

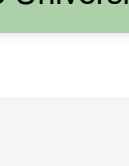
Dear colleagues,

In these strange times, I hope everyone had a nice Easter holiday even with traveling restrictions and variable weather. As you probably heard before Easter, home office will still be the rule also in the time to come. At some point, which so far has not been defined, we will start to gradually resume laboratory work. This means that we will ask some people first to start activities. This will be coordinated in close collaboration between the department leadership and the research group leaders. To get back to work, everyone will have to take a safety course. We will inform you, as soon as this course becomes available. You can read more about this at the UiB Corona webpage (<https://www.uib.no/korona/135095/slik-blir-koronatilakene-ved-uib-etter-p%C3%A5ske>).

I hope everyone is still able to find relevant work tasks even when working from home, and I would encourage you to maintain a good digital communication with the other members of the group.

In the last newsletter, Nils suggested work tasks that could be relevant to many of you while having home office. Now that this period will continue, it could be good to have another look at that. In addition to what Nils mentioned, detailed planning of future experiments and research is of course relevant in addition to spending time writing grant applications for the upcoming RCN and cancer society deadlines. Looking into new and interesting methods and protocols that could be relevant to implement in your lab could also be useful. So, there are many meaningful things that can still be conducted even when working from home.

Stay safe and keep distance to each other!



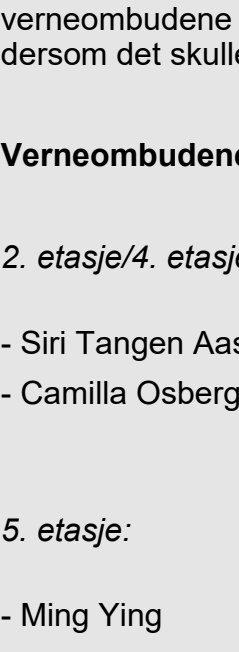
Frode Berven

Deputy head of Department

Human Resources

Events for UiB employees	Benefits for employees at UiB	Vacant positions at the University of Bergen
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We wish farewell to these colleagues:

	Yuta Ishizuka ended his Post Doc period 31 March. We wish him all the best for his future career!		Anca Virtej resigned from her part-time position to start in a new position at the Department of Clinical Dentistry from 27 April. Best of luck with your new job!
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Operations, Health, and Safety

Vernelinjen/ Fellesavdelingen

Vi minner om at verneombudene og Fellesavdelingen er i drift, til tross for hjemmekontor.

Ikke nøl med å kontakte verneombudene eller Fellesavdelingen dersom det skulle være noe.

Verneombudene ved IBM er:

2. etasje/4. etasje:

- Siri Tangen Aaserud
- Camilla Osberg (vara)

5. etasje:

- Ming Ying
- Anne Baumann (vara)

6. etasje:

- Halala Sdik Saed
- Camilla Osberg (vara)

7 etasje:

- Tambudzai Jakobsen
- Trude Skogstrand (vara)

Safety delegates/ Fellesavdelingen

We would like to remind everyone that the safety delegates and Fellesavdelingen are in operation, even though most of us are working from home.

Please not hesitate to contact the safety delegates or Fellesavdelingen if you need their services or advice.

The Department safety delegates are:

Floor 2 / Floor 4:

- Siri Tangen Aaserud
- Camilla Osberg (deputy)

Floor 5:

- Ming Ying
- Anne Baumann (deputy)

Floor 6:

- Halala Sdik Saed
- Camilla Osberg (deputy)

Floor 7:

- Tambudzai Jakobsen
- Trude Skogstrand (deputy)

Research, Science, and Seminars

Publications

The following list is the PubMed search result for "Bergen AND Biomedicine" since the last newsletter. Authors who attribute the Department are shown in bold.

Phosphoglycerate Mutase 1 Activates DNA Damage Repair via Regulation of WIP1 Activity Ohba S, **Johannessen TA**, Chatla K, Yang X, Pieper RO, Mukherjee J. Cell Rep. 2020 Apr 14;31(2):107518.

Golgi-localized PAQR4 mediates Anti-apoptotic Ceramidase Activity in Breast Cancer. **Pedersen L, Panahandeh P, Siraji MI**, Knappskog S, Lønning PE, Gordillo R, Scherer PE, Mølven A, Teigen K, **Halberg N**.

Validity and accuracy of the Adult Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Self-Report Scale (ASRS) and the Wender Utah Rating Scale (WURS) symptom checklists in discriminating between adults with and without ADHD.

Brevik EJ, Lundervold AJ, Haavik J, Posserud MB. Brain Behav. 2020 Apr 13:e01605.

Mechanism of actin N-terminal acetylation.

Rebowski G, Boczkowska M, **Drazic A, Ree R**, Goris M, **Arnesen T**, Dominguez R. Sci Adv. 2020 Apr 8;6(15):eaay8793.

Shared genetic background between children and adults with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Rovira P, Demontis D, Sánchez-Mora C, **Zayats T**, Klein M, Mota NR, Weber H, Garcia-Martínez I, Págerols M, Vilar L, Aribas L, Richarte V, Corrales M, Fadeuilhe C, Bosch R, Martin GE, Almos P, Doyle AE, Grevet EH, Grimm O, **Halmøy A**, Hoogman M, Hutz M, Jacob CP, Kittel-Schneider S, Knappskog PM, Lundervold AJ, Rivero O, Rovaris DL, Salatino-Oliveira A, da Silva BS, Svirin E, Sprooten E, Strekalova T; ADHD Working Group of the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium; 23andMe Research team, Arias-Vasquez A, Sonuga-Barke EJS, Asherson P, Bau CHD, Buitelaar JK, Cormand B, Faraone SV, **Haavik J**, Johansson SE, Kuntsi J, Larsson H, Lesh KP, Reif A, Rohde LA, Casas M, Børglum AD, Franke B, Ramos-Quiroga JA, Artigas MS, Ribasés M. Neuropsychopharmacology. 2020 Apr 12.

Cryo-EM, X-ray diffraction, and atomistic simulations reveal determinants for the formation of a supramolecular myelin-like proteolipid lattice.

Ruskamo S, **Krokengren OC**, Kowal J, Nieminen T, Lehtimäki M, **Raasakka A**, Dandey VP, Vattulainen I, Stenlberg H, **Kursula P**. J Biol Chem. 2020 Apr 7. pii: jbc.RA120.013087

Tumor-penetrating peptide for systemic targeting of Tenascin-C.

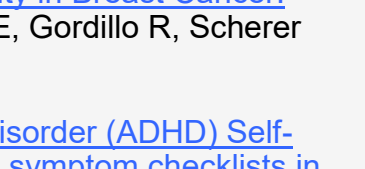
Lingasamy P, Tobí A, Kurm K, Kopanchuk S, Sudakov A, Salumäe M, Rätsep T, Asser T, **Bjerkvig R**, Teesalu T. Sci Rep. 2020 Apr 2;10(1):5809.

Ursodeoxycholic Acid Inhibits Glioblastoma Progression via Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Related Apoptosis and Synergizes with the Proteasome Inhibitor Bortezomib.

Yao Z, Zhang X, Zhao F, Wang S, Chen A, Huang B, **Wang J**, Li X. ACS Chem Neurosci. 2020 Apr 10.

Inhibiting the GAS6/AXL axis suppresses tumor progression by blocking the interaction between cancer-associated fibroblasts and cancer cells in gastric carcinoma.

Bae CA, Ham IH, Oh HJ, Lee D, Woo J, Son SY, Yoon JH, **Lorens JB**, Brekken RA, Kim TM, Han SU, Park WS, Hur H. Gastric Cancer. 2020 Apr 2.



Get to know Oxford Nanopore Long-read Sequencing

The Valen Lab at the Computational Biology Unit Bergen is hosting a conference to get to know Oxford Nanopore Sequencing and its applications.

The **free-of-charge**, one-day meeting aims at bringing together Nanopore experts with interested scientists from various disciplines. Experts from the company as well as experienced scientists will cover a wide range of scientific areas.

Additionally this conference aims at founding a **network of Nanopore Sequencing users** in the Nordics.

If you are interested, find out more information at the conference website:

<https://nordicnanopore.net/n3m-2020/>

And for further information about the newly established **Nanopore User Network**, please check out the following sites:

Our website: <https://nordicnanopore.net>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/nordic-nanopore>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NordicNanopore> (hashtag #nordicnanopore)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NordicNanopore>

Seminar date: 14 September

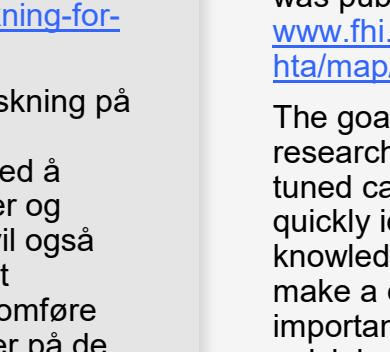
Folkhelseinstitutt: Levende forskningskart for COVID-19

Tempoet på ny forskning har aldri vært høyere enn nå under koronavirus-pandemien. For å hjelpe beslutningstagere, helsepersonell, forskere og andre til å navigere og ta i bruk denne forskningen, har Folkhelseinstituttet (FHI) utviklet et systematisk og levende forskningskart for COVID-19.

En første versjon/betaversjon ble lansert like før påske og i går ble første oppdatering publisert her: <https://www.fhi.no/kk/oppsummerer-forskning-for-helsetjenesten/kart/>

Målet er å vise all tilgjengelig forskning på COVID-19, med en finmasket kategorisering som kan hjelpe med å raskt identifisere relevante studier og kunnskapsoppsummeringer. Vi vil også gjøre en kvalitetsvurdering av det viktigste studiene, og vi vil gjennomføre raske kunnskapsoppsummeringer på de viktigste spørsmålene. Kartet vil oppdateres ukentlig, og vi sender ut et ukentlig nyhetsbrev for alle som er interessert.

Påmelding til nyhetsbrevet: <https://forms.apsisforms.com/01b0d1b5a3812ed6d622df653d3cd482>



Norwegian Institute of Public Health: Live map of COVID-19 evidence

The pace of research has never been higher than now during the coronavirus pandemic. To help policy makers, health professionals, researchers and others navigate and

apply this research, the Norwegian Institute of Public Health(FHI) has developed a systematic live research map for COVID-19.

An initial version / beta was launched just before Easter and the first update was published Wednesday: <https://www.fhi.no/en/gk/systematic-reviews-hta/map/>

The goal is to show all accessible research on COVID-19, with a fine-tuned categorization that can help quickly identify relevant studies and knowledge summaries. We will also make a quality assessment of the most important studies, and we will conduct quick knowledge summaries of the most important questions. The map will be updated weekly and we will send out a weekly newsletter to anyone interested.

Sign up for the newsletter: <https://forms.apsisforms.com/01b0d1b5a3812ed6d622df653d3cd482>

Academic Affairs

Workshop: Your teaching portfolio

Are you planning to apply for an academic position, a prolonged fixed-term contract or promotion to full Professor? Or perhaps you are considering applying for the status of excellent teaching practitioner? In all these cases, you need to be able to document your educational qualifications in a teaching portfolio.

The Faculty's Center for Medical Education offers digital workshops for Faculty members on how to document pedagogical competence in an educational portfolio.

To assist English-speaking Faculty members, we will conduct a workshop in English, on the 28th of May. For more information and how to sign up, please visit our website:

<https://www.uib.no/en/med/learning/135106/teaching-portfolio-workshops-spring-2020>

28 May, 09:00-14:30

Comment from Professor Arne Tjølsen, Vice Head for Research:

«Experience as well as formal competence in teaching is increasingly important to qualify for academic positions. Both internationally and locally this is done by gathering teaching experience and attending courses, and compiling this in an "educational portfolio" that documents your competence. This means that the skills of creating such a teaching portfolio is essential for all that plan to apply for any academic position or wish to qualify for a professorship. Our Faculty offers workshops on how to build your teaching portfolio, and the first English-language workshop will be held on Thursday 28th of May. Take the opportunity and register for the workshop!»

Funding Announcements

Bli med i en nasjonal referansegruppe for å påvirke Horisont Europa

Forskningsrådet oppretter nasjonale referansegrupper for Horisont Europa, EUs neste rammeprogram for forskning og innovasjon. Her trengs kunnskapsrike og engasjerte personer fra alle samfunnsområder, som forskning, næringsliv, offentlige virksomheter, investormiljøer og organisasjoner.

Les mer [her](#).

Frist for å melde din interesse: **28. april**.



Join a national reference group for Horizon Europe

The Research Council sets up national reference groups for Horizon Europe, the EU's next framework program for research and innovation. Here, knowledgeable and committed people from all walks of life are needed, such as research, business, public companies, investor communities and organizations.

Read more [here](#).

Registration deadline: **28 April**.

Current funding announcements/deadlines

NOTE:

If you plan to apply for external funding, **please always send a short notice** to the Department administration: Janne.Gotaas@uib.no, cc: Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no

For applications for international funds (EU, EEA, others) you will need approval from the Head of the Department and the University's division of research- and innovation. **Fill in this short statement (PDF)** and send it to the Department administration: Janne.Gotaas@uib.no, cc: Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no

Horizon 2020 – European Research Council ERC Frontier research grants

ERC Advanced Grant - This year is the last call for ERC Advanced Grant in Horizon Europe and ERC will have approx. 15% more funds available - this means that the success rate may exceed the usual 11-13%. Active researchers who have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years. The Principal Investigators should be exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions. Up to €2.5 Million for 5 years. **Deadline: 26 August 2020**



Horizon 2020 - ERA-Net Neuron

- Call for Proposals for Research Projects on [Ethical, Legal, and Social Aspects \(ELSA\) of Neuroscience](#) address important questions regarding ethical, philosophical, legal and socio-cultural aspects related to the neurosciences and their recent advances. **Deadline (pre-proposal): 28 April**



Research Council of Norway

- Additional funding for COVID-19 relevant research: The call for research projects for scientific renewal (deadline 20 May) has been strengthened by 110 million for research on COVID-19-related issues. **20 million** are earmarked research towards filling knowledge gaps related to COVID-19.
- The call for Large-scale Interdisciplinary Researcher Project (*Fellesløftet*) has been postponed until 2021.
- To limit the number of grant applications, the Research Council has decided that project managers who received funding for their projects in December 2019/January 2020 (Researcher Projects, Young Research Talent Projects and International Mobility Grants) may not submit new grant applications for the 20 May 2020 deadline. You may have a role in new grant applications, but not that of project manager.

Calls for researcher projects:

- [Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal](#)
- [Researcher Project for Young Talents](#)
- [Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility](#)

Deadline: extended to 20 May 2020

Cancer Society (Kreftforeningen)

Open Call
The Cancer Society works to fight and prevent cancer, and to ensure the best possible life for cancer patients and their relatives. The Open Call is the Cancer Society's call for free research. Funds can be applied for research projects relevant to cancer in all research disciplines

Full announcement, guidelines and application forms will be published on ApplicationWeb no later than April 2

Deadline: 3 June

The Blix Family Fund for the Advancement of Medical Research

Support for medical research, especially in the fields of **cardiovascular disease and cancer**, including medical diagnostics in these fields. Research projects that **combine basic and clinical research**, with special emphasis on applications from **younger researchers**. Send applications to erik.keiserud@outlook.com (member of the Board of Directors). It must be written on a prescribed form which will be sent by e-mail address: goe@njrft.no

Deadline: 25 June 2020

Personal Grants

[Research Council of Norway TRAVEL GRANT](#)

Scholarship for research stays abroad for 3 -12 months for PhD candidates and Post Doctors in projects with funding from the Research Council. **Deadline: continuing**

[Helse Vest TRAVEL GRANT](#)

granted for 6 or 12 months. Postdoctoral fellowship applicants are especially encouraged to apply for an overseas fellowship over the course of their fellowship period. **Continuing deadline**

[ERASMUS+ staff mobility TRAVEL GRANT](#)

Subsidizing mobility of up to two months, for UiB staff including PhD-candidates and post docs, to attend courses or individual laboratory visits. Also have a look at the list of organized [staff mobility weeks](#).

Deadline: 20 August and 20 January