

Report from NISK 2018 at Longyearbyen 18-20 September 2018

NISK2018 was organized as a co-located event together with NOKOBIT, NIK and UDIT, under the name NIKT2018.

The venue was Radisson Blu Polar and Kulturhuset in Longyearbyen at Spitsbergen. The event collected around 200 participants from several institutions in Norway.

The program was run as parallel sessions and the keynotes, counting 2 every day, were run as a joint session in Kulturhuset. NISK2018 was located in Kulturhuset for all the sessions, since this was the conference gathering the most participants.

NISK2018 had several paper presentations and a poster exhibition in the café area in Kulturhuset. The topics targeted crypto-protocols, security, biometrics and malware.

As a pre-event, COINS workshop for PhD students and supervisors was arranged the day before NISK2018 started. The COINS workshop gathered around 40 PhD students and a number of senior researchers at a Radisson meeting room that was so crowded that extra chairs had to be brought into the room. 6 PhD students presented their work, preliminary results or the scope of the research. 5 alumni, earlier COINS student members, presented their experiences on doing a PhD and different aspects on the life after the PhD.

I was invited by COINS to give a 20 minutes presentation about my experiences from doing a PhD at University of Agder and I also shared some work application experiences. I defended my thesis in October 2016 and was an active job seeker for a period of time. After the presentation, I had conversations and discussions with several of the COINS PhD students around the topic. Sharing experiences seems to be an important topic, and it has the aim to support through recommendations and good advices.

The COINS workshop and the NISK2018 conference provided many possibilities for networking and in addition, there were several joint social activities outside the conference program.

I sincerely thank COINS for inviting me to share my experience from the PhD studies, and for funding the travel and conference expenses. It was highly appreciated. Hope to be able to support and collaborate with COINS in the future.