

IGDORE

Bimonthly Report

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CURRENT RESEARCHERS, ASSISTANTS AND STAFF

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COMPLETED ACTIVITIES DURING OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2017

Name change & revised logos

IGDORE's full name has been revised to the following: "Institute for Globally Distributed Open Research and Education". The logos have been revised accordingly, and additional versions supplemented with country names (Estonia, Indonesia and Sweden) have been created to be used for administrative purposes and in some local settings.

Grant applications

One funding application has been submitted to the Shuttleworth Foundation (deadline Oct 23, 2017; unsuccessful). Rebecca applied for three different research grants in Sweden, and 1 additional grant (also in Sweden) for IGDORE to offer scientific openness support for free to a number of researchers. Decisions on the Swedish grants are expected during December and January.

IGDORE Indonesia

Formally registering an organisation of any kind in Indonesia takes time. We started this process in collaboration with one well-known legal consulting firm in Indonesia in March this year. In August it was clear to us that we needed to change partner. Therefore, in September we began the process in collaboration with a new legal consult; we are currently in the process of being registered as a not for profit foundation in Indonesia.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Research

IGDORE has three [ongoing](#) research projects led by two of the researchers. New papers have been published by Alethea:

- Koh, A. H. Q., Tong, E. M. W. & Yuen, A. Y. L. (2017). The buffering effect of awe on negative affect towards lost possessions. *The Journal of Positive Psychology* (online first).
- Koh, A. H. Q., Jia, L., & Hirt, E. R. (2017). Where do desires come from? Positivity offset and negativity bias predict implicit attitude toward temptations. *Motivation and Emotion*, 41, 431-442.

Education

We have no ongoing education.

Indonesia

We are currently preparing the building for soft opening on November 29. The coworking space will initially be open to the public, by donation, weekdays 9:00 until 17:00 from November 29 until December 15. We will there after close for the holidays and open again on January 11. The coworking space will from that time be operating in full.

Estonia

In Estonia we have one bank account (Holvi.com), and one accountant on an hourly basis (Lettica OÜ). Expenses for the website, domain and logos are registered here.

Sweden

In Sweden we have one bank account (SEB) and one named accountant, but no activity yet. The payment to the Indonesian notary was registered here since our Estonian bank, Holvi, turned out to not accept international transfers outside of the EU.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Seminars

Several talks about IGDORE and transparent science will be held by Rebecca in Sweden during December 2017. So far the following talks have been booked:

- Open seminar “Reinventing Academia: Open Science & Independent Scientists”, Gothenburg, Sweden – December 12
- National Board of Forensic Medicine, Gothenburg, Sweden – December 13
- Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden; Department of Space, Earth and Environment; The Research Group for Physical Resource Theory – December 19

In addition, Etienne and Rebecca will hold a workshop on transparent scientific practices at the Psychology Department at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, in March 2018.

Policy on research integrity and transparency

There is a plan on making IGDORE's current implicit transparency policy more explicit through a written and public statement (possibly to be signed). All researchers and research assistants will be expected to follow this policy. See these examples on integrity policy from Eindhoven University of Technology:

- [Code of Scientific Conduct](#) (same text, but as a [colorful poster](#))
- [Declaration](#)

Marketing & Recruiting

Most current efforts are focused on the opening of IGDORE in Indonesia (see below), but we are currently trying out a small Facebook advertisement. When the coworking space has opened officially in January, we will do a bunch of marketing efforts including the following:

- Information folder about the services IGDORE offer researchers: scientific openness support, independence support (new!) and the coworking space on Bali
- *Later on: Information folder about IGDORE's softlanding package for researchers and students interested in spending time on Bali and IGDORE*
- *Later on: Information folder about IGDORE's Science Retreats on Bali*
- *Later on: Information folder about IGDORE: our visions & goals*
- *Later on: Information folder with courses, lectures and supervision offered by the researchers at IGDORE*
- Postcards, posters, t-shirts, paper folders designed by Petra in Indonesia – for sale
- Stickers, pencils, keychains designed by Petra in Indonesia – for free

Indonesia

Recruitment of receptionists for the coworking space will begin early January. We will not be able to open the laboratory until the registered foundation has received all the necessary licenses, which is expected to take about 8 months from the time that the foundation has been formally established / registered. Once we have all the required licenses, we will begin the work of putting together IGDORE's institutional review board (IRB). Initially, this board will be used only for research we conduct in Indonesia.

We plan to launch the concept of Science Retreats on Bali during the first half of next year: "We take care of your loved ones, giving them a wonderful stay on Bali, while you have to focus on your scientific work".

One of our three researchers, Etienne LeBel, is visiting Bali from 4th of February until 27th of May, 2018. During this time we hope to put together some kind of meet up or transparency conference on Bali.

Estonia and Sweden

The Estonian company will mainly be used for hosting all types of scientific services IGDORE offer to external researchers, such as the scientific openness support.

The Swedish company will mainly be used for hosting grants from Swedish funding agencies. However, there are thoughts on perhaps – in some years from now - opening a small, cabin-like, facility in the Swedish mountains, to which researchers and students can withdraw for Science Retreats.

Independence Support

In a conversation with me (Rebecca), Etienne mentioned something about IGDORE being an organisation for independent scientists. At the time I found this statement incorrect because my thoughts were still limited by the traditional view of academia. However, I recently came to the conclusion that this is exactly what IGDORE should be: a research institute for independent scientists. IGDORE shall be a facilitator, not an employer. We will make it easy for scientists to do science and offer education on their own terms, by offering all the services a university typically offer – but better and cheaper and without counting citations, impact factors, amount of funding received, and without faculty meetings or teaching obligations. Unlike traditional academia, IGDORE will be not be an option to any scientist. People will join because they want something different, and so IGDORE must indeed be different.

Independent scientists don't work for anyone but themselves, and this freedom can make it difficult for them to apply for – and be granted – funding as principal investigators. They may also have practical difficulties, such as lack of access to resources such as laboratory, equipment, technical support, and research participants, not to mention the lack of a professional community. Difficulties like these are likely something that keep scientists from actually taking the leap to become independent. IGDORE will therefore be available to advice interested researchers on how they can become independent in their own particular field. Initially, we will simply be available as a discussion partner, but we will with time extend this support to also include some type of written information, maybe a handbook, on how to become an independent scientist.

Bali, Indonesia
16th of November 2017

Rebecca Willén, founder of IGDORE