

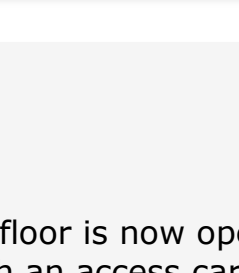
Dear colleagues,

I will first remind you that the Faculty of Medicine has announced nine PhD positions this autumn, and six of them are open positions. The deadline is approaching fast, which is 19 September. Postdoc positions have not been announced this time.

The University has announced 15 million NOK, and the Faculty of Medicine has announced 7.5 million NOK, for purchase of infrastructure equipment. Our Department has received eight applications from our groups, and a ranked list has been sent to the Faculty, which will decide on priorities among all the institutes, and which ones will be sent to the central university administration at UiB. The groups which have applications forwarded to UiB will get the opportunity to improve their applications (deadline September 27th). We can expect a decision at the end of this year or early next year.

The Faculty of Medicine is focusing on innovation through several paths, and the new medical incubator (called Eitri, see also <https://www.uib.no/med/145477/vil-eksportere-bergenske-helselosninger-til-resten-av-verden>) will open in December this year. Researchers who would like to have a (free) seat in the centre, should [apply](#), and send an email about this to Karl Johan Tronstad, within September 20th. See also previous email from Karl Johan.

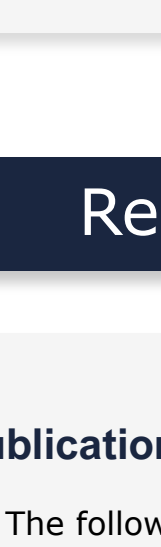
Last, I would like to remind you about the joint lunch ("allmøte") on Monday 20 September at 12:00, in "Vrimleareale" on the 2nd floor. Here, the new leadership group of the Department will be presented. I hope that as many as possible will be able to join, to meet and enjoy a free lunch!

 Regards,
Frits Thorsen

Human Resources

Events for UiB employees	Benefits for employees at UiB	Vacant positions at the University of Bergen
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We welcome these new employees:



Ine Kjosås started her temporary position as Staff Engineer in the Translational Cell Signalling and Metabolism Group, Arnesen Lab, on 18 August 2021.

Operations, Health, and Safety

Access through the 8th floor

The new incubator building on the 8th floor is now open, and there is a passage through to BBB. Everyone with an access card to BBB can now use this entrance/exit.



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.

[Liquid chromatography, a key tool for the advancement of single-cell omics analysis.](#)
Robber-Larsen H, Lundanes E, Nyman TA, **Berven FS**, Wilson SR. Anal Chim Acta. 2021 Sep 15;1178:338551.

[Combined Metabolic and Chemical \(CoMetChem\) Labeling Using Stable Isotopes - a Strategy to Reveal Site-Specific Histone Acetylation and Deacetylation Rates by LC-MS.](#)
van Pijkeren A, Dietze J, Brotons AS, Eger AS, Lijster T, Barcaru A, Hotze M, Kobler P, Dekker FJ, Horvátovich P, Melgert BN, **Ziegler M**, Thedieck K, Heiland I, Bischoff R, Kwiatkowski M. Anal Chem. 2021 Sep 14.

[The balance between NAD⁺ biosynthesis and consumption in ageing.](#)
Strømland Ø, **Diab J**, **Ferrario E**, **Sverekli L**, **Ziegler M**. Mech Ageing Dev. 2021 Sep 9:111569.

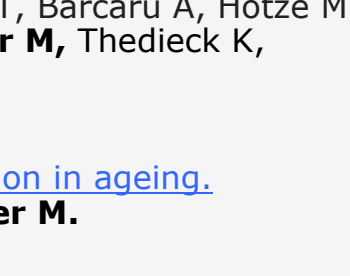
[XAB2 promotes Ku eviction from single-ended DNA double-strand breaks independently of the ATM kinase.](#)
Sharma AB, Erasimus H, Pinto L, Caron MC, Gopaul D, Peterlini T, Neumann K, Nazarov PV, Fritah S, Klink B, Herold-Mende CC, **Niclou SP**, Pasero P, Calsou P, Masson JY, Britton S, Van Dyck E. Nucleic Acids Res. 2021 Sep 9:gkab785.

[Male:female ratios in autism spectrum disorders by age, intellectual disability and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.](#)
Posserud MB, **Solberg BS**, Engeland A, Haavik J, Klungsoyr K. Acta Psychiatr Scand. 2021 Sep 8.

[Cytoskeleton-associated protein 4 \(CKAP4\) promotes malignant progression of human gliomas through inhibition of the Hippo signaling pathway.](#)
Luo T, Ding K, Ji J, Zhang X, Yang X, Chen A, Huang B, Zhang D, **Wang J**, Li X. J Neurooncol. 2021 Sep 2.

[Investigating Shared Genetic Basis Across Tourette Syndrome and Comorbid Neurodevelopmental Disorders Along the Impulsivity-Compulsivity Spectrum.](#)
Yang Z, Wu H, Lee PH, Tsetsos F, Davis LK, Yu D, Lee SH, Dalsgaard S, Haas J, Barta C, Zayats T, Eapen V, Wray NR, Devlin B, Daly M, Neale B, Bergljunnsdóttir AD, Crowl J, Scharf J, Mathews CA, Farone SV, Franke B, Mattheisen M, Smoller JW, Paschou P. Biol Psychiatry. 2021 Sep 1;90(5):317-327.

[A higher proportion of sermin-immunopositive oligodendrocytes in areas of remyelination.](#)
Ahmad I, Wergeland S, **Oveland E**, Bø L. PLoS One. 2021 Aug 26;16(8):e0256155.



BBB seminar

Johannes A. Eble from the University of Münster, Germany, will give a talk entitled "Integrins are redox-regulated predominantly via a thiol-switch within the hinge region".

Position: Professor, Head of the Institute of Physiological Chemistry

Research field: The Eble lab is interested in collagen- and laminin-binding integrins. In recent years, redox-regulation of integrins has become a major focus.

Main achievements: Dr. Eble has contributed to a better understanding of the molecular interactions of integrins with collagen and laminin-332, identified the first integrin α2β1-specific snake venom component, as well as provided insights into the redox-regulation of integrins.

Motivation: With Donald Gullberg's group, the University of Bergen has become a research stronghold on extracellular matrix and cell-matrix contacts. Hence, I expect the audience to be an ideal discussion partner for my data and future cooperations.

Thursday, September 23, 14:30, online

CCBIC seminar

Emmett Mc Cormack from the University of Bergen will give a talk entitled "Imaging preclinical tumor models: improving translational power".

Position: Professor, Head of the research group Translational Molecular Imaging in Cancer

Research field: Preclinical model development, preclinical multimodal imaging and pharmaceutical drug development

Motivation: Despite new insight into the pathogenesis and development of cancer, most novel therapies fail upon reaching phase III clinical trials. This occurs even though tens of millions of Norwegian kroner are spent on target validation and drug optimization in preclinical models. So why do these molecular, particularly targeted treatments fail? When evaluating our approach to target discovery, we should consider whether our current, powerful genomic technologies are being used on model systems that have poor clinical predictive power.

Thursday, September 30, 14:30, online

22nd Broegelmann Lecture

The Indian-American immunologist Vijay Kuchroo will lecture on the importance of the immune system related to modern cancer treatment.

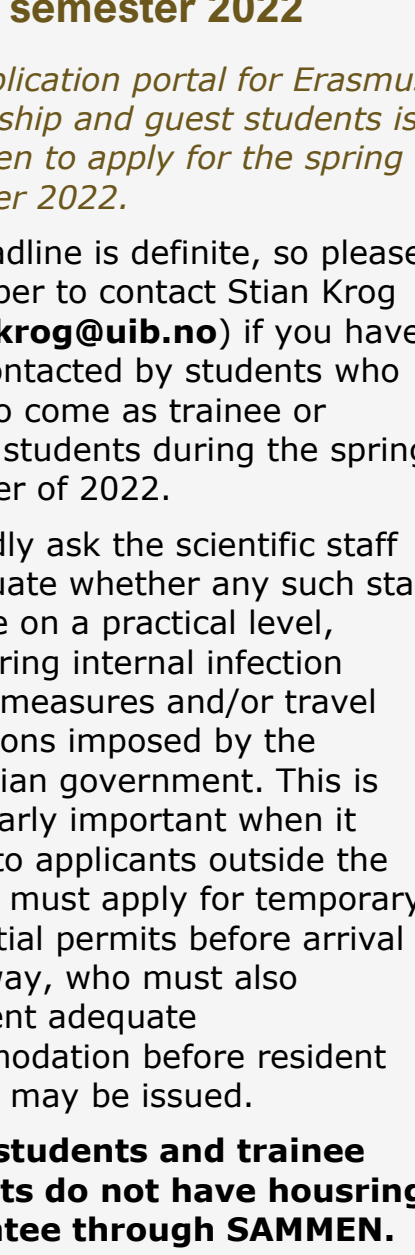
The Broegelmann lectures are a series of annually held lectures about current hot topics in the field of immunology. The lectures feature national and international invited speakers and are arranged by The Research Group of Autoimmunity and Mucosal Immunobiology, NSI Bergen and The Bergen Research School in Inflammation.

Lecture title: Role of Tim-3 in regulating anti-tumor immunity

Vijay Kuchroo is Samuel L. Wasserstrom Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, Senior scientist at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Co-Director of the Center for Infection and Immunity at the Brigham Research Institutes, Boston. Vijay Kuchroo is a renowned immunologist, and he was the first to describe the development of a pathogenic Th17 cells known to have a central role in many autoimmune diseases. His lab was the first to describe the TIMγ family, with Tim-3 as an inhibitory receptor expressed on T cells.

His lecture can be followed via zoom: <https://uib.zoom.us/j/67797033399?pwd=OVN2dWFRZW5uU3Q4dDQ0dVhXa1NIQT09>

15 October, 14:00, Zoom



Eitri tenant search

At the upcoming Eitri Medical Incubator, 24 desks have been reserved for UiB and most will be offered to researchers. The Faculty of Medicine is looking for researchers pursuing innovative projects with commercial potential and/or that can rather directly improve patients' lives.

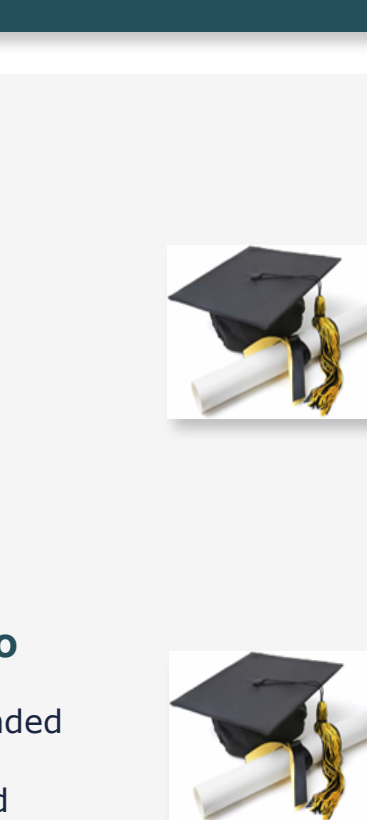
Background information about Eitri:

Eitri will host health related startups, industry professionals, UiB and HUS researchers and clinicians, as well as some service providers. It will offer open office space with approx. 100 desks, large and small meeting rooms, and wet lab facilities and cell culture labs. We expect that all tenants will interact and learn from each other, and that will be particularly beneficial for UiB researchers. In addition, researchers will be offered one-on-one guidance. Researchers can choose how much time they spend at Eitri and how much at other locations (e.g. research institute (es)). To increase the number of researchers that can be hosted, Eitri will offer permanent and shared desks.

For additional information, please, contact majja.slaidina@uib.no.

Please submit your applications via this form: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=10760401>.

Extended deadline: 20 September



Academic Affairs

PÅMINNELSE: utsatt frist for å søke om status som merittert underviser

Fristen for å søke om status som merittert underviser utsettes til 1. november, for de som ikke fikk gjennomslag i år, skal nå meldes til å søke på nytt.

Les om utlysningen her: <https://www.uib.no/med/146936/s%C3%B8k-om-%C3%A5-bli-merittert->

REMINDER: Status as merited lecturer

The deadline for applying for a status as merited lecturer is postponed until 01 November, so that those who did not make it through this year will have the opportunity to apply again.

Read about it call here (in Norwegian) <https://www.uib.no/med/146936/s%C3%B8k-om-%>

Erasmus Traineeship og gjestestudenter - frist for vårsemesteret 2022 er 15. oktober

Søknadsportalen for gjestestudenter og trainee er nå åpen for registrering av søknader for våren 2022.

Fristen er altså, så pass på å melde fra til Stian Krog (stian.krog@uib.no) dersom du har blitt kontaktet av studenter som ønsker å komme som trainee- eller gjestestudenter i vårsemesteret 2022.

Vi ber vi fagmiljøet om å vurdere om oppholdet ved UiB er praktisk gjennomførbart i forhold til interne smitteverntiltak og reiseringsinnreiserestriksjoner og bestemmelse. Dette er spesielt viktig for søkere fra land utenfor EU, som må søke land utstillatse for ankomst til Norge, og som må dokumentere adekvat bolig for studentoppholdstillatelse kan innvilges.

Gjestestudenter og trainee har ikke rett på boliggaranti hos SAMMEN.

SAMMEN har opplyst om at boligkapasiteten er begrenset vår-2022, og at det kan bli vanskelig tildele bolig til søkere uten boliggaranti.

Montana vandrørhjem og Haukelandsbakken tilbyr også bolig for internasjonale studenter. Utyllende informasjon er tilgjengelig på [internasjonalt sentor](#) [UiB](#).

E-post: incoming@uib.no

Søknadsfrist: 15. oktober

Erasmus Traineeship and guest students - deadline 15 October for the spring semester 2022

The application portal for Erasmus Traineeship and guest students is now open to apply for the spring semester 2022.

The deadline is definite, so please remember to contact Stian Krog (stian.krog@uib.no) if you have been contacted by students who wish to come as trainee or visiting students during the spring semester of 2022.

We kindly ask the scientific staff to evaluate whether any such stay is viable on a practical level, considering internal infection control measures and/or travel restrictions imposed by the Norwegian government. This is particularly important when it comes to applicants outside the EU who must apply for temporary residential permits before arrival to Norway, who must also document adequate accommodation before resident permits may be issued.

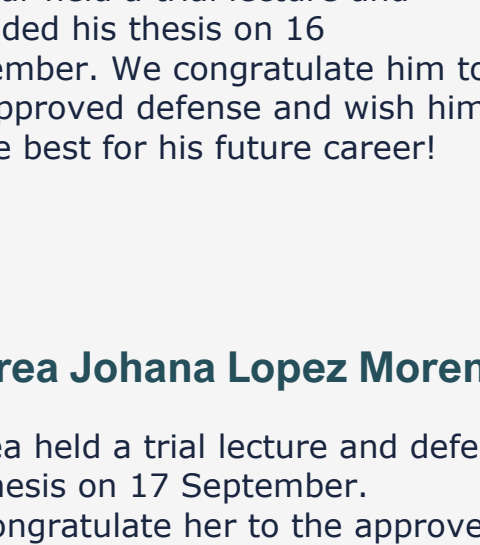
Guest students and trainee students do not have housing guarantee through SAMMEN.

Housing guarantee is limited in the spring semester of 2022 and SAMMEN may not be able to provide housing to applicants who don't have housing guarantee.

Montana vandrørhjem og Haukelandsbakken also offer accommodation for international students. Further information is available at the [International center UiB](#).

E-mail: incoming@uib.no

Deadline: 15 October

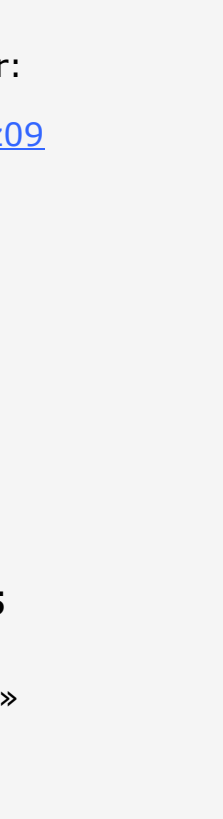


PhD Candidates & Post Docs

New doctoral degrees: Kunwar Jung K C

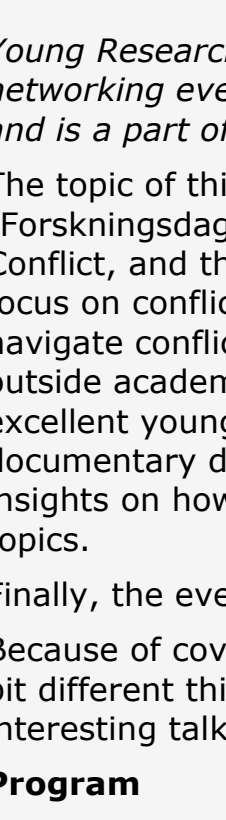
Kunwar held a trial lecture and defended his thesis on 16 September. We congratulate him to the approved defense and wish him all the best for his future career!

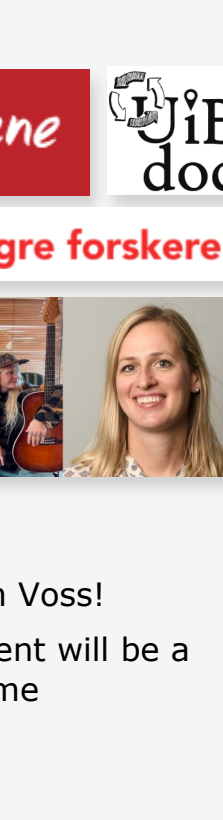




Andrea Johana Lopez Moreno

Andrea held a trial lecture and defended her thesis on 17 September. We congratulate her to the approved defense and wish her all the best for her future career!





PhD defenses: Hilde Ytre-Hauge Smeland

Trial lecture: 23 September 2021, 13.15

Topic: "Role of the microbiome in cancer development and therapy response" (will be held in Norwegian)

PhD defense: 24 September 2021, 11.15

Thesis title: "Role of integrin α1β1 in breast cancer" (will be held in Norwegian)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://uib.zoom.us/j/69508732211>
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Passcode: WMuAHh7e



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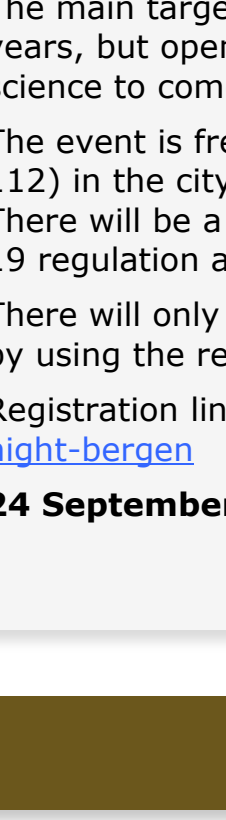
Trial lecture: 22 September, 10.15

Topic: «Epidermis bullosa: cause, symptoms, and treatment»

PhD defense: 24. September 2021, 10.15

Thesis title: «Novel tools and assays for the study of integrin α11 expression and function»

Meeting URL: <https://uib.zoom.us/j/65896031555?pwd=MlVRbE5SM3VlNHZoeFNzU1pUTlQOT09>
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Young Researchers Night in Bergen

Young Researchers Night is a networking event for young researchers and is a part of "Forskingsdagene".

The topic of this years "Forskingsdagene" is Peace and Conflict, and the event this year will focus on conflicts in science and how to navigate conflicts both within and outside academia. There will be talks by excellent young researchers and a documentary director will give his insights on how to present controversial topics.

Finally, the event will end up in a concert by Dumpster Divas from Voss!

Because of covid-19 the mingling part / networking part of the event will be a bit different this year, and we will focus mainly on serving you some very interesting talks and entertainment.

Program

19:00 Doors open

19:15 Introduction by UiBdoc and AYE

19:30 Talks on conflicts in science

Mari Mykssvoll talks about how to be in the centre of a conflict when researchers advice goes against industry interest.

Margrete Dyvik Cardona talks about her research on how newspaper describes immigrants and the obstacles you meet when doing research on a controversial topic

Robert Lennox talks about his research on animal tracking around the world and conflicts when trying to give advice on conservation.

Lasse Gallefoss presents clips from his documentaries covering controversial topics from immigration, climate and drug use.

20:30 Panel discussion on conflicts in science...

21:30 Dumpster Divas!

22:00-22:30 Program ends

23:59 Doors closes

The main target group is researchers (including PhD students) from 23 to 45 years, but open to everyone, and we welcome students with an interest in science to come join us.

The event is free and will be held at NORCE - Nygårdporten (Nygårdsgaten 112) in the city centre (close to many of the university buildings at UiB). There will be a bar - and free food for the first who arrives (given that covid-19 regulation allows it).

There will only be room for 50 people, so attendants must book a free ticket by using the registration link below.

Registration link: <https://www.checkin.no/event/35655/young-researchers-night-bergen>

24 September, 19:00, NORCE, Nygårdsgaten 112

