

FUTURES RESEARCH CONSULTING NEWSLETTER

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First official co-op meeting (and other news)



A big, big thank you to Taina for opening her home to us all!!!

Highlights of the Meeting:

- We have officially been approved by the taxation office and can take on any projects.
- Joachim Ramström & Veijo Pönni from the Brahea Center will be organizing helpful workshops on a variety of topics such as team building, bidding, project management and networking. We are also taking suggestions from members on any other skill development you feel is needed. Please email a board member or post in the Facebook group. List possible topics and days of the week that work best for you. When the dates are set, we will be sending out a Facebook event alert to everyone.
- Vanessa and Suvi have been meeting with officials from the Finland Futures Research Center about possible work, but we also expect all members to utilize their network to help bring in projects. The goal is to always work as a team and have open communication.
- To further this, we are trying to quickly get everything up and running to make us more visible in the following ways:
 - Our LinkedIn page is live!!! Thank you Pasi for your hard work on that and the web site. You can check it out here: <http://bit.ly/2l9wPu4> and please follow and share.
 - We were thinking we would utilize blog posts and try to post every two weeks. Some topics that were suggested include: futures themes, megatrends, what workshops we are doing or have completed, members' master's thesis topics, FFRC projects and publications. We would also like all members to contribute as authors and will be setting

up a posting schedule. Please send any post suggestions to Vanessa via Facebook messenger or email.

- There was a request that we have a database with every member's basic CV information. We have decided that every member will add a slide, with a photo if they choose and their basic information. This would be for internal use only. When speaking with potential clients, this information will serve as examples of language, subject matter skills, etc. that the co-op has to offer. Here is the link and the template: <http://bit.ly/2jMKvhz>. You would just add a slide and type in your information. We would like everyone to add their information as soon as possible as we have interested parties waiting.
- The Futures Studies department is hosting the Futures of Complex World in June and we, along with the Black Swans Student Group are considering ways to contribute. If students have any suggestions for workshops or presentations, please post them in the Facebook or contact a board member.
- Other suggestions included: looking for foundations that will support us for education purposes, a request for members' expectations of the board and general suggestions and trying to work with companies that may have public funding for projects to bring in more work.

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