



newsletter

Department of Biomedicine



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Dear colleagues,

This week, the annual HSE Round is in progress. The headline and conclusion is clear and commendable: a lot of praise and a little criticism!

If not everything, the major part is as it should be. Some areas require follow-up measures, which will be effectuated in the near future. The final report will most likely contain no «red flag» sections - there are many areas which will get the «green flag», which means we can leave things as they are, and some «yellow flag» sections which call for improvements. The yellow flag is sometimes the focal point of discussion, on whether or not we should seek to eliminate this category and strive to report «green all the way». Adversely, if there are no areas outside green, it could be a sign that our HSE ambition levels are too low. My opinion is that it is better for us to have some areas in yellow to show that we aspire to improve, than reporting everything as green. If we do, we might lack in ambition?

Lastly, a big thanks to everyone contributing in a positive and constructive manner within the HSE work. A great deal of staff members contribute to the goal of making the Department a good place to work.

Sincerely,
Rolf Reed
Head of Department



Research, Science and Seminars

New publications at the Department of Biomedicine

This list is a result of the PubMed query "Bergen & Biomedicine". If someone misses their publications on the list, please send the link to it to the editor so it can be included in the next newsletter.



[Post-translational modifications of Annexin A2 are linked to its association with perinuclear nonpolysomal mRNP complexes.](#)

Aukrust I, Rosenberg LA, Ankerud MM, Bertelsen V, Hollås H, Saraste J, Grindheim AK, Vedeler A.
FEBS Open Bio. 2017 Jan 17;7(2):160-173. doi: 10.1002/2211-5463.12173.
PMID: 28174683

[Tumour-associated glial host cells display a stem-like phenotype with a distinct gene expression profile and promote growth of GBM xenografts.](#)

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Calcium modulates calmodulin/α-actinin 1 interaction with and agonist-dependent internalization of the adenosine A_{2A} receptor. Piirainen H, Taura J, Kursula P, Ciruela F, Jaakola VP. Biochim Biophys Acta. 2017 Jan 24;1864(4):674-686. doi: 10.1016/j.bbamcr.2017.01.013. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 28130124
Neuronal plasticity of trigeminal ganglia in mice following nerve injury Lynds R, Lyu C, Lyu GW, Shi XQ, Rosén A, Mustafa K, Shi TJS Dovepress, February 2017 <u>Volume 2017:10</u> Pages 349—357

Current funding announcements/deadlines

Norges Forskningsråd (NFR)

- ⇒ [ERA-Net TRANSCAN-2](#) announces a call “Minimally and non-invasive methods for early detection and/or progression of cancer”. That includes screening of the general population, risk stratification, surveillance of high-risk groups, minimally invasive methods.
- ⇒ **Deadline: for pre-proposals is 13 February 2017**
- ⇒ [SYNKNØYT](#): up to 20 million for synchrotron and neutron-based research. **Deadline: 15 February 2017**
- ⇒ RCN is planning [a joint call of the four programs \(BEDREHELSE, HELSEVEL, KVINNEHELSE, BEHANDLING\) within Health](#). One P.I. may submit one application only, i.e. will have to choose between the four programs.
 - [BEHANDLING](#): NOK 150 million for research on diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation
 - [KVINNEHELSE](#): Until 60 million to projects on women's health.
 - [HELSEVEL](#): 80 million for research on health and welfare services.
 - [BEDREHELSE](#): Up to 100 million to research for better health



Deadline: 26 April

- There will be an information meeting in Trondheim on the **14th of February**. The meeting will be streamed.
- ⇒ **NEW: National Node for International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility (INCF)**: A call for multinational research projects for pathway analysis across neurodegenerative diseases. **Deadline: 6 March 2017**

- ⇒ [ERA-Net CoBioTech](#) co-funded call for transnational collaborative research projects: "Biotechnology for a sustainable bioeconomy".
Deadline: for pre-proposals 2 March 2017
- ⇒ [ERA-CVD](#) European Research Area Network on Cardiovascular Diseases announces a second Joint Transnational Call: Mechanisms of early atherosclerosis and/or plaque instability in Coronary Artery Disease. Info from RCN is [here](#).
Deadline: for pre-proposals 6 March 2017
- ⇒ [ERA-Net NEURON](#): Call for Proposals for Research Projects on "Synaptic Dysfunction in Disorders of the Central Nervous System". The present call will accept proposals addressing the disease-related synaptic dysfunction with approaches ranging from understanding basic mechanisms of disease through proof-of-concept therapeutically-driven clinical studies in humans.
Deadline: for pre-proposals 14 March 2017
- ⇒ BEDREHELSE: NOK 40 million to joint [Indo-Norwegian researcher projects on antimicrobial resistance](#).
Deadline: 26 April 2017

Horizon 2020

- ⇒ [Horizon 2020](#) and [news](#)
 - ⇒ Project establishment support [PES](#) and POS (posisjoneringssmidler) for Horizon 2020 applicants: open-ended during Horizon2020 Call period.
 - ⇒ On the following page the [local contact points](#) are listed where every call has a responsible research advisor. You can contact them or faculty advisors, [Ramune Midttveit](#), [Itana Sloper-Krivokapic](#).
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- ⇒ **NEW LINK:** [Read more \(information and routines for application at UiB\)](#).

Selected H2020 deadlines 2017:

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Excellent and innovative research training plus attractive career and knowledge-exchange opportunities through cross-border and cross-sector mobility, no thematic priorities.

- ⇒ [Research and Innovation Staff Exchange \(MSCA-RISE-2017\)](#): RISE gives support for mobility and exchanges of research and innovation staff, incl. managerial, technical and administrative staff between institutions in different sectors or with research institutions in countries outside of Europe. **Deadline: 5 April 2017**

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

SC1-2017 Health, demographic change and wellbeing:

The headline goal of the programme 'Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing' is better health for all. Its main policy objectives are to improve health and wellbeing outcomes, to promote healthy and active ageing, to promote market growth, job creation, and the EU as a global leader in the health area.

Personalised medicine, single-stage

Deadline: 14 March 2017

- ⇒ SC1-PM-17-2017: [Personalised computer models and in-silico systems for well-being](#)
- ⇒ SC1-PM-16-2017: [In-silico trials for developing and assessing biomedical products](#)

Deadline: 11 April 2017

- ⇒ SC1-PM-03-2017: [Diagnostic characterization of rare diseases](#)
- ⇒ SC1-HCO-08-2017: [Actions to bridge the divide in European health research and innovation](#)

Horizon 2020 - Complementary Calls

- ⇒ Pre-announcement [IMI 2 \(Innovative Medicines Initiative 2\) – Call 10](#):
 - [Biomanufacturing 2020: Development of innovative high throughput analytical tools and methods to characterize cell culture fluid during development and commercial cell culture processes](#) 
 - [Unlocking the solute carrier gene-family for effective new therapies](#) 

Deadline: for stage one submission 28 March 2017



EEA/Norway Grants

- ⇒ [Hungary – scholarship: professional visits action.](#)
Deadline: 30 April 2017

Norwegian Cancer Society/Kreftforeningen

- ⇒ [Foreign Scholarships:](#) A personal grant is awarded to a designated individual (researcher, doctoral fellow or post-doctoral fellow) to promote competence building and internationalization of Norwegian research. Overseas research grants are awarded under the auspices of a project funded by the Norwegian Cancer Society and may be provided for visits abroad lasting from two to 12 months.
Deadline: 15 March 2017

Bergen Research Foundation

- ⇒ [Call for Medical Visualization proposals](#) within the fields of medical imaging, image analysis and medical visualization. UiB and HUS are hereby jointly invited to nominate a maximum of five strong research collaborations for project funding. **Deadline: for pre-qualification 6 March. Application deadline 2 May 2017**

Novo Nordisk Foundation Symposia

- ⇒ Call for: [Novo Nordisk Foundation Symposia.](#) The Foundation offers funding for up to two one-day symposia to be held in 2017. For each symposium, funding up to DKK 320.000 is available. **Deadline: 8 March 2017**
- ⇒ [Exploratory pre-seed grants:](#) seek to support application-oriented research and to test new ideas that may lead to the development of new medical treatments, disease prevention, devices and diagnostic methods as well as new industrial biotechnology in the life science area. **Deadline: 6 April 2017**

NordForsk

- ⇒ [New instrument for Nordic University Cooperation: Nordic University Hubs:](#) The overall goal of the new funding instrument is to strengthen international competitiveness and facilitate the development of world leading research environments in the Nordic region. **Deadline: 3 May 2017**
- ⇒ Preannouncement: [Nordic Graduate Education Courses within register-based research:](#) The aim is to support the next generation of researchers utilising data from Nordic registers in health and welfare research, by providing high-quality education and training as well as networking platforms.
Deadline: will be launched in the beginning of February 2017

Systems Medicine

- ⇒ **Call is open!** ^{2nd} [Joint Transnational Call for European Research Projects on Systems Medicine \(ERACoSysMed\).](#)
The central aim of ERACoSysMed is to enhance the implementation of Systems Biology approaches in medical concepts, research and practice throughout Europe and Israel by structuring, coordinating and integrating national efforts and investments.

ExtraStiftelsen

- ⇒ [ExtraStiftelsen](#) Issues related to health services in the municipalities and the interaction between various players in the health sector, including user involvement, will be given priority in the application process. It can also be applied for clinical research related to development of new treatments and services.
Deadlines: 15 March (health projects); 1 June (research projects)

Fellowships and Personal Grants

- ⇒ [EMBO \(European Molecular Biology Organization\) Fellowships.](#) *Research on the molecular mechanisms of life at all levels.*
 - ⇒ [Short-term](#) (postdocs and advanced PhD students) fellowships fund research visits of up to three months to laboratories in Europe and elsewhere in the world. The aim is to facilitate valuable collaborations with research groups applying techniques that are unavailable in the applicant's laboratory. **Deadline: throughout the year.**



Meetings/workshops/conferences

- ⇒ [Successful R&I in Europe 2017 - 8th European Networking Event:](#) Participants are invited to become involved in established and new technology networks between researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers related to Horizon 2020, **2-3 March 2017**, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- ⇒ **NEW:** Seminar "[Big Data in Horizon 2020](#)", 2 March 2017, Oslo
- ⇒ **NEW:** Webinar "[Data management in Horizon 2020](#)", 2 March 10:00-11:00

- ⇒ **NEW: GLOBVAC conference 2017**; 13-15 March, Trondheim. Registration closes 15 February
- ⇒ Sean McCarthy course: [How to Write the Impact of a Horizon 2020 Proposal](#), **9 May**, Oslo

Funding for cooperation in higher education

You can find an updated overview of calls for cooperation in higher education [here](#). Relevant calls for researchers from our department are **Nordplus programme**, **Peder Sather Grant Program**, and more. **Please note:**

[Mobility grants North America in educational research \(UTNAM\)](#)

The aim of the mobility grant is to contribute to increased cooperation between Norwegian and North American educational researchers through supporting visits to Norway for the purpose of research or dissemination for top North American educational researchers. The scheme will also contribute to the dissemination of results of North American research to Norway and furthermore contribute to competence building in Norwegian research communities. Grants will be awarded for visits of shorter or longer duration.

Deadline: Continuing

For questions on the calls, please contact [Kaia Nepstad](#).

Forskningsdagene 2017 (Research Days 2017)

This year's Forskningsdagene 2017 will be happening between **20 September and 01 October**. The theme for this year is «values», which you can read more about [here](#).

Forskningsdagene

To create Forskningsdagene, participations from all of UiB's academic environment are needed. The following events are in need of participants:

1. Forskningstorget («The Research Fair») at VilVite, 28 and 29 September

This year, Forskningstorget will be held at VilVite and the target group is the 7th grade in school. This is an adjustment only for 2017, due to the bicycle world championship which will be held at the same time. Forskningstorget is a very good arena for our researchers to convey their own projects or research themes to a curious and knowledge-thirsty target audience.

Please report your interest in participating within **05 March**.

2. Forskningsdagene UNG («Research Days YOUNG»), 28 September

A program committee will be appointed at the end of February. The committee shapes the program throughout the spring and will contact potential participants. Deadline for nominating relevant contributions will be announced when the program committee has been appointed.

3. Forsker Grand Prix («Researcher Grand Prix»), 27 September

This is a competition in research communication for PhD candidates, in which competitors will receive individual coaching/supervision before the event. We would like all faculties to be represented in the competition. More information and orientation meeting date for interested candidates will be announced during the spring semester. Registration deadline for candidates is **12 May**.

4. Lecture and debate program, 20-26 September

A program committee will be appointed at the end of February. The committee shapes the program throughout the spring and will contact potential participants. It will also be possible for the researcher environments to nominate their own communication events to the festival period, and add those to the final program. Deadline for nominating relevant contributions will be announced when the program committee has been appointed.

Synnøve Vindheim Svardal at the Communication Division is coordinator for Forskningsdagene at UiB. Interested parties may contact Synnøve by phone (55 58 69 07) or e-mail: synnove.svardal@uib.no. On the UiB employee web pages, more information will be submitted throughout the spring; follow [this link](#) for updates.

Set these days aside to participate in this year's Forskningsdager, and feel free to pass on the announcement if you have potential contributors in mind.

Faculty Day 2017

Faculty Day this year will be on **Thursday 08 June**.

Professor [Fred «Rusty» Gage](#) (see also [Fred H. Gage lab](#)) has been awarded the Falch Lecturer Award for 2017. In addition, the following awards will be held: Falch Senior and Junior, teaching and research. There will be a light serving of food and drinks.

The event will take place in Stort auditorium, Sentralblokken Haukeland University Hospital, from **10:00-14:00**.

On behalf of the Faculty, we ask everyone to reserve the day – don't plan other events this day, and join in creating anticipation and enthusiasm! Ideas and feedback can be sent to ingrid.hagerup@uib.no, who is the prime communicator for the event.

Final program will be announced as soon as it is ready.



International publicity around ME discoveries

The ground-breaking findings of Karl Johan Tronstad and his collaborative partners have received international recognition. The discoveries have been labeled [«Clinical Trend of the Week»](#) on Medscape, which also features a more [extensive article on the scientific findings](#).

A [BBC news report](#) also mentioned Tronstad's research – images from researchers in the 5th floor laboratory begins at 03:55 in the news broadcast.

Karl Johan, this is great!

Photo: Per Øystein Sakariassen

Apply for Peder Sather funding before 01 March

[Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study](#) creates collaborations between Norwegian researchers and researchers from University of California, Berkeley. The center is a collaboration network of UC Berkeley and 9 Norwegian universities and university colleges, and offer grants of between 10 000 and 25 000 US dollars.

A grant from the center is a unique opportunity to initiate a collaboration with a top-ranking American university. You may apply for grants [here](#). The application deadline is 01 March. Read more about the Peder Sather network [here](#) (Norwegian only).



Refresh your lab animal skills and knowledge

The Lab Animal Regulation of 01 July 2015 demands that people working with lab animals maintain and update their competence in the field:

(§ 24 Personell and competence. Breeders, communicators and users are also responsible for maintaining and documenting their competence through continual practice and education)

In accordance with the regulation, the Animal Lab Facility at K1 will host a «refresh»-course in Lab Animal Safety on 05 April 2017.

For more information, please visit the Lab Animal Facility's [web page](#).

MIC confocal microscopy course

MIC is happy to announce our 13th confocal course. The course is aimed at those of you who want to learn how to use a confocal microscope and will help you get started in the field of confocal imaging either you use the equipment at MIC or at your local institution. The principles of confocal imaging and the parameters to be aware of to be able to acquire the optimal images are the same regardless of which imaging system you use.

Some previous experience in confocal microscopy is clearly an advantage but not a prerequisite.

MIC has 2 confocal systems: Leica SP5 and Leica SP8 and you will be introduced to one of them. For registration please fill in [this form](#). More information and preliminary program please visit [MICs webpage](#).



Announcement of the 13th MIC confocal microscopy course

Time: 21st – 24th of March 2017

Place: Molecular Imaging Center, Dept. of Biomedicine, Jonas Lies vei 91

Level: Beginners but some experience is preferred

Limit: 18 participants

Registration deadline: 20th of February 2017

Course fee: NOK 4500,-

New announcements by ERA-NET and JPI – Norwegian participation funded by RCN



ERA-NEURON

This two-step announcement is titled "*Synaptic Dysfunction in Disorders of the Central Nervous System*"

Available funding from the RCN is 0,5 mill. Euros for the entire 3-year period. Norwegian coordinators may apply for up to 0,5 mill. Euros in total per project for the whole period, while Norwegian partners may apply for up to 0,25 mill. Euros.

Application deadline for the first step is **14 March** 2017, 14:00 CET.

Questions concerning the announcement may be directed to: Alexandra Bjørk-Skaflestad by e-mail: alb@rcn.no.

JPIJPND

JPIJPND has recently announced funding for multinational research projects. This is a two-step announcement (pre-proposals and full proposals). The topic is: "*Multinational Research Projects for Pathway Analysis across Neurodegenerative Diseases*."



Available funding from the RCN is 2,0 mill. Euros for the entire 3-year period. Norwegian partners may apply for up to 0,5 mill. Euros in total per project for the whole period. Norske partnere kan søke om inntil 500 000 euro totalt pr. prosjekt for hele prosjektperioden. Application deadline for the first step is **06 March** 2017, 23:59 CET.

Questions concerning the announcements may be directed to: Alexandra Bjørk-Skaflestad by e-mail: alb@rcn.no.



ERACoSysMed

The RCN participates through BIOTEK2021 in ERACoSysMed, an ERA-NET with a specific focus on implementation of systemic medicine in clinical research and medical practice. ERACoSysMed is now initiating the second common transnational announcement. The goal of the announcement is to support so-called «Demonstrator Projects» which are based in concrete medical or clinical needs, and uses methods from systemic medicine and may lead to better pre-care, treatment or diagnostics. Click [here](#) for the full announcement.

Projects must have participants from at least three of the 12 European countries participating. Both research institutions and companies in Norway may participate. Application deadline for mandatory drafts (pre-proposals) is **17 March** 2017.

Potential applicants are asked to contact Ina K Dahlsveen by e-mail: ikd@rcn.no for information on national framework specifics.

ERA-CVD

This two-step announcement is titled: "*Mechanisms of early atherosclerosis and/or plaque instability in Coronary Artery Disease*".

Available funding from the RCN is 0,5 mill. Euros for the entire 3-year period. Norwegian coordinators may apply for up to 0,5 mill. Euros in total per project for the whole period, while Norwegian partners may apply for up to 0,25 mill. Euros. Application deadline for the first step is **06 March** 2017, 16:00 CET.



Questions concerning the announcements may be directed to: Henrietta Blankson by e-mail: hbl@rcn.no.

New IncuCyte Live Cell Analysis System at MIC

Thanks to financial contributions by Rolv Bjerkvig, Dept. of Biomedicine and MIC, the purchase of an IncuCyte Zoom Live Cell Analyser has been made.

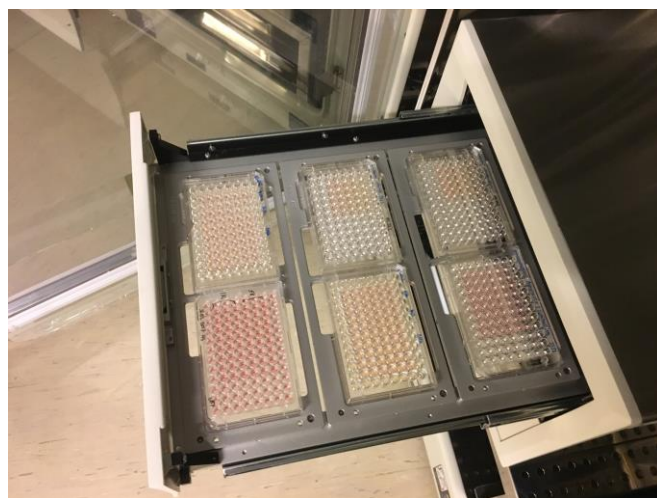
IncuCyte Zoom is an automatized system for real-time analysis of cell cultures over time (typically 2-5 days). The system is placed in a separate incubator and takes photos after a pre-programmed intervall, where the photos are either analyzed progressively or after the time period has elapsed. So far, we have established a standard protocol which will be suitable for several types of experiments, where pictures are taken every other hours with the 10X lens. The system has a lot of flexibility and may utilize any and all well types (96, 48, 24, 12 and 6) as well as small or medium-sized cultivation flasks, with imaging of phase contrast and/or fluorescence (red and green emission).

Examples of studies which can be done on cell cultures are cell proliferation, viability, cell migration and invasion, apoptosis and cytotoxicity. It is also possible to create images and analyze spheroids. In addition, custom-made reagents and special plates for individual experiments are also available. For a complete overview of the system's features, click [here](#).

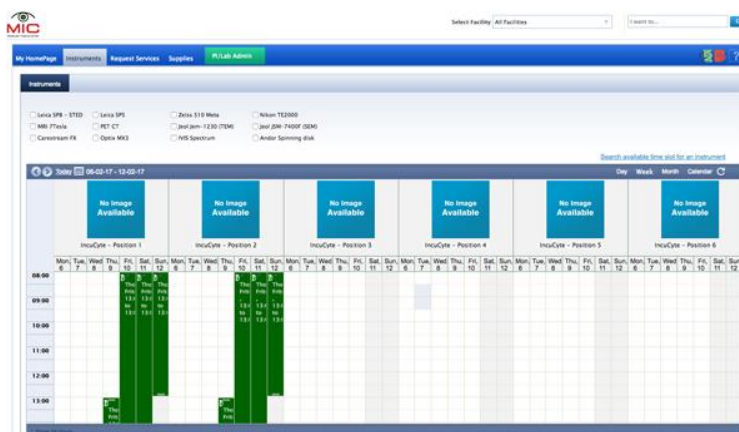
IncuCyte Zoom has now been added to the MIC booking system, and will be ready for use from Monday 13 February. A moderate hourly rate will be charged, to cover operational costs and future upgrades. It is vital that users of the system get a good deal of training before handling the equipment, so interested parties must contact us well in advance before planning the use of IncuCyte Zoom in an experiment. Contact persons will be Halala Saed, Endy Spriet, Hege Avsnes Dale and Frits Thorsen.



IncuCyte placed in a separate incubator. The system is placed in a cell culture lab in the 6th floor (room 6B107bA) in the BB-building.



The capacity allows up to 6 experiments to be conducted simultaneously.



The IncuCyte system is now available from the MIC booking system.

CCBIO Junior Scientist Symposium – Registration via [this link](#)



February 23rd 2017
Auditorium B-301, Haukeland University Hospital
10.00-14.00

We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the upcoming CCBIO Junior Scientist Symposium, February 23rd. We are happy to present a scientific program that should be of great interest.

If you want to attend, we kindly ask you to register your attendance and lunch preferences through this link within February 22nd:

<https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=3059501>

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

- 10.00-10.50: 'Inspirational lecture' by Professor Ola Myklebost (K2):**
 NoSarC – Norwegian Sarcoma Consortium (www.NoSarC.no)
 - Personalised treatment for orphan cancers
- 10.50-11.00: Coffee break**
- 11.00-11.45: Caroline Benedicte Nitter Engen (K2):** Personalised medicine and the evolution of new health entities and identities
- 11.45-12.45: Lunch** (lunch included, please specify upon registration)
- 12.45-13.15: Hege Avsnes Dale/ Endy Spriet (Molecular Imaging Center (MIC)):**
 Introduction to super-resolution imaging
- 13.15-13.20: Coffee break**
- 13.40-14.00: Hanna Dillekås (K2):**
 Recurrence of breast cancer in relation to delayed reconstruction
- 13.20-13.40: Sigmund Ytre-Hauge (K2):**
 MRI texture analysis in endometrial cancer

You are all very welcome! Please feel free to circulate this information if you know of other researchers/staff that you think would find this symposium interesting.

We welcome you all!
The CCBIO Research School
 Symposium Chairs: Agnete Engelsen and Erling Høivik



Operations & HSE News

Stairs training at biomedicine!

The HSE Committee would like to invite Department staff and students to «stairs training» in the period 13 February – 31 March.

Choose the stairs instead of the elevator; take a walk in the stairs during your small breaks, and get a healthier work day!



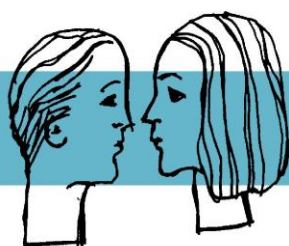
This is how you do it:

Log your stairs training in the form at the billboard (there's one form in each floor; 5, 6 and 7) and you are registered for the stairs training competition. Write your name on the list and make a check in the form every time you have walked up **3 floors or more** (maximum registrations is 5 per day), like this:

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Ole Olsen	xx	xxx	x	xx	xxxx	☺	x

Prizes!

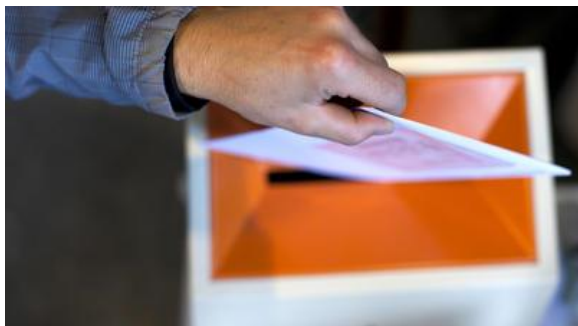
The HSE Committee will award a prize to the best participant in each floor. We will also award prizes to randomly selected participants for their efforts.



HR News

This page gives an overview of courses, seminars, information meetings and similar

This page gives an overview of welfare offers for employees at UiB, such as cinema tickets, cultural events, guest



Election to the University Board 2017

During the spring semester of 2017, Rector, Prorector and new members to the University Board will be elected for the period 01.08.2017 - 31.07.2021.

Proposal deadline: Group A, B og C: **07 April 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

You can read more about the election process [on this page](#). On the same page you can also check if you or the one you wish to nominate is eligible to vote.



Staff Updates



Congratulations to **Astrid Guldbrandsen** with a postdoc position at the Department! The position is financed by the Research Council of Norway and Astrid will work at [PROBE](#). Harald Barsnes will be Astrid's mentor over the next three years while she works on the project entitled «Obtaining novel biomedical knowledge from proteomics research». We are happy that to you will continue working at the Department!

Photo: Anne Sidsel Herdlevær



Congratulations to **Kunwar Jung KC** with a PhD position at the Department! Kunwar's position is a 4-year UiB scholarship and he will be a member of the [Biorecognition group](#), [the Martinez Lab](#), with Aurora Martinez as main supervisor and Ana Jorge Finnigan as co-supervisor. The title of his PhD project is "Tyrosine hydroxylase and the cellular redox state in health and disease. Novel therapeutic approaches". Welcome as an employee at the Department of Biomedicine and we hope you will enjoy working with us!

Photo: Anne Sidsel Herdlevær



Congratulations to **Elaheh Mahootchi** with a PhD position at the Department! Elaheh's position is a 4-year UiB scholarship and she will be a member of the [Neurotargeting Research Group](#) with Jan Haavik as main supervisor. The title of her project is: «New biomarkers and treatment targets in neuropsychiatric disorders». We are very happy that you will continue working with us!

Photo: Anne Sidsel Herdlevær



Congratulations to **Helene Bustad Johannessen** with a postdoctoral position at the Department! Helene's position is financed by Research Council of Norway and the Toppforsk project led by Clive Bramham, and Helene will be part of the [Biorecognition group](#) with Aurora Martinez as mentor. The title of the project she will be working with is: «Molecular control of Arc protein: decoding a master regulator of synaptic plasticity and cognition». We are happy to welcome you as an employee at our Department!

Photo: Jan Kåre Wilhelmsen

Leaving staff:



Kislay Roy has finished in his position as post doctor. We wish to thank you for your great efforts and for being such a nice colleague to all of us at the Department and wish you the best of luck with your future career!

We wish to thank **Ingrid Gavlen** for her long and trusted service to the Department! Ingrid has been a staff engineer and a great resource to the research groups and other staff members at the Department, which we are all very thankful for. Ingrid has contributed as an employee and none the least socially, to all the groups she has worked with over the course of her 42 yearlong UiB career. We wish you a pleasant and enjoyable retirement!



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