

CodeRefinery Reference Group meeting February 5th 2020

Invited (in alphabetical order):

- Michaela Barth, NeIC, Chair
- Radovan Bast, CodeRefinery Project Manager
- Matthias Book, IS
- Vigdis Guldseth, NO
- Joachim Hein, SE
- Tiina Leiponen@csc.fi, FI
- Naoe Tatara, Carpentries Regional Coordinator
- Birgitte Vedel Thage, DK

Agenda:

- NeIC open call 2020 and affiliate programme
- Carpentries Regional Coordinator (invited)
- Carpentries membership usage: workshops and dissemination
- Carpentries training certificates and instructor training
- CodeRefinery update and Q&A
- RSE network conference RSE 2020, October 19-23, 2020
- Discussion on sustainability
- National dissemination channels
- Future ratatosk-application mailinglist
- NeIC competence mapping prototype status
- Affiliate programme shepherd
- Physical meeting, workshop
- Next meeting
- AOB

Minutes:

Presence:

Michaela, Joachim, Radovan, Vigdis, Naoe, Matthias, Birgitte

NeIC open call 2020 and affiliate programme:

<https://neic.no/news/2020/01/10/open-call/> Deadline February 26th, 13:00 CET

Development project or Community-forming pre-study or workshop, particular topics of interest could relate to data centric challenges. Examples may include but are not limited to health, registry, biomedical or genomic data, artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning (ML), authentication and authorisation infrastructure (AAI), quantum computing, cybersecurity.

<https://neic.no/affiliates/>

Ratatosk is, same as 5 NeIC concluded projects, eligible to apply for financial support. The Affiliate programme budget in 2020 is 5 k€, (0 - 2.5 k€ per project).

Project shepherds (contact persons) can apply for financial support to NeIC by sending an e-mail to neic-affiliate@neic.no, preliminary deadline was Feb 1st, 2020.

Carpentries Regional Coordinator (invited):

Naoe has joined the CodeRefinery team as Carpentries coordinator Nordics/Baltics. This position is co-financed by NeIC. Part of her time is reserved to do Carpentries coordination, in exchange we pay less membership fee. She is hosted at the UiO library.

Carpentries membership usage: workshops and dissemination:

With the NeIC Platinum Carpentries membership we have access to 6 centrally organized workshops per year. (1st of November - 1st November). This is underused.

5 workshops as reported in Ratatosk Final report: Counted as self-organized? Still saves us workshop fee (~20 kNOK per workshop).

Workshop in Lund: also set as self organized, two more from within SNIC (self organized, Stockholm and Uppsala area)

How to disseminate information to the research communities that this is something they can request?

Workshops and instructor training listed now on <https://neic.no/services/>

Selforganized: travel etc organisation is easier as long as you have local tutors.

AP: NeIC to make a news item about it, National coordinators then to promote it, also on CodeRefinery related social media (twitter, also nordic-rse and bi-monthly newsletter).

Carpentries training certificates and instructor training:

With the NeIC Platinum Carpentries membership we have access to 15 instructor training seats per year. CodeRefinery instructors got precedence.

Nov. 1, 2018 - Nov. 1, 2019: 11 utilized, 4 were remaining and thus carried over to the new membership period.

4 were offered instructor training and sent their applications for the training in March (shown as "pending" status in Carpentries database as the trainings are not yet carried out), meaning we have 15 left.

<https://neic.no/instructortraining/>

Update with information on 15 places and that people should contact Naoe.

2-3 people from ETAIS will soon join CodeRefinery, might reserve them for CodeRefinery

CodeRefinery update and Q&A:

More than one year into phase 1, growing team, more and more volunteer instructors. First instructor training last november.

Next instructor training will happen first week of April in the Netherlands, one more in Stockholm not before October. Thinking about another workshop in Helsinki late this year.

Roughly 8 regular workshops per year. In 2019 there were 17 CodeRefinery events thereof 9 full 3-day workshops. Goal to become sustainable beyond Oct 2021. Looking for European funding within INFRAIA.

Idea to create Hubs (Stockholm/S, Trondheim/N, Oslo/N and Aalto/Fi): with 1-2 workshops per year

Idea to get better connected with The Carpentries, go to CarpentryCon and run a workshop there.

Visibility of Instructors: working on it.

Growing community: if you know someone please get in contact.

RSE network conference RSE 2020, October 19-23, 2020:

Venue bid, deadline end of Feb: <https://indico.neic.no/event/119/surveys/28>

General info: <https://nordic-rse.org/conference>

We are aiming at a 2-day event. Programme Committee (PC) is under assembly.

Discussion on sustainability:

Billing model: What if getting requests from industrial companies or institutes outside Nordics. In Swedish context you might need to set up an AB

Foundation or non-profit organization? No detailed investigation yet.

Line between academic and non-academic world can be thin.

Staff economy: Carpentries is based on that the staff are allowed to use up to a certain amount of hours to teach: in-kind contribution is assumed.

Handling money also costs as well for administration.

Seating-type model or 1-workshop fee package.

Making the lesson material sustainable: trademark the name, make lessons citable via DOI, repository.

Quick information on youtube? CodeRefinery has a youtube channel but nothing is featured there yet. Streamcasts are planned, there are no recorded lessons yet.

National dissemination channels:

Sweden working very well: During registration ask where people got to know about it

Bi-weekly newsletter on training. SNIC recommended featuring also not self provided events, also outside of Sweden.

Use local institutions internal channels (website, twitter)

Advertisement is always good, also if only to increase the visibility.

Copenhagen March 17-19

Iceland: two more professors coming in.

Denmark: new process not finalized until end of 2020.

Future ratatosk-application mailing-list:

Ok to close it down.

AP Michaela to close the ratatosk-application mailing-list.

NeIC competence mapping prototype status:

<https://neicnordic.github.io/knowledge-map/>

EOSC-Nordic WP6 is interested in using the tool and is currently investigating how to incorporate it into the plan for establishment of the KnowledgeHub.

Misses message passing, and HPC categories/skills/fields.

Meeting with Birgitte, Michaela and Radovan next week.

AP Michaela to bounce her survey to the group before sending it to NeIC internals

Affiliate programme shepherd:

Currently set to Michaela. <https://neic.no/affiliate-ratatosk/>

Physical meeting, workshop:

Zoom meetings are fine.

Next meeting:

AP Michaela make a doodle poll for autumn for next CodeRefinery RG meeting

AOB: