

DION Board Members in Gjøvik

Bitu Panahi
Colourlab - IDI

Hey there, my name is Bitu - a PhD student at Colourlab right here on campus Gjøvik. I'm all about material appearance— basically, I explore how we perceive the appearance and how we can model it for different applications. There's a quote that really captures my vibe: **"And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do."**

When I'm not deep in research, I'm either catching the latest film or brainstorming new ideas for fun activities.



Shrabanti Kundu

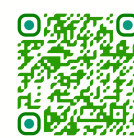
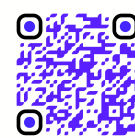
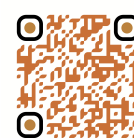
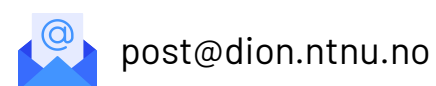
ISA - IDI

I'm Shrabanti! I've joined as a PhD candidate in the Intelligent Systems and Analysis research group. My research focuses on software testing using AI and multimodality, as well as human-robot interaction and programming. I'm delighted to represent DION Gjøvik as a board member. I understand the importance of balancing rigorous research with moments of relaxation, connection, and fun and how important it is to interact with each other not only for research purposes but also with some fun pieces of stuff, small or big gatherings over snacks and beverages, and hangouts, which impart opportunities to keep ourselves connected and happy. I wish to see more and more of you join our events and contact us with any needs during your temporary research tenure. We are always there to help you at our best.



Bhanu Shrestha
Colourlab - IDI

I am currently a PhD Candidate researching on understanding human and computer perception of facial images and how that can be leveraged to improve facial image manipulation detection. I am always happy to meet new people and open to learn from the experiences of others.



Contact us

DION

The interest organization for temporary scientific employees at NTNU

Gjøvik Newsletter

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DION is the interest organization for temporary scientific staff at NTNU. Every year, DION arranges a number of events and activities aimed at helping PhDs, postdocs and other temporary scientific staff at NTNU. A majority of these events are **completely free**. They are often organized in collaboration with various local and international bodies in order to address both specific and general issues related to temporary scientific staff at NTNU. Additionally, DION can help provide information, advice and support in any ways possible as well as advocate for the benefit of scientific staff at the university.

This and subsequent newsletters are aimed at spreading information about DION and its activities to all scientific staff that might benefit from the activities as well as services DION can provide.

Researcher Spotlight



Davit Gigilashvili

Hi, I'm Davit Gigilashvili, a postdoc at NTNU Colourlab in Gjøvik. As the name suggests, we study color - but that's just the beginning. It's a fascinating field where computer science, physics, graphic design, human vision, and psychology all come together.

My research focuses on two very different topics. The first is about people: how we perceive the visual properties of materials. How do we see colors? How do we recognize transparency or glossiness? Our brains are full of mysteries, and I'm trying to shed some light on them.

The second topic is just as intriguing: reconstructing Viking Age textiles. The Vikings wove stories into their fabrics, but when archaeologists found them, the textiles had crumbled into tiny fragments. Using AI, we're piecing them back together - like a jigsaw puzzle, except we don't know what the final picture is supposed to be.

Outside of research, I'm involved with SiN, a national organization representing PhD interests across Norway. If you haven't heard of it, think of it as the "DION of DIONs." I was on the DION board for a while, and as a DION veteran, I'm happy to support PhD interests at the national level.

Curious about SiN, color science, Vikings, or all of the above? Feel free to reach out - I'm always happy to chat!

DION Gjøvik Activities

January - March 2025

In the first three months of the calendar year, DION Gjøvik organized 7 separate events.

These included both social events as well as events meant to provide academic support and information relevant to the temporary scientific community in Gjøvik.



Events Organized

1. Streaming of "Why Must Everyone Speak Norwegian" - **Jan 15**
2. Popcorn Night #1 - **Jan 24**
3. Board Games Night #1 - **Feb 7**
4. Popcorn Night #2 - **Feb 28**
5. Holi Celebrations - **Mar 15**
6. Pizza Seminar on Working in Norway: Why are unions so important! - **Mar 20**
7. Bonfire Night - **Mar 28**

Upcoming Events*

April 4

Board Games Night

April 11

LaserTag
with DION

April 24

DION Career Day
Streaming

*Details about the events will be published in our social media accounts and through the WhatsApp group