

Dear NOW Advisory Board members and other Friends of NOW,

I'm writing to welcome several new members to the NOW Advisory Board and to alert you to the new Board listing on the NOW homepage. Please have a look and see if things are as they should be!

I would like to welcome again our North American colleagues, who are finally listed on the web page. Thanks for your patience, things are on track but it's a big job to get the data ready for uploading. New members to be especially welcomed at this time are (in the order of their listing) Jussi Eronen, Susanna Sova, Lars van den Hoek Ostende, Nikolai Spasov, Alexey Tesakov, Anu Kaakinen, Isaac Casanovas-Vilar, Dimitris Kostopoulos, Pierre-Olivier Antoine, Ioannis Giaourtsakis, Thomas Kaiser, Tony Barnosky, Angela Bruch and Torsten Utescher. Welcome all, I hope you'll like it! There's work ahead but for the time being most of it is on our shoulders here at the NOW office.

In my previous message I think I mentioned plans to form a NOW Working Group to acknowledge active contributors who are not on the Advisory Board, and to provide a recruitment pool for renewing the Board. This is still our intention but we're still thinking about how best to go about this. If you have any suggestions we'd be very happy to hear them!

Finally I would like to remind you that the new PHP-based user interface is available for use at the NOW website or directly at <http://pantodon.science>.

Please have a look. We're still fixing some technical problems and now's a good time to report them. And it's of course ALWAYS a good time to report data errors! In order to edit the data yourself (recommended!) you should request a personal account from our Office Manager Susanna Sova (susanna.sova@helsinki.fi).

All the best from Helsinki!

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