

Dear colleagues,

I think we are all relieved that we could maintain the activities essentially as usual during the last weeks, despite a significant increase in infection rates around us. A major factor has been the great sense of responsibility among all of us, staying home with potential symptoms and following the infection control principles. Even though one could consider this the most normal thing in the world, it requires a great deal of discipline, as the situation has now been continuing for six months. I am particularly grateful to our *fellesavdeling* that sees to that all protection measures are in place, making sure that everything needed is available, the disinfectant containers are refilled regularly...

This is a very active time of the year, teaching is in full swing, despite the limitations currently necessary, research activities have gained momentum again, but, boy, how we miss the conferences, workshops and *non-online* courses! I cannot wait to meet my colleagues again and have the scientific exchanges that are the highlights in our research. However, as things look now, quite a bit of patience is still needed. Nevertheless, we should continue to prepare for new scientific ventures.

I have been invited to co-ordinate an application for a Center of Excellence funded by the Research Council of Norway. The submission deadline for these applications is 18 November. The University and faculty administration strongly support these initiatives, because successful applications will have a profound impact on the scientific quality, landscape and future research activities of the participating departments. Therefore, I have been granted a leave of absence from my duties as Head of the Department to fully focus on the preparation of the application. I would like to thank Frode, who has given me full support for this and will take over as Acting Head of Department from now until November 20. He will take responsibility for the Department and head the management team during this period. There are altogether five initiatives to apply for a Center of Excellence that involve scientists from our Department. It would be wonderful, if at least one of them in the end would be successful!

With best wishes,

Mathias

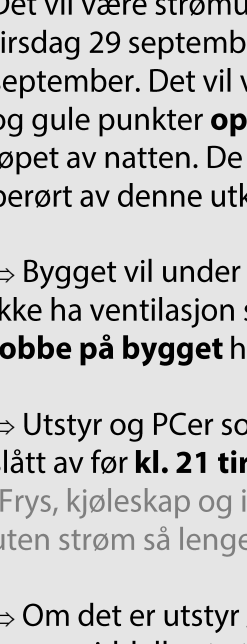
Human Resources

Events
for UiB employees

Benefits
for employees at UiB

Vacant positions
at the University of Bergen

Frode Berven is Acting Head of Department



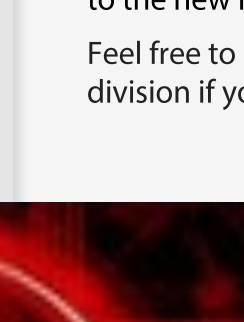
Professor Frode Berven will be acting as Head of Department, effective immediately and until 20 November 2020.

This occurs on the background of Mathias Ziegler's temporary leave from office in order to focus on the proposal for a Center of Excellence.

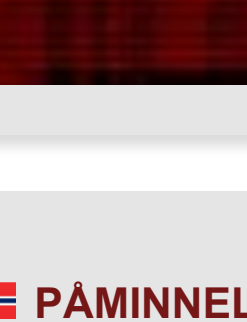
We welcome these new employees:



Elisabeth Liland started in the administration, Section of Academic Affairs on 17 September.



Rodolfo Baldinotti started as a PhD-candidate in the lab of Clive Bramham on 1 September.



Oda Caspara Krokengen started as a PhD-candidate in the Neurotargeting Group, with Petri Kursula as supervisor on 1 September.

Operations, Health, and Safety

Strømutkoblinger natt til onsdag 30. september

Det vil være strømutkoblinger mellom kl. 21 tirsdag 29 september og kl.07 onsdag 30 september. Det vil være strømsløst på hvite og gule punkter **opp til 30 min, to ganger** i løpet av natten. De røde punktene blir ikke berørt av denne utkoblingen.

⇒ Bygget vil under denne strømstansen ikke ha ventilasjon så **det er ikke mulig å jobbe på bygget** hele natten.

⇒ Utstyr og PCer som kan slås av burde bli slått av **for kl. 21 tirsdag 29 september**. (Frys, kjøleskap og inkubatorer klarer 30 min uten strøm så lenge de ikke blir åpnet.)

⇒ Om det er utstyr / PCer som må startes opp umiddelbart etter strømstansen meld dette til fellesavdelingen@uib.no

Fellesavdelingen har mannskap på bygget hele perioden og vil sjekke at utstyr starter opp som normalt etter strømstansen. Strømutkoblingen står i forbindelse med klargjøring av strøm til inkubatorbygget.

Ta gjerne kontakt med fellesavdeling ved spørsmål.

Electricity shutdown in the night 29-30 September

The electricity will be shut down **twice for up to 30 minutes** in the night from Tuesday 29 September, 21.00 to Wednesday 30 September, 07.00.

This affects the white and yellow electricity sockets; the red ones will not be affected.

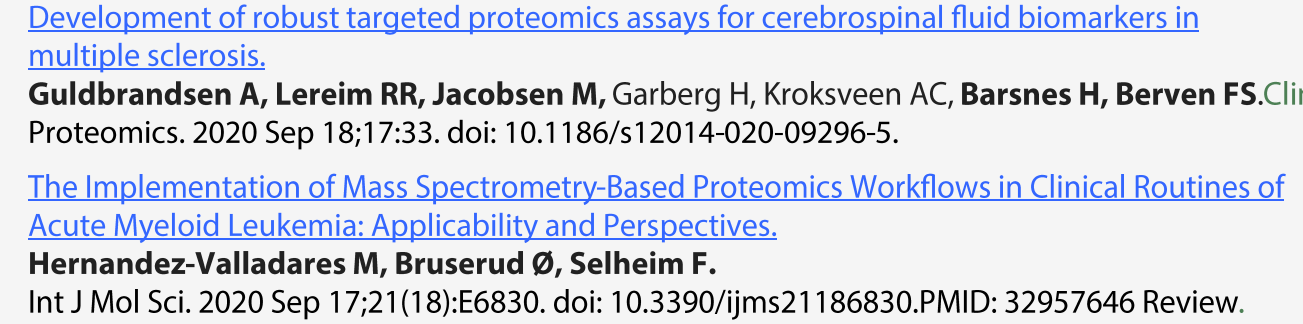
⇒ During this power outage, the building will not have ventilation so **it is not possible to work in the building all night**.

⇒ Equipment and PCs that can be switched off should be switched off before **21.00 on Tuesday 29 September**. (Freezers, refrigerators and incubators keep the temperature for 30 minutes, as long as they are not opened.)

⇒ If you have equipment that must be restarted immediately after the power outage, tell us at fellesavdelingen@uib.no

The technical support division has people on site throughout the period and will check that equipment starts up correctly after the electricity shut down. The power is shut down in order to supply electricity to the new incubator building.

Feel free to contact the technical support division if you have questions.



PÅMINNELSE: Feriereregistrering

Det er fortsatt mange som ikke har registrert ferie i år. Vi minner om at alle skal ta ut ferie i henhold til vedlagte retningslinjer.

Hovedferieperioden er mellom 15. mai og 15. september, og det forventes at man har avviklet fire uker ferie for tiden for avvikling av hovedferien er over. En uke vår og tre uker i hovedferien. Det er fint om man planlegger resten av ferien også. Frist for å registrere restferie er 1. oktober.

Søknad om ferie legges inn i HR-portalen som vanlig. Ferie skal avklares med nærmeste leder og dere må legge inn merknad på dette i søknaden.

[Retningslinjer 2020](#)

REMINDER: Take out your holidays

Many employees have not registered holiday this year. We remind you that everyone must take a holiday in accordance with the enclosed guidelines.

The summer holiday period is between **15 May and 15 September** and it is expected that four weeks' holiday has been taken before the time for taking the main holiday is over. One week in the spring and three weeks in the main holiday.

It's also great if you start planning the rest of your vacation as well. The deadline for registering the remaining holiday is **October 1st**.

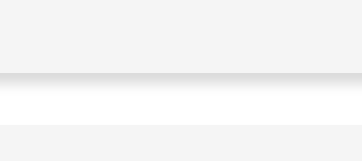
Application for holidays is registered in the HR portal as usual. Holidays must be clarified with the nearest leader/ supervisor and you must make a comment on this in the application.

[Guidelines 2020](#)

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.



[Development of robust targeted proteomics assays for cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers in multiple sclerosis.](#)

Guldbrandsen A, Lereim RR, Jacobsen M, Garberg H, Kroksveen AC, **Barnes H, Berven FS**.Clin Proteomics. 2020 Sep 18;17:33. doi: 10.1186/s12014-020-09296-5.

[The Implementation of Mass Spectrometry-Based Proteomics Workflows in Clinical Routines of Acute Myeloid Leukemia: Applicability and Perspectives.](#)

Hermelid Myeloid Leukemia, Bruserud Ø, Selheim F. Int J Mol Sci. 2020 Sep 17;21(18):E6830. doi: 10.3390/ijms21186830.PMID: 32957646 Review.

[Anterior cingulate gamma-aminobutyric acid concentrations and electroconvulsive therapy.](#)

Erchinger VJ, Miller J, Jones T, Kessler U, Bustillo J, **Haavik J**, Petrillo J, Ziomek G, Hammar A, Oedegaard KJ, Calhoun VD, McClintock SM, **Erland L**, Olstedal L, Abbott CC. Brain Behav. 2020 Sep 17:e01833. doi: 10.1093/brain/3.1833.

[Temozolomide-Induced RNA Interactome Uncovers Novel LncRNA Regulatory Loops in Glioblastoma.](#)

Fritah S, Muller A, Jiang W, Mitra R, Sarmini M, Dieterle M, Golebiewska A, Ye T, Van Dyck E, Herold-Mende C, Zhao Z, Azuaje F, **Nicloud SP**.

Cancers (Basel). 2020 Sep 10;12(9):E2583. doi: 10.3390/cancers12092583.

[SLC25A51 is a mammalian mitochondrial NAD+ transporter.](#)

Luongo TS, Eller JM, Lu MJ, **Niere M**, Raith F, Perry C, Bornstein MR, Oliphant P, Wang L, McReynolds MR, Migaud ME, Rabinowitz JD, Johnson FB, Johnsson K, **Ziegler M**, Cambronne XA, Baur JA

Nature. 2020 Sep 9. doi: 10.1038/s41586-020-2741-7

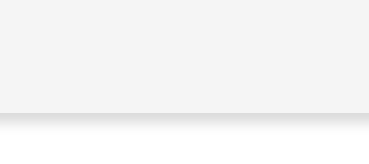
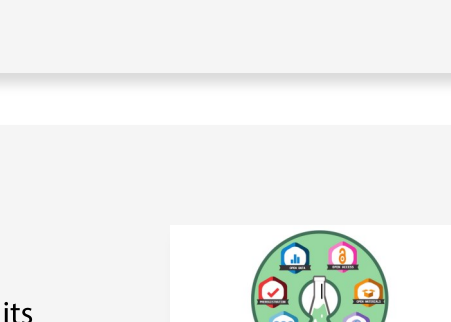
Trial lecture: Omics analyzes and the use of databases in modern biology

Harald Barnes will give a public lecture as part of the recruitment process to a permanent academic position

The lecture will be held in English, and is aimed at students in the first year of medical school.

Friday October 2, 13.00 Auditorium 2 and Zoom

<https://uib.zoom.us/j/65712670715?pwd=cfI4VTNlUjNlUHSTNSBlhleDBlQlYU5UT09> Password: 4V5Xzk7X



BBB seminar

Stian Knappskog from the Department of Clinical Science, University of Bergen, will give a talk entitled "Genomic evolution of breast cancer".

Stian Knappskog is professor at the Department of Clinical Science and deputy leader of the K.G. Jebsen Center for Genome-Directed Cancer Therapy. His research focuses both on the molecular mechanisms of resistance to chemotherapy treatment in breast cancer, and on the molecular evolution of tumours resulting in intratumour heterogeneity.

Thursday, October 1, 14.30, Zoom:<https://uib.zoom.us/j/67298333414?pwd=U3Isb2hOR3FnR3JGRGxuYjM5bDMwUT09>

BBB seminar

Patrick Steinmetz from the Sars International Centre for Marine Molecular Biology, University of Bergen, will give a talk entitled "Sea anemones and the evolution of digestion and nutrient homeostasis".

Patrick Steinmetz is a group leader at the Sars Centre. His main research interest is the evolution of fundamental physiological processes in animals such as digestion or nutrient and growth homeostasis. His group currently uses developmental, cell biological and genetic approaches to understand the links between nutrient availability and growth or reproduction in the context of the simple, two-layered body plan of the sea anemone *Nematostella vectensis*.

Thursday, October 8, 14.30, Zoom:<https://uib.zoom.us/j/67298333414?pwd=U3Isb2hOR3FnR3JGRGxuYjM5bDMwUT09>

Veiledningstjeneste for medisinsk statistikk

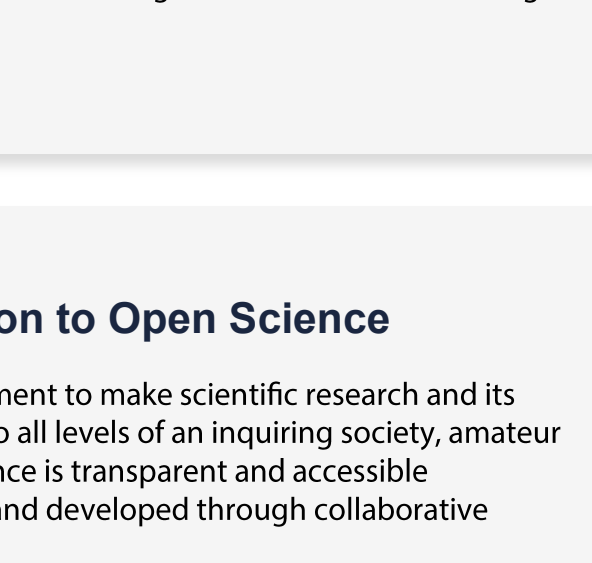
Veiledningstjenesten ved Institutt for global helse og samfunnsmedisin er en del av Kjernefasilitet for biostatistikk og dataanalyse ved Det medisinske fakultet og er primært rettet mot forskere som er ansatt ved fakultetet.

Forskere kan henvende seg til veiledningstjenesten for å diskutere design av studier, valg av statistiske metoder og bruk av programvare.

Statistical consultant service

The consultant service at the Department of Global Health and Community Medicine is part of the Core Facility for Biostatistics and Data Analysis at the Faculty of Medicine and is aimed at researchers employed at the faculty.

Researchers can contact the consultant service to discuss the design of studies, the choice of statistical methods and the use of software.



Homepage: <https://www.uib.no/fg/biostatistikk/137865/veiledningstjeneste-medisinsk-statistikk-h%C3%B8st-2020>

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Academic Affairs

New deadline for visiting students and Erasmus Traineeship students, spring semester 2021

Are you planning on taking in new guest students or Erasmus Traineeship students to your research group or lab during the spring semester of 2021?

If so, it is very important that the applications (requests/e-mails) are communicated to the Section of Academic Affairs (through Stian Krog: stian.krog@uib.no) by **22 October**, which is the extended deadline from UiB's International Office.

The deadline this semester has been extended from 01 October (the regular deadline) due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

Funding Announcements

ERC Online Academy

Find out how to apply for an ERC Starting or Consolidator Grant.

The ERC wants to support younger researchers to become and stay independent. Our experienced trainers will help you to demystify the ERC and take you through a comprehensive journey in short videos that you can take when it suits you. The courses will be followed by a live Q&A call. You can join ERC online courses and take them at your own pace in November.

- The **ERC Basics course** is for those who would like to try ERC for the first time. It will show you the basic concepts which are different from Research Council projects. Total length 80 min in videos of 5–7 minutes.

- The **ERC Beyond Academy** should be taken right after or of those who are already familiar with the ERC. Its total length is 2h 45min.

Read more and register here: <https://www.uib.no/en/225054/ercacademydesignandwritecompetitivenessproposals>

Registration by 1 November
4 November– 4 December, Online



European Research Council
Empowering the European Commission

Travel Stipends for students and researchers in Arqus

The University of Bergen participates in the Arqus European University Alliance together with six other universities: Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Lyon, Padova and Vilnius. Arqus is part of the European Commission's prestigious initiative, European University Initiative. The aim is for the European universities to develop a common long-term strategy for education, strengthen the link between education, research and innovation and offer degrees that combine studies in several countries.

UiB is now announcing local mobility funds for students and researchers as part of our participation in the Arqus alliance.

The funds are aimed at master's students, younger researchers and other scientific staff as well as research groups. Stays can vary from 3 days to 3 months and the scholarships can be used until 30 September 2022. 3 different mobility grants are announced:

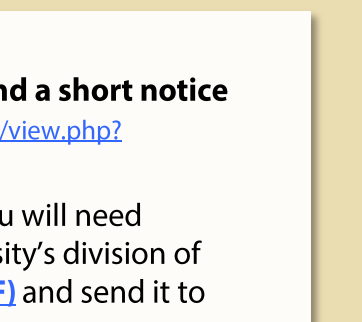
- Funds for research stays (individually).** The announcement is aimed at short stays (2 to 4 weeks) for some people: master's students, younger researchers and other scientific staff. Scholarships can be awarded upwards limited to 1500 €. Announcement can be found [HERE](#)

- Funding for research stays (research groups):** Among other activities, ARQUS will support joint doctoral training within the group of partner universities by enabling site visits and joint activities. Eligible are doctoral groups with a common research topic that offer a structured training programme for their doctoral candidates. Scholarships (max. 7,000 € per group) are awarded to research groups of up to 7 people. Announcement can be found [HERE](#)

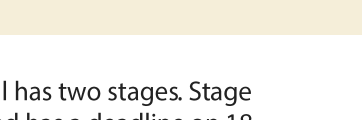
- Funds for pre / postDocs mentoring:** ARQUS will support mentoring stays of 3 days at one of the Arqus partner universities for 3 doctoral and postdoctoral researcher at ARQUS partner universities to have personal mentoring sessions with experienced researchers and learn more about their research environment. Scholarships of up to € 1,000 are awarded. Announcement can be found [HERE](#)

The applications will be processed locally at UiB, and any questions can be directed to senior adviser Rosa Nogueira (Rosa.Nogueira@uib.no) at the Research and Innovation Department. The applications are sent to arqus@uib.no.

Deadline 31 October 2020.



European University Alliance



Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union

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

Research Council of Norway

Norwegian Centres of Excellence – SFF-V – Phase 1

NOK 1.75 billion for the fifth generation of SFFs are now announced. The call has two stages. Stage 1 is open to all 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

EEA-Norway grants LATVIA

3-Year research projects. The applicant must be from a Baltic state, with a norwegian partner. € 300 000.- € 800,000. **The research proposals shall comply with at least one of the sub-topics:**

- Public health; e- health** The project in this thematic area should contribute to knowledge about disease prevention and patient-centered health care system.
 - Sub – topic 1.1. Population based studies on health behaviours (alcohol and drug use and disease prevention; physical activity, sedentary lifestyle and diet; and **mental health**) and implications for disease prevention;

- Sub – topic 1.2. E-health and integrated care;

- Sub – topic 1.3. **Cardiovascular disease and cancer prevention**, their personalized and patient-centered care

Read more: <https://eeagrants.lv/en/2020/08/19/third-project-call-of-baltic-research-programme/>

Deadline: 19 October 2020

Barnekreftforeningen (Childhood Cancer Association)

Funding for research projects in an [open call](#) (call text in Norwegian). The Childhood Cancer Association supports Norwegian pediatric oncology research projects where the results are expected to benefit Norwegian children. The research may include biology, epidemiology, registry studies, diagnostics, treatment, nursing and psychosocial research as well as preclinical phase 1 and phase 2 studies. Read more on the general conditions for applying for research funding [here](#).

Deadline: 1 November 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

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