



Department of Biomedicine Newsletter



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Dear colleagues,

This week, the research school had a focus on career development for the PhD candidates and post docs. Thanks to the great efforts by Beate, Margarethe and Marion, a comprehensive program could be offered with insightful presentations, seminars and round-table discussions. Erik Wong, a highly experienced scientist and manager who held key positions over many years in world-leading pharmaceutical companies, provided first-hand insights into the opportunities and challenges in this sector. His insider knowledge and willingness to share it has probably inspired some of our young scientists to consider such opportunities for their own careers.

Most of you have probably noticed that the old trash bins have started disappearing. We have now placed appropriate containers for recycling. It will be a little contribution to save the environment. The alarming reports about environmental pollution over the past months cannot be ignored. Therefore, it is important to be aware and help in any way possible to prevent unnecessary waste.

Even though it is still some time ahead, this is the last newsletter before the Easter break. Therefore, I already now wish you a wonderful Easter time, perhaps, with some skiing or hiking tours, but certainly with many kvik lunsjes, oranges and crime stories.

Best wishes,

Human Relations

EVENTS

Visit [this page](#) for an overview of events organized at UiB.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Go [here](#) to see an overview of benefits for employees at UiB.

JOBS

See all open positions at the University of Bergen at [this page](#).

We welcome these new employees:



Altanchimeg

Altankhuyag started a one-year position as a researcher in the Aurora Martinez' PLUVIA project "Giving Føllings/PKU patients a chance for a normal life" on 23 March 2019



Line Myklebust started in a three-year position in the lab of Thomas Arnesen. She will work on the RCN-funded project "N-terminal acetylation as a key physiological regulation mechanism".

Foreslå kandidater til Instituttsråd og Fakultetsstyre – Gruppe B

Vi søker kandidater som representerer ansatte i gruppe B i instituttsrådet og i fakultetsstyre for perioden august 2019 - juli 2020.

Valg til instituttsråd vil bli avholdt 28. mai, og kandidater kan foreslås til tirsdag 23. april kl. 15.00

Les valgkunngjøring:

<http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=50bc3c82aa0affe8e829c1de9b36a3be>

Valg til fakultetsstyre vil bli avholdt 13.-18. juni, og kandidater kan foreslås **til tirsdag 7. mai kl. 15.00**

Les valgkunngjøring:

<http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=02d09b6cb879f64356b626b84e70bca6>

Nominations for Department Council and Faculty Board – Group B

We are looking for candidates to represent employees of group B in the Department council and in the board of the Faculty of Medicine for the period August 2019 – July 2020.

Elections for the Department Council will be held 28 May, and candidates may be nominated until **Tuesday 23 April 15.00**

Read the election notice:

<http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=009a256971fc83dac6d9f7ea376013ce>

Elections for the Faculty Board will be held 13-18 June, and candidates may be nominated until **Tuesday 7 May 15.00**

Read more:

<http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=70aa0615505e77940aff3af66bcf062e>

Introduction seminar for new employees

The International center at UiB arranges regular seminars for new employees. This one will be held in English. This Introduction seminar will give you some practical information about living in Bergen and working at UiB.

Please register here: <https://www.uib.no/en/ir/115521/introduction-seminar-new-employees>

11 April, 12.00, Studentsenter

Operations, Health, and Safety

Trafikkendringer på Haukelandsområdet

Byggeprosjektene rundt BBB (se nyhetsbrev 4/19) vil medføre betydelige endringer i trafikken i Haukeland-området i årene framover. Haukeland Hospital har nå opprettet et nettsted som oppsummerer de viktigste trafikkendringene:

Les mer om endringene [her](#).

Traffic changes in the Haukeland area

The planned constructions around BBB ([see newsletter 4/19](#)) will bring significant changes to traffic in the Haukeland area. Haukeland Hospital has now made a webpage that summarizes the most important traffic changes:

Read more about the changes [here](#) (Norwegian)



Kildesortering BB-bygget

Det er nå plassert ut kildesorteringsstasjoner på IBM. Som dere kan se er det nye avfallsstasjoner på pauserom, og utvalgte steder i korridorer. Her finner man egne dunker for plast, glass/metall, pant og restavfall. I nær fremtid vil også restavfalls bøttene på kontorer fjernes, man må da benytte nærmeste avfallsstasjon.

Laboratorier blir ikke berørt av endringene, og vil fungere som før. Ta kontakt med Fellesavdelingen dersom det er spørsmål til den nye ordningen.

Recycling at the BB-building

Yesterday, new recycling stations have been placed at the Department. As you can see there are new recycling stations in the break rooms, and selected places in the hallways. Here you will find separate bins for plastic, glass/metal, bottles and residual waste. In the near future the waste bins in the offices will be removed, one will have to use the nearest waste station.

These changes will not affect the laboratories. Please contact Fellesavdelingen if there is any questions to the new waste stations.



Avvikling av fasttelefoni

I disse dager er UiBs telefonsentral for fasttelefoner under avvikling. Dette betyr at snart vil alle telefonapparater som er tilkoblet denne slutte å virke. Planlagt dato er **15. april 2019**.

Det er nå Skype for Business som er UiBs primære telefoniløsning, og det er kun faste ansatte som får beholde sitt telefonnummer der. Andre ansatte (ikke eksternt ansatte) kan bruke Sfb til å ringe andre Sfb brukere eller Skype brukere.

På instituttet skal vi ha en telefon pr. etasje i 5.-6.etg, og to i 7. etg (hvit og grå sone) som kan brukes til å ringe nødnummer.

Se mer informasjon [her](#).

Landline phones discontinued

UiB's landline for telephones is in the process of being shut down. This means that soon all phones connected to this network will be discontinued on **15 April 2019**.

Skype-for-Business is now our primary telephone option, but only permanent employees will keep their phone number there. Other employees can use Skype-for-Business to call other Skype-for-Business-users or Skype users.

At the Department, we will have emergency telephones in each floor (5th and 6th) and two in 7th floor (white and grey zone).

Find more information [here](#).

Tjenester påsken 2019

Ekspedisjon

Ekspedisjonen ved Institutt for biomedisin er åpen som vanlig mandag 15. og tirsdag 16 april. Onsdag 17. april er vi åpen til kl. 12.00.

Etter påsken er det vanlige åpningstider fra tirsdag 23. april.

Post

Mandag 15. april og tirsdag 16. april vil internposten gå som vanlig.

Onsdag 17. april vil det ikke bli postombæring. TPS vil holde åpen kun til kl. 12.00. Det er da mulig å komme inn til TPS med eksternt/intern post i Nygårdsgaten 5 i 1 etg.

Eksternt post som skal sendes onsdag 17. april, må være hos TPS senest kl 10.30.

Campusbuss

Campusbussen går som vanlig mandag 15. og tirsdag 16. april. Onsdag 17. april avslutter den ruten kl. 12.10. Dvs. at siste avgang denne dagen er: Fra Musèplass, ved Christie statuen, kl 1130, og fra Haukeland, sentralblokken, kl 1200.

Bussen går i normal rute igjen, etter påske, f.o.m. tirsdag 23.april.

Materiell enhetene / øvrig transportoppdrag:

Materiellenheten og transport går som vanlig i dagene før påske. Onsdag 17. april avsluttes arbeidet kl 1200. Materiell og transport som vanlig, f.o.m. tirsdag 23.april.



Services Easter 2019

Reception

The reception at the Department will be open as usual on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April. Wednesday 17 April we will be open until 12.00.

After easter, we will be open as usual from Tuesday 23 April.

Mail services:

Monday 15 April and Tuesday 16 April are regular days for the internal mail services.

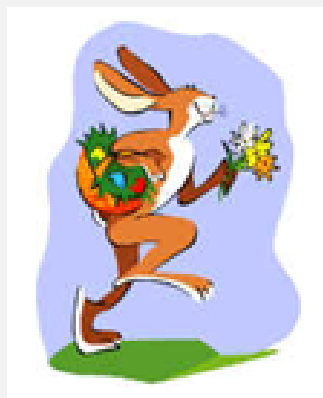
There will be no mail distribution on Wednesday 17 April. TPS will only remain open until 12:00. Until closing time, TPS will be accessible for external/internal mail in Nygårdsgaten 5, 1st floor.

Campus bus:

The Campus Bus will be operating on regular schedule Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 April. On Wednesday 17 April it will finish at 12:10, meaning that the last departure this day is from Muséplass (by the Christie statue) at 11:30 and from Haukeland (Central Block) at 12:00. The Campus Bus will resume its normal schedule after Easter, from Tuesday 23 April.

Transport logistics:

The transport service runs as usual in the days before Easter. On Wednesday 17 April, work is concluded at 12:00 and will resume its usual schedule after Easter, from Tuesday 23 April.



Research, Science, and Seminars

New Publications



The following list is the PubMed search result for 'Bergen AND Biomedicine' since the last newsletter.

[Heparan sulfate in chronic kidney diseases: Exploring the role of 3-O-sulfation.](#)

Ferreras L, Moles A, Situmorang GR, El Masri R, Wilson IL, Cooke K, Thompson E, **Kusche-Gullberg M**, Vivès RR, Sheerin NS, Ali S.

Biochim Biophys Acta Gen Subj. 2019 May;1863(5):839-848.

[Lateral ventricle volume trajectories predict response inhibition in older age-A longitudinal brain imaging and machine learning approach.](#)

Lundervold AJ, Vik A, **Lundervold A**.

PLoS One. 2019 Apr 2;14(4):e0207967

BBB seminar



Bonnie Wallace from the University of London, UK, will give a talk entitled "Molecular mechanisms of voltage-gated sodium channels in health and disease".

Bonnie Wallace is Professor of Molecular Biophysics at Birkbeck College, University of London. Her research focus lies in the structure and function of membrane proteins, especially those involved in ion translocation and transport. Recent highlights from the laboratory include the first structure of a sodium channel in an open conformation, as well as complexes of a sodium channel with eukaryotic blockers of prokaryotic channels.

Thursday, April 11, 14.30, Auditorium 4

BBB "extra" seminar

Erik Wong from EW Consulting, USA, will give a talk entitled "Frontiers in biological psychiatry research – opportunities for intervention vs. optimization".

Dr. Erik Wong has engaged 33 years of his career in the biopharma industry delivering impacts in drug discovery, clinical development, plus innovation and asset management. He is a trained neuroscientist, and is intentional in promoting the translation of research data into clinical practices in the area of neurology and psychiatry. His seminar is an opportunity for all researchers interested in the biological basis of mental disorders, to hear how recent data has provided a new appreciation of treatment options for depressive disorders.

Friday, April 12, 13.00, Auditorium 4

CCBIO seminar



Øystein Rekdal from the Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø (UiT) will give a talk entitled "From bench to bedside with a first in class oncolytic peptide".

Øystein Rekdal is a Professor at the UiT and co-founder of Lytix Biopharma AS. He's had different positions at Lytix, including CEO and CSO, and is currently the Head of R & D. His earlier work on oncolytic peptides and their abilities to induce tumor-specific immune responses forms the basis of the company's technology platform, including LTX-315 which is a clinical phase I/IIa peptide drug. He leads several collaborative research projects with distinguished institutions such as Harvard University in Boston, Gustave Roussy Cancer Center in Paris, Cornell University in New York, and is co-inventor of a number of patents worldwide.

Thursday, April 25, 14.30, Auditorium 4

CCBIO's 7th Annual Symposium (2019)

Welcome to the 7th CCBIO Symposium, May 13th-14th 2019 at Solstrand Hotel. The 2018 symposium was a success with around 200 participants and we expect the 2019 symposium to be at least as good.



With so many participants in a very international mix, this is a great opportunity for international networking within the field of cancer research. The beautiful surroundings at the historical hotel Solstrand provide an ideal frame for the symposium with the serene fjord views, fresh air, great food and spacious areas, with a little touch of Norwegian history.

The symposium will be a combination of talks by invited international speakers and other senior and junior researchers, extended poster sessions where younger researchers can present their work, and ample time for interaction between the participants. The selection of which participants that can present their posters is done on the basis of the submitted abstracts.

Registration within extended deadline April 11th: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=6046232>

13-14 May 2019, Solstrand Hotel, Os

CCBIO's Satellite Symposium on Deep Tissue Profiling

The satellite symposium will consist of talks focusing on the opportunities inherent to new technology, in particular the Hyperion Imaging System, both in terms of technology and in use of this technology for research purposes.

We will start out with a delicious lunch buffet and then go on to the scientific program.

Registration within extended deadline April 11th: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=6045061>
Click [here](#) to see program and speaker list.

12 May 2019, 13-17:30, Solstrand Hotel, Os

Body Fluids

Helge Wiig, medical doctor and professor of physiology, will have an evening conversation with journalist Trond-Viggo Torgersen at Litteraturhuset for the NRK-radio program "Kroppen for voksne" (the body for grown-ups).



The conversation – in Norwegian – will address questions such as: how many body fluids are there? Where are they from? What do the most important ones do in our body? What happens when we produce e.g. breast milk? Why do we cringe when we see blood? We have blood donors, could we split several body fluids with others?

<http://www.litthusbergen.no/program/2019/04/kroppen-for-voksne-kroppsvaesker/>

Tickets: 100/70 NOK

Tuesday, 9 April, 19-20:00, Litteraturhuset

PhD Updates

Disputas Arne Raasakka



Trial lecture

Friday 12 April 2019, 10.15, Auditorium 1

Given topic: "Intrinsically Disordered Proteins"

Defense

Friday 12 April 2019, 12.15, Auditorium 1, BB bygg, Jonas Lies vei 91

Thesis title: "The Characterization of Disordered Membrane-Binding Proteins of Myelin: A Biophysical Approach"

The public is invited.

Reminder: NorDoc summit 2019

Sattelite workshops for PhD-candidates are now published



NorDoc is a network of doctoral schools in health sciences in the Nordic countries. They arrange an annual NorDoc conference, where PhD candidates of the member organisations can participate free of charge.

The University of Bergen is a member in the network, and therefore actively encouraging you to participate at these events. At the next summit in Aarhus, there will be a number of satellite workshops that may be quite useful for many of you.

Participation is FREE, although you will still need to cover travel costs.

- ["How To Get Published"](#) (one day)
- ["Fueling Science, EU Applications"](#) (one day)
- "What Happens To My Manuscript" (one day) (*description under construction*)
- ["Mitochondria"](#) (three days)
- ["Epigenetics in Cancer"](#) (three days)
- ["Cardiovascular Disease"](#) (three days)
- ["Mixed Methods in the Health Sciences"](#) (three days)
- ["Systematic Reviews"](#) (three days)

The courses as well as the 'Hack' are open to PhD students from Health, Aarhus University, PhD students from other Danish universities as well as PhD students from Nordic universities (part of the NorDoc network).

All PhD students will get **ECTS credits** for all course/workshop activities (diplomas will be issued) and it will be **free of charge** to participate for the above-mentioned PhD students.

<http://phd.health.au.dk/aboutus/events/nordocphdsummit2019/>

26-28 August (workshops), Aarhus

29-30 August (summit), Aarhus

Events from Digital Life Norway Spring 2019

3rd Annual Conference of Digital Life Norway Research School

4-6. June, Bakkjarvik. **Deadline 11. April!**

<https://digitallifenorway.org/dlnrs/conference>



Control Engineering Concepts in Systems- and Synthetic Biology
Workshop, 20-21. May, Stavanger

<https://digitallifenorway.org/arrangementer/control-engineering-concepts-in-systems-and-synthetic-biology>

Sandwich Course - Experimental Techniques in Drug Discovery
17-21. June, Bergen

<https://digitallifenorway.org/no/dlnrs/courses/sandwich-course>

Call for abstracts: Young nano scientists

Young nano researchers are invited to submit abstracts for original contributions at **Passion for Science ? The Nano Symposium 2 September 2019***

*) Master students, PhD candidates, Post Docs or researchers in nanoscience under 35 years



The Kavli Prize is awarded in nanoscience, astrophysics and neuroscience every second year, last time in 2018, <http://kavliprize.org/>. This is a highly prestigious prize sometimes called “The Modern Nobel Prize”. On 2 September 2019, UiB will arrange *Passion for Science - The Kavli Prize Symposium* in Bergen, to honour the Kavli Prize, its sciences and its Laureates. *Passion for Science - The Kavli Prize Symposium* consists of several sessions:

Morning session, 09:00 - 12:00: A public performance in the University Aula, where Kavli Prize Laureates and special invited college students will be among the audience.

Afternoon session, 13:15 - 17:00: ***Passion for Science - The Nano Symposium*** at VilVite with Kavli Prize Laureates in nanoscience and specially invited guest speakers, and where the broad ?nano community? at UiB is invited as audience. More detailed information will follow.

There will be four available places at the symposium for young nano researchers to present their research at the symposium. Each presentation is 15 minutes.

Abstract criteria: A maximum 1 A4 page abstract containing the following: title of presentation, your full name, your affiliation, department etc., e-mail address, a short professional biography (presentation of academic background, max 150 words), a scientific abstract (max 400 words), graphs and images can be included within the maximum 1 A4 page limit, 1-3 relevant references to your own work presented in the abstract.

Send a pdf file with subject line “Abstract proposal nano symposium” to hege.ommedal@uib.no by **15 May**.

Funding Announcements

Current funding announcements/deadlines

The Research Council of Norway (NFR)

- **FRIPRO** Funding for Researcher Projects, Young Research Talents and Mobility Grants within all disciplines. In light of these common features, RCN will coordinate all calls for proposals for these application types under a single deadline: 10 April 2019. They will also be using the same application requirements and assessment criteria across all programmes and activities.
- **BEDREHELSE** NOK 70 million for Researcher Projects contributing to improved public health, increased quality of life and reduction of social inequality in health
- **BEHANDLING** NOK 115 million for Researcher Projects in the field of patient-based clinical research
- **HELSEVEL** Gode og effektive helse-, omsorgs- og velferdstjenester
- **NANO2021** NOK 65 million for Researcher Projects in the fields of nanotechnology, microtechnology and advanced materials
- **NANO2021 NEUTRON** Proposed projects must promote national competence-building in the field of neutron research and must provide a good starting point for future utilisation of Norwegian membership of the European Spallation Source (ESS).



- [MARINFORSK](#) Funding for Researcher Projects and Young Research Talents in the field of marine research
- Other programs that announce researcher projects: <https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Page/1254037516675>
Deadline: 10 April 2019

Horizon 2020 – European Research Council ERC Frontier research grants

[Advanced Grant](#) - Applicants for the ERC Advanced Grants are expected to be 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.

Deadline: 28 August 2019



Societal Challenges (SC): Collaborative breakthrough research and radical innovation

Selected calls from SC1-2018-2019: Health, demographic change and wellbeing:

[SC1-HCO-01-2018-2019-2020: Actions in support of the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine](#)

[BHC-31-2019 - Pilot actions to build the foundations of a human cell atlas](#)

1 stage, deadline 16 April 2019

Individual Fellowships and Personal Grants

Research stay abroad for PhD-candidates and Post docs

- [UiB](#) PhD-candidates and Post-docs funded by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Bergen, can apply for travel grants limited to 25.000 nok. There are now new guidelines for these stipends. Please read them in this PDF: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=f2f78c72805bb1948d9381ec34a9bfe1>
Deadline: 1 March and 1 October
- [Research Council of Norway](#) The offer for a scholarship for research stays abroad applies to PhD candidates and Post Doctors in projects with full or partial funding for the Research Council for a minimum of 24 months. The research stays abroad may last for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months.
Deadline: continuing
- [Helse Vest](#): 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
- [EMBO short-term fellowships](#): research visits of up to three months between laboratories in eligible countries, for active researchers with at least one year experience at the PhD-candidate level.
Deadline: continuing
- [ERASMUS+ staff mobility](#)
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

Funding opportunities, presented by the Faculty of Medicine:

External funding opportunities: <http://www.uib.no/en/med/112772/external-funding-opportunities>

Funding opportunities for education: <http://www.uib.no/med/113987/funding-opportunities-education>

The next newsletter will come on

26 April 2019

Happy Easter!

