

Møtereferat – Research Committee (RC) September 29th 2021

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Kopi til:

Gjelder:

Møtetid: 10.30 – 12.00

Møtested: DU2-150

Signatur:

1. PhD courses at IBI. What courses do we have now? Do we want to make any changes? See attached Excel-file.

We currently have 12 PhD-courses, 9 of which have had students during the last two-three years. Stefan had a questionnaire that was sent out to PhD-candidates two years ago, it is now sent out to the committee.

Discussion: More practical courses, transferable skills-courses. Should be at the Faculty? Courses across the department? More “advanced-courses”? Seminar series?

Offer courses in subjects we are good at. For other subjects and courses on transferable skills, provide suggestions to courses offered elsewhere (including online platforms) and take a discussion in the Forskningsutvalget (Henrik).

MN8000 is still not good enough, but PhD candidates do see the value of a course like MN8000.

Conclusion: everyone asks their section if there are some courses they can remove/add (e.g. an advanced course in each section and advertise it openly for externals), and consider the possibility of a more general cross-sectional course.

2. Choosing a new PhD-candidate for the research committee (RC) to take over after Stefan. See attached Word-file.

4 candidates applied. Inka Anglade as PhD-candidate for RC, Stand-in: Anastasiia Ivanova. The choice was based on promoting even representation of the sections and wishing to have a candidate that already has some experience at the department.

3. Need for new members in the PhD-programrådet? See attached Excel-file.

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Adresser korrespondanse til saksbehandlerne. Husk å oppgi referanse.

Hamish Burnett and Anna Andreassen can be asked if one of them wants to do this instead of RC. They can also be asked to join UK later (if UK decides to have a PhD representative). Christophe can step in for Sigurd Einum if he doesn't want to be in the board. Henrik will ask Sigurd and Martin K if they wish to continue.

4. High-performance computing and large data storage. See attached Word-file.

Martin Kuiper will have a survey to see how much is needed mid-October. At least know how many are in need at IBI.

Department should pay so that everyone can use it. Prices do not seem to be too high.

5. What are our needs regarding Plantebiosenteret? Can Vekstbalkongen (Realfagbygget) and Ringve botaniske hage cover our needs?

Vekstbalkongen can not be used in the same way according to Christophe. Ringve can be a solution, but not big enough. Both Vekstbalkongen and Ringve are unsuitable because of poor temperature regulation and space limitations. Persons who have expressed a need for using the Plantebiosenteret are Christophe, Daniela, Thorsten, Martijn. Furthermore, a process is on-going in the Multiscale Biology group to map possibilities and needs regarding use of Plantebiosenteret. Grethe knows the facilities, that is a plus. Another question is what will happen when Dragvoll is gone? It is very important to make it clear in the Campus process that IBI needs facilities like those at Plantebiosenteret.

Conclusion: Plantebiosenteret needs to be kept, Henrik will inform Kjetil.

6. How can we increase the success rate in RCN (and ERC)? Discuss what has been done at IBI, what works and what doesn't, and start a discussion of what we can do to improve our success rate. See attached PowerPoint presentation by Eugen Sørmo in the NV-admin.

Ca. 5% of RCN applications were successful from NV-fac last year. To FRIPRO from IBI: 22% (2/9) in 2019, 10% (2/21) in 2020, and 13% (2/15) this year. This is not bad, but we should still work to improve our quality of applications and the success rate.

Discussion on how to do this was started with for example aiming for an internal deadline and having then an internal feedback round (voluntary basis).

Information from IBI's leader group:

7. IBI's strategy: Evaluation of our development objectives is coming up soon (see our strategy document here: [fa0ccfaa-e2b4-906e-d645-2298445c0ba7 \(ntnu.edu\)](https://ntnu.edu/f0ccfaa-e2b4-906e-d645-2298445c0ba7)).

Information from Henrik. Are our goals in the strategy document reached or not? There will be sent out an email to all employees by Kjetil.

Information from NV-faculty Forskningsutvalg meetings September 15th and 24th:

8. Infrastructure applications to the NV-faculty. Ranking in NV-faculty Forskningsutvalg, and tips for future applications.

Thorsten's Brillouin-microscope application was ranked high by Forskningsutvalget.

Tip for future applications: It is an advantage to have multiple departments rank the same infrastructure application

9. The PhD program board needs to report (maybe already by October 15th?) on the PhD-education.

Be prepared for this, and make sure your reports for PhD-courses are OK and stored in the correct system.

10. We need to have an overview of status regarding systematic quality assessment documentation of teaching due to NOKUT "tilsyn" 2022. During autumn 2021 we must make sure that "emnerapporter" have been stored at the correct place (KASPER) for our PhD-courses (2020-2021).

Remember to register your courses in KASPER. Silje will inform us how.

11. Any other business.

Where should the minutes be archived? Innsida? Folder on T under NV, IBI?

Henrik will take a look at Innsida og see what can be done there.