

Møtereferat

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Signatur:

1) PhD-courses.

PhD-students need to take 30 study points (sp) of courses as part of their PhD. We offer 13 PhD-courses (8000-level) at our department. In addition, the course MN8000 is compulsory for all our PhD-students, at least an additional 7.5 sp need to be PhD-course(s) at NTNU, and a maximum of 10 sp can be courses at the MSc-level (3000-level).

Emnekode	Name	Emne etablert
BI8002	Advanced biosystematics	2005
BI8012	Systems Biology: Examples from Current Literature	2019
BI8022	Temperature Physiology	2017
BI8031	Plant Ecology III	2017
BI8040	Logical Modeling for Experimental Desin in Biotechnology and Biomedicine	2018
BI8060	Bio Optical Properties and Pigmentation in Plants, Algeas and Marine Invertebrates	2005
BI8061	Biological Oceanography	2008
BI8071	My AOP - Advances Outcome Pathways in Environmental Toxicology	2004
BI8081	Advanced Conservation Biology	2006
BI8082	Evolutionary and Ecological Genetics	2012
BI8083	Advanced Evolutionary Biology	2022
BI8091	Advanced Biology	2004
DIXIL-10	Individual Study Syllabus (minimum 3 credits)	

PhD-students at IBI are not completely happy with the courses we offer, and professors are not happy about not getting any "payment" for the teaching done on PhD-courses.

Our department's PhD-courses have been briefly discussed in the UK, where they agreed that "double code" 3000/8000-level courses can be a good idea. One such example is the BI3083/BI8082-course for

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which Henrik is responsible. The additional work that PhD-students need to do in this course is to make and run a 45 minutes teaching session (can be to give a lecture and/or make some kind of student active learning activities). The RC agreed that this may be a good solution for some other courses as well, and those responsible for a 3000-level course should consider making such double-code 8000-course before the deadline for making changes in the EpN-system on November 15th.

Many good PhD-courses (or relevant MSc-courses) are taught at other faculties and departments at NTNU (e.g. the Medical Faculty and the Dept. of Mathematical Sciences), and many PhD-courses are given at other universities in Norway and abroad. For example, there is a new graduate school being set up at the University of Tromsø, on “synthetic organisms” which is likely to be of interest to some of our PhD-students. A challenge is however that it may be difficult to know about and find information about these courses. To help our PhD-students find and have the possibility to do relevant PhD-courses we will make a Teams team for all PhDs and supervisors with an PhD-course overview in Excel that includes relevant courses at and outside of NTNU. Maja will set up this Teams team, and all supervisors need to put information about relevant courses on this Teams team (with links to course web-pages). Maja will include information about this Teams team in the start-up document that new PhD-students receive when they start their PhD-project at IBI.

2) Common practices for lab work (manners when using/sharing lab space and using/borrowing equipment/consumables chemicals).

Various researchers at IBI have experienced that people go into labs and use equipment, mess around in -80 freezers or borrow/take consumables without asking first. This is of course unacceptable! Such behavior can have negative economic or time-related consequences and can even ruin on-going experiments. It is crucial that we re-establish better codes of conduct and improve people’s awareness and communication about the use of labs, equipment, freezers and consumables at IBI. Part of this work is to give proper training to anyone who uses the labs, whether they are MSc-students, PhD-students, postdocs, researchers, professors or visiting scientists, and this responsibility rests on the different PIs. Often the room responsible engineer can help, and information about people responsible for labs and equipment will (hopefully) soon be more easily available through NTNU’s new BookitLab system. Each member of the RC should inform their sections about the importance of good lab-work ethics and that proper training of anyone who will work in the labs is a responsibility that rests on the PIs.

3) System for information flow about sources for research grant funding.

Kjetil has finally agreed that IBI should set up a system for information flow about potential funding-sources for research. It is important that the information is regularly updated (closed calls removed etc) and that the application deadlines are easy to identify. The idea is that one of our engineers should be responsible for organizing such information, which anyone at the department sends to them, and to spread the information about funding opportunities to all our researchers either through a regular newsletter or for example a common Teams team. Stig is onto the task of finding an engineer who is happy to do this job.

4) Any other business.

- Glaucia asked whether there will be funds for PhD mobility grants next year. None of us knew this, so Glaucia contacted Hans Jakob after the RC meeting and asked. Hans Jakob replied that this will be determined in November when we better know the economic situation at the department. If there is funding allocated to PhD travel grants, the application deadline will be in December. Henrik will inform about this as soon as something is decided.
- Anyone who plans to apply for an ERC grant next year should notify Kjetil and Henrik as soon as possible. ERC applicants will be part of a loosely organized (so far) system for assistance in developing their projects and applications. Remember the possibility to apply for PES (project establishment support; <https://i.ntnu.no/wiki/-/wiki/English/Apply+for+project+establishment+grants>). So far IBI has three ERC StG applicants (one this year and two next year), four ERC CoG applicants, one ERC AdG applicant, and one ERC Synergy applicant (this year).
- Please remind your section leader about the deadline for the first draft of sections' self assessment document for the EVALBIOVIT.
- Our next RC meeting will be at 1300-1430 on a Tuesday around November 1st.