# Notes from meeting with the board of Section for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), 2021-09-09

*Attending members: Barbro Åsman, Carol Norberg, Supriya Krishnamurthy, Ellen Mons and Tomas Brage. Absent member: Donatella Puglisi.*

1. Ellen Moons was chosen as note-keeper for the meeting.
2. Matters from previous notes:
   * §2a. The webpage has not yet been updated, but Barbro will do it next week.   
     <http://www.fysikersamfundet.se/sektionen-kvinnor-i-fysik-aktuellt/>
   * §2b. Corrections made in the notes of 210525: “An election committee for the new board (acting from 1/1 2022) has been formed. The meeting agreed to suggest the following members: Åsa Larsson, SU, Carol Norberg, UmU, Donatella Puglisi, LiU and Kerstin Jon-And, SU.”
   * §3b. The NordForsk-course: Barbro and Tomas will meet in Lund to prepare.
   * §3c. “Picture a Scientist” available through Lund University Library (<https://video-alexanderstreet-com.ludwig.lub.lu.se/watch/picture-a-scientist?context=channel:film-platform>). Scenes may be used for teaching.
   * The GENERA GeDiMIRT konferens in Lund is moved to 22-23 June 2022 and is planned to be held in person.
   * The meeting decides that a Norndip meeting could preferably be held in connection with the GENERA conference in the Spring 2022. The board meeting of Norndip will be informed about that plan.
3. Girls and competitions in Physics
   * Few see few female participants in physics related contests on upper secondary school level. The meeting proposes to propose to the section chair for education of the Swedish Physical Society to revise the rules such that only mixed teams are allowed to participate, *meaning no single-gender groups could be nominated by the teachers, to avoid unconscious bias in the selection of the teams.* (italic: Note from note-keeper)
4. Ongoing discussions about brains
   * Gina Rippon’s lecture was highly appreciated. Her book “The Gendered Brain” is published in English by The Bodley Head, Pinguin, London. <https://www.penguin.co.uk/company/publishers/vintage/bodley-head.html>
   * The meeting decided that Barbro would contact the publisher to probe whether a translation into Swedish could be of interest.
   * The debate about differences between male and female brains has come up in a tv program and a recent article in Dagens Nyheter.
5. Information about VR and Astronomy
   * Initiated by a letter from female astronomers about the lower success rates of female and male researchers in astronomy, VR has investigated the matter and has now assigned two observers to the evaluation panel, one gender observer and one external observer.
6. Next meeting was set to November 9 at 15.00.