pub quiz, a virtual escape room.
   - ➢ Workshop about careers after PhD to be organized
   - ➢ Batch computing course by Wouter needs to be added on PhD council webpage