

Møtereferat, Research Committee meeting, April 26th

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Signatur:

1) Ranking of projects for NTNUs Research Infrastructure Roadmap

Only one application was submitted to IBI before the deadline on April 24th. This was an application for the "Gråspurv-biobanken". Hence this project will be submitted to the NV-faculty on April 28th. In addition, IBI will report to the NV-faculty that we support the applications for the "Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at the NV-faculty (NV-MS Lab)", the "Nasjonal forskningsinfrastruktur for småsatellitter og rombasert virksomhet" and "Center for Advanced Microscopy".

2) Research-related environment sustainability actions at IBI

We agreed that environmental sustainability actions are important, and discussed various specific actions that will reduce IBI's negative effects on the environment. Ideas ranged from strict rules (e.g. maximum number of travels by plane per person per year) to positive incentives such as the mobility competition we had some years ago and rewards for those with the smallest environmental footprint. Berg-Hansen has and can provide to us information about emissions related to travelling, and such information is already assembled for NTNU's units and is available at e.g. [Microsoft Power BI](#) (but with a huge backlog). The RC committee thinks it is important that the department uses numbers for some previous year(s) as a benchmark and sets specific goals for how much our environmental footprint should be reduced relative to this benchmark over a specified time-frame. To help in this work we think that the department should make a sustainability plan with concrete actions regarding both research, teaching and management, and that a sustainability committee should be appointed to work on these important issues. Making our sustainability plan known to everyone and showing what we actually do is also important. Henrik and Veerle will take this to the IBI Leader group.

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3) Status for our Teams team for funding opportunities

After some discussion since the last RC meeting, it was decided that rather than making a Teams form we update ourselves, we need a more formal system for funding opportunities information flow which is anchored in the administration at either the department or faculty level. For example, if a technician at IBI could spend 2hr per week collecting and organizing any calls for funding opportunities (with input from all employees) and send these in an email (newsletter) to all employed at IBI once a month, this could be worth the time and cost. Moreover, at our last dialogue meeting, the faculty agreed it was a good idea to organize some sort of common "newsletter" for funding opportunities, and promised to look into this by e.g. contacting the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, NTNU, to learn from them. They also mentioned that Eugen and Thais can help with identifying funding opportunities (at least those related to ERC). Henrik and Veerle will follow up this in the Leader group and the Research committee at the NV-faculty.

4) Any other business

- a) There is need for a proper mapping and organizing of our needs for the NTNU greenhouse at Dragvoll. Christophe and the MSB section should look into this and come up with a concrete overview for our needs that should be sent to the Leader group.
- b) Note that the rule at IBI for PhD-defenses is that both opponents should attend digitally (unless living and traveling from in/near Trondheim). This is to save money and to make the defense experience equal for all PhD-students.
- c) There is need for a review of IBI's PhD-courses. We currently have 12 courses, with very variable numbers of PhD-students the past years. Teaching on PhD-courses is regarded as part of our research activities and is therefore not counted towards our teaching hours. These issues, and especially what kind of PhD-courses the department should offer should be discussed at the Utdanningsklinikken. Christophe will organize this discussion.
- d) FINS (Fellows Initiative Natural Sciences) is an initiative to help excellent junior scientists from outside Norway and their academic host at the NV-faculty to submit applications to the Marie Sklodowska Curie Action (MSCA) postdoctoral fellowships. This should be of interest for many at IBI, and to learn more about FINS please attend the supervisor seminar on May 6th. See more information here: [Fellows Initiative Natural Sciences \(FINS\) - NTNU](#).
- e) The Research council of Norway has announced that they will carry out an evaluation of the quality of biological research in Norway (biofagevaluering) during 2022-23. The Leader group and section leaders has decided that the 6 sections in the department should be the units for evaluation. The first thing we need to do now is to suggest members for the evaluation committee and evaluation panels (deadline end of May). The next thing is to give input to the RCN on some of the criteria by which we wish to be evaluated (deadline end of September); thinking smartly here may help us in our own strategic work. Henrik will forward documents regarding the biofagevaluering to all RC-members. The deadline for suggesting candidates for the evaluation committee and panels is May 22nd to Kjetil and Henrik.
- f) The RC decided earlier that Tuesdays at 1400 is the best time to meet. The dates of future RC meetings should preferably be fixed to e.g. the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise specified/necessary. This is to make all RC members' time-planning easier. Henrik will fix this.