



Dear colleagues,

These are still strange times.

The pandemic has challenged us in many ways, and all our tasks at the University have been gravely affected by the restrictions in our society. Overnight our buildings were closed, and neither we nor our students were allowed there. But the teaching was supposed to continue, and our students should still qualify for their exams.

Impressive things happened. During the first one to two weeks, our teachers had switched to purely digital communication with the students, and the University had simple, but forceful tools in place to facilitate this. With a formidable effort from scientific, administrative, and technical staff, a large part of our teaching has continued in a digital form – using on-line lectures, videos, quizzes, forum discussions and other digital tools.

Naturally, there are considerable challenges. We do not have satisfactory ways to train practical skills, or to perform practical exercises that we normally use to strengthen learning. We have had to reconsider much of what we are used to doing, and to find solutions to give our students the best possible learning opportunities. Of course, the largest challenges are related to the completion of theses that require laboratory work, and master students have had to adjust their scopes and angles.

We have been forced to learn new skills and we have had to find alternative solutions. My hope is that, when the situation gradually returns to what we are used to, we still use these acquired skills and competencies to improve and to develop further our teaching.

In all this, I am impressed by the constructive and positive approach everyone has shown. I appreciate the efforts and the collaboration of you all!

Meanwhile, have a great celebration of May 17th, also in a form we have not experienced before!

Arne Tjelsen,
Vice head for teaching

Operations, Health, and Safety

Gradvis åpning

Etter UiBs retningslinjer er for øyeblikket trimrommet, dusjene, kjøkken maskiner, vann og kaffe automater og lignende stengt. Dette gjelder enn så lenge, men det kan komme endringer fortløpende.

Det er laget noen ekstra stasjoner med tørkepapir og desinfeksjonssprit til både hender og overflater, slik at dette skal være mer tilgjengelig.

Stepwise reopening

With regards to the UIB guidelines the gym, showers, kitchen appliances, water and coffee machines and so on are closed. This if the current guidelines, however, changes could come at a short notice.

Additional tables with paper, and disinfectant for both hands and surfaces have been set up to increase the availability.

Desinfeksjon

Dersom det er behov for flere sprutflasker til 70% desinfeksjonssprit eller håndpumper til antibac hånddesinfeksjon på laboratoriene, ta kontakt med Fellesavdelingen på fellesavdelingen@uib.no.



Disinfectant

If you need for more spray bottles for 70% ethanol or hand disinfectant in the laboratories, contact Fellesavdelingen on fellesavdelingen@uib.no.



Gratis parkering i Haukelandsbakken

Parkeringsområdet i Haukelandsbakken er nå åpent for alle ansatte, uten kostnad.

Man må selv påse at bilen er registrert hos EIA. Se info [her](#).

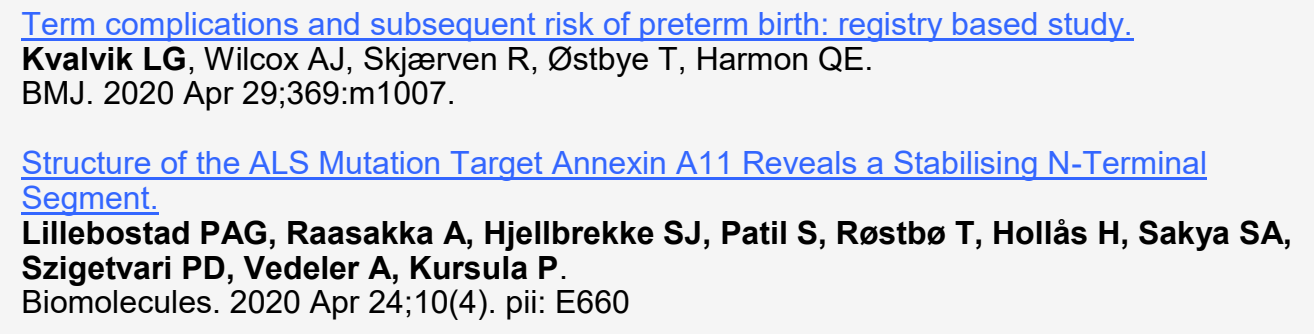
Minner om at parkeringshuset kun er tilgjengelig frem til og med 30.06 i år.

Free parking in Haukelandsbakken

The parking area in Haukelands-bakken is now open for all employees, without cost.

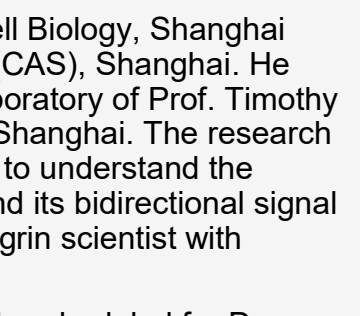
You do need to make sure your car is registered with EIA, see information [here](#).

We also want to remind everyone that this parking is open until 30.06 this year.



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.

[Term complications and subsequent risk of preterm birth: registry based study.](#)

Kvalvik LG, Wilcox AJ, Skjærven R, Østbye T, Harmon QE.
BMJ. 2020 Apr 29;369:m1007.

[Structure of the ALS Mutation Target Annexin A11 Reveals a Stabilising N-Terminal Segment.](#)

Lillebostad PAG, Raasakka A, Hjelbrekke SJ, Patil S, Røstbø T, Hollås H, Sakya SA, Szigetvari PD, Vedeler A, Kursula P.
Biomolecules. 2020 Apr 24;10(4). pii: E660

CCBIO seminar via Zoom



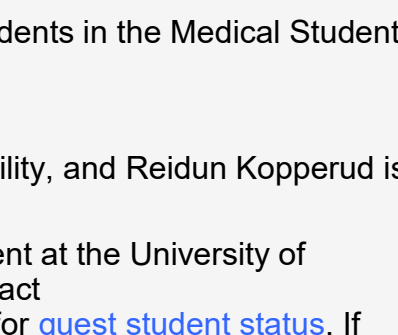
Jianfeng Chen will give a talk entitled "Regulation of immune cell trafficking by extracellular microenvironment".

Jianfeng Chen is Professor at the Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Shanghai. He obtained his Ph.D. at CAS and was then research fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Timothy Springer at Harvard Medical School 2001-07, before returning to Shanghai. The research interests of his group focus on the cell adhesion molecules, trying to understand the mechanism and biological function of integrin-ligand interaction and its bidirectional signal transduction across plasma membrane. Dr. Chen is a leading integrin scientist with publications in highly ranked scientific journals.

NB! The seminar will take place on Thursday, May 28, as originally scheduled for Dr. Chen's visit, but already at 10:00 in the morning. The link to the "webinar" will be provided on the [BBB Seminars home page](#).

Thursday, May 28, 10.00, Zoom Video Webinar

Workshop: Data Management Plan



What is a data management plan, and how do you write one?

A data management plan (DMP) describes how data in a research project will be collected, processed and made available. The Norwegian Research Council and Horizon 2020 require projects to submit a DMP. They and many scientific journals also require that the research data are made openly available to others. A DMP will help you to consider every aspect of sharing your data at an early point of the project and thereby save time in the publishing process.

This workshop introduces you to *what* a data management plan is, *why* you need it, and *how* to write one.

Schedule

12:30-13:00 Introduction to DMP (presentation)
13:00-13:30 Individual work: Write your own DMP
13:30-13:45 Break
13:45-14:30 Peer assessment of the DMP in groups
14:30-15:00 Plenary discussion of group work

Registration: <https://www.uib.no/ub/135394/data-management-plan-workshop>

19 May, 12.30-15.00, Zoom

PhD and Post Docs

Midway Evaluation

Midway evaluations for the PhD-program include a public project presentation. This spring semester, these will be held digitally. If you want to join a meeting, feel free to join on Zoom, please use your real name.

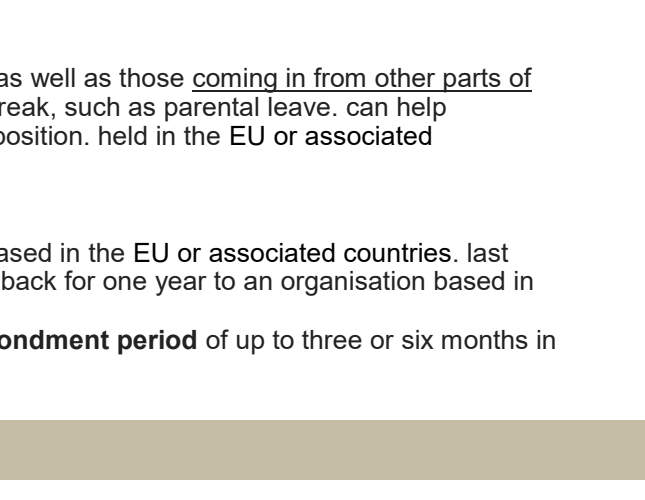
29 May 9.00, <https://uib.zoom.us/j/65600147405?pwd=RVZ3ZWl1bW5wWWxrbWJkZzhOZzhzUz09>

Katharina Sarnow Rolf Bjerkvig, Tor-Christian Aase Johannessen, Roland Goldbrunner

Stephanie Schwab Rolf Bjerkvig, Dorota Goplen, Barbara Klink

CCBIO904 Biomarkers and Tumor Biology in Clinical Practice

This 4 ECTS course covers broad tumor biological topics that are important for understanding how cancer occurs, the mechanisms that control tumor growth, proliferation and morbidity.



The course will focus especially on tumor biological changes that may have or already have significance for personalized cancer treatment and clinical trial studies of new diagnostics and treatment. Open to all and no course fee.

Preliminary program: [Available here](#) (Subject to changes.)

Who: Mainly intended for PhD and master candidates and students in the Medical Student Research Program, but open to all.

Registration: Through [this link](#).

Responsible: Oddbjørn Straume has the academic responsibility, and Reidun Kopperud is the coordinator.

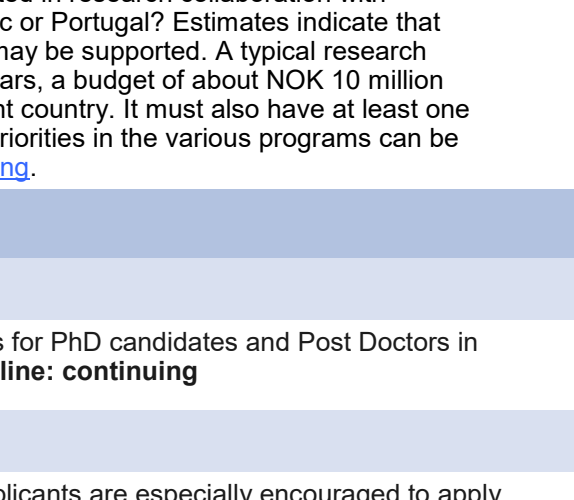
Registration of credits: You need to be registered as a student at the University of Bergen to get the ECTS registered. If you are not, please contact reidun.kristin.kopperud@uib.no to be guided on how to apply for [guest student status](#). If you don't need the ECTS registered as part of an education/degree, and just want a course diploma, you don't need to apply for guest student status.

More information: [at this link](#).

May 25-27, 2020; Digital event through Zoom

CCBIO908 Scientific Writing & Communication Seminar

The 2 ECTS course is part of the CCBIO/INTPART program, where students' education and exchange is promoted through collaboration between CCBIO and Harvard Medical School.



The Scientific Writing Seminars have been fully booked on the two previous occasions, and received excellent reviews. Lecturers are **Christine Møller**, an experienced lecturer in medical and scientific writing with many years of experience as assistant editor of APMIS, and **Randy Watnick**, assistant professor at the Vascular Biology Program, Harvard Medical School. In addition, Media Advisor **Marion Solheim** will be giving a lecture on science presentation, showing how to make a presentation stick - in a good way. There is something to learn for all of us! We strongly encourage students at all levels, including postdocs, to prioritize this and attend! Senior staff is also very welcome. The seminar open to all and no course fee.

Preliminary program: [Available through this link](#).

Who: Open to all.

Registration: Registration link: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=8388487>

Deadline is May 31st.

Responsible: Elisabeth Wik is the INTPART program coordinator, and Vandana Ardawatia is course coordinator.

Registration of credits: This course now provides 2 ECTS to students at the University of Bergen. You need to be registered as a student at the University of Bergen to get the ECTS registered. If you are not, please contact vandana.ardawatia@uib.no to be guided on how to apply for [guest student status](#) (to be done **within May 25th**). If you don't need the ECTS registered as part of an education/degree, and just want a course diploma, you don't need to apply for guest student status.

More information: [At this link](#).

June 8-11 (4 half days 12:30-15:45), digital event through Zoom

Funding Announcements

Current funding announcements/deadlines

NOTE:

If you plan to apply for external funding, **please always send a short notice** to the Department administration: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=8157307>

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 Advanced 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**



NEW Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships



For experienced researchers (post doctoral level)

European Fellowships are open to researchers moving within Europe, as well as those coming in from other parts of the world can restart a research career after a break, such as parental leave, can help researchers coming back to Europe find a new position, held in the EU or associated countries and last for 1-2 years.

Global Fellowships fund positions outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or associated countries, last between 2-3 years, the researcher has to come back for one year to an organisation based in the EU or associated countries. Both types of Fellowship can also include a **secondment period** of up to three or six months in another organisation in Europe. **Deadline: 9. September**

Research Council of Norway

Researcher projects: [Researcher Project for Young Talents](#)
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[Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility](#)
Deadline: 20 May 2020

Norwegian Centres of Excellence – SFF-V – Phase 1
NOK 1.75 billion for the applicants at approved Norwegian research organizations and has a deadline on 18 November. Stage 2 will be a closed call where only applicants selected in stage 1 can apply. **Deadline: 18. November 2020, 13:00 CET**

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 discipline. **Deadline: 3 June**

Upcoming call: Krefttak mot kreft—Hjernerkeft
Deadline 10. September

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@hjort.no

Deadline: 25 June 2020

NEW Viking Olov Björk's scholarship in applied biomaterial research

275 000 Swedish Crowns to be given to a **young researcher at a Nordic university** with strong links to Uppsala University who has shown scientific skills in the field and shown aptitude for leadership. Should be used to finance the recipient's costs for a longer visit to a high ranking international research institute. Intersection between medical technology and clinical applications. **Tissue engineering, nanotechnology or biomaterial research.**

Download the call text ([PDF](#))

Deadline: 30 September

NEW Olav Thon Foundation

The Olav Thon Foundation's International Research Award for Mathematics/Natural Sciences and Medicine 2021
5 000 000 NOK. [Announcement International Research 2021](#) (english, PDF, 328 kB)

The Olav Thon Foundation – support for Nordic research projects in medicine 2021
[Announcement Nordic Research 2021](#) (english, PDF, 428 kB)

Olav Thon Stiftelsens nasjonale faglige priser innen naturvitenskap og medisin 2021
[Utlisning nasjonale støtte 2021](#) (norsk, PDF, 181 kB)

Deadline (all calls) 15 September

Pre-announcement: EEA-Norway grants

Calls for NOK 2 billion through the EEA funds - Interested in research collaboration with Poland, Romania, the Baltic States, the Czech Republic or Portugal? Estimates indicate that about 200 research projects with Norwegian partners may be supported. A typical research project with EEA funding has a duration of around 3 years, a budget of about NOK 10 million and is managed by a research institution in the recipient country. It must also have at least one Norwegian partner. More information on the calls and priorities in the various programs can be found on the [Research Council's website on EEA funding](#).

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

Subsidising 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