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Third Network Periodic Report

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Introduction

This report outlines the activities of the AMBER ETN network during January 2019 to December 2019. This year marks the second year of active AMBER project work and the progression into the final stages. The network will run until December 2020. This report covers a breakdown of activities completed and continued progress on the project.

Activities

There have been two main AMBER meetings this year; the second research conference held in Salamanca Spain and the third workshop in Magdeburg, Germany.

Second Research Conference

The second research conference was held in the medieval town of Salamanca, in Spain from 9th to the 10th May 2019. The agenda covered subjects such as biometric data collection and research results and data analysis. The full conference write up can be found on the project website here: <https://www.amber-biometrics.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/AMBER-Deliverable-D2.3-1.pdf>.



All the ESRs in Salamanca, Spain May 2019

Third Workshop

Magdeburg, Germany was the location for third AMBER workshop, which was hosted at Otto-von-Guericke Universität. This workshop was held from the 6 to the 7th November 2019. During the workshop ESRs heard from Industrial Partners Skalli Networks and completed an activity to identify possible ways of increasing research impact. The full workshop write up can be found on the AMBER website here: <https://www.amber-biometrics.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/20191126-Deliverable-2.4.pdf>.



The historic Magdeburg Cathedral

Mid Term Review

The mid term review was held in Brussels in February 2019. Each ESR presented the progress made on their individual projects and a summary was provided of the network activities. The review went well and feedback was provided by the Project Officer which has been well received and implemented. Our next major project review will be at the end of AMBER in December 2020.

Key progress indicators include:

- The project has continued engage with our Independent Ethics Advisor Professor Jeanne Pia Mifsud Bonnici, who has provided relevant advice on ESRs research activities. The advice provided has been valuable and utilised.

- The AMBER Advisory Board met for the second time on 22nd May 2019. Here valuable feedback was provided on the research projects of the ESRs and ideas shared.
- Six academic secondments with partner institutions occurred over the year, as well as three industrial placements. These allowed the valuable exchange of knowledge and industrial experience.
- The Steering Committee has met in person in May and November 2019 (as per our Network plans) and the monthly teleconferences with representatives from each of the academic partner continues.
- The majority of Deliverables have been uploaded on schedule. We have had to make some rearrangements academic papers due to the continued delay with the peer-reviewing process.
- AMBER is proceeding on budget.

Secondments held in 2019

Salatiel ESR 8 Completed her second part of the academic secondment to UNIROMA3 in Rome, Italy from January to March 2019.

Anas ESR 9 Completed his academic secondment to WUT in Warsaw, Poland from February to April 2019. Anas did his Industrial placement to NEXT Biometrics from May to November 2019.

Elakkiya ESR 1 Completed her industrial secondment to Namirial from April to August 2019.

Barbara ESR 10 Completed her industrial secondment to 11Paths from June to November 2019.

Eben ESR 3 and Ridvan ESR 4 Completed their academic secondment together from May to July 2019 to OVGU in Magdeburg, Germany.

Jalil ESR 5 Completed his academic secondment to October to December 2019 to UC3M Madrid, Spain.

Conclusion

AMBER has successfully completed another year as a network. As we enter 2020 and the final year of the project there are several dissemination events planned, and a meeting in Canterbury in spring.