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As the darkness of the fall has crept in some time ago already, we hope that you all can get some solace from the twinkly lights and holiday decorations at home or around town. We at Dacta are happy to have been able to provide some forums for discussion through Zoom, but are naturally quite sad that we have not been able to arrange IRL events. It is what it is and here's to looking out for a bit brighter spring 2021!

As for Dacta in 2021, we are happy to announce that we have elected a great new board during the fall meeting. More about that in the main story of the newsletter. We also got to reveal our brand new website - www.dacta.fi - if you have not visited it yet, why not take some time now? As of next year we will be rolling out an exciting new line of talks, that we naturally call DactTalk. More on that in the Upcoming events section of the newsletter.

The board of 2020 wants to thank everyone for making this first year of Dacta a fantastic start for our little association! Together we have shown, regardless of the circumstances, that this association really is needed. It's all of you that make Dacta into what it is! Oh and - on the bottom of the newsletter you'll find a small, yet loud (?) gift!

RECAP OF THE FALL MEETING

The most exciting news from the fall meeting is probably the **new board** for next year. We are so happy that our little association will continue on with a great group of people both from the old board and completely fresh faces! Robin Lybeck was elected chair and the following were elected as boardmembers: Freddy Suarez Rodriguez, Cathrina Walldén, Robin Isomaa, Emmanuel Tane Kwaw, Ran Goren, Ievgeniia Babenko and Alex Mäkiharju.

A warm welcome to both old and new board members!



All of the meeting documents have been sent to our members, but here you can find a quick recap of the other main matters discussed during the meeting.

Action plan for the year 2021: The action plan, with its main events during the upcoming year was presented and agreed upon by the meeting. We even got some great additional ideas for events from members, e.g. joining coffee rooms of corporations and organizing talks with some candidates in the upcoming municipal elections (April 2021). Social events will be organized through the year in accordance with what the COVID situation and restrictions allows.

Stay up to date with all the materialised Dacta events through the website calendar via <https://tinyurl.com/y5tjd9cy>.

Budget plan for the year 2021: The budget plan for next year was presented and agreed upon by the meeting. In total the association should have an income of roughly 2600 €, where most of the income would consist of external financing and membership fees. The expences are calculated to be the same, as the association does not strive for financial gain. New additions to the budget plan compared to last year are DactTalk and merchandise for the association.

Registration and membership fee for the year 2021: The meeting decided not to collect a registration fee from new members, but the yearly membership fee of 10 euros stayed the same.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CHRISTMAS PARTY CANCELLED :'



We are so sorry that we will not be able to arrange a Christmas party this year. The board took this decision with a heavy hart, but we're all of the opinion that a Christmas/Vappu/whathaveyou party will be arranged as soon as the COVID situation allows! Hopefully you all have been able to enjoy some form of festivities non the less. If you are running low on ideas, maybe these could help? <https://museumhack.com/virtual-christmas-party/>

ASK ME ANYTHING IN JANUARY



We host a Ask Me Anything session i January. The idea is that doctoral students can present specific questions to a invited guest about e.g. PhD studies, research in general or really anything as long as it's relevant to the topic at hand. The first invited **guest is project researcher and university teacher Thomas Karv**. Stay tuned for more ingfo! In the meanwhile, check out our guest's profile <https://tinyurl.com/y3u5vse9>.

DACTALK JANUARY 28TH



We are delighted to invite one and all to attend the first ever DactTalk on **January 28th at 2-4 PM**. The event will be streamed on YouTube and is open to everyone. Get more info on DactTalk and the upcoming talk from the press release sent out in November <https://tinyurl.com/yxq9tw2m>

HELP US HELP HALONEN!



President Tarja Halonen will be giving the first ever DactTalk in January. **She wishes to hear about recent research conducted at ÅAU** on the themes she will address in her speech. These are **sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, rule of law and general safety**. So if you know of publications, dissertations or projects on the above mentioned themes, please send an e-mail to Robban at robin.lybeck@abo.fi by **December 15th**.

"SHUT UP AND WRITE" SESSIONS



The shut up and write sessions will take a break over the winter holidays, but will be back next year. Depending on the situation the SUAW sessions will be held online or on campus. The first session will be held on **Friday January 22nd on Zoom**. More dates will be sent out later

FROM ALL OF US AT DACTA,
WE WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
A BETTER NEW YEAR!

Our Christmas gift to you!

Go to Spotify search, choose the camera icon and scan

