

Møtereferat

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1) IBI's bibliometric data for the EVALBIOVIT

We discussed various numbers and figures given in the bibliometric report for IBI, which was made by NIFU for the RCN, and which will be used in the evaluation of IBI. There are a number of issues which are unclear to us, and that Henrik will contact NIFU to clarify:

- Will evaluation of research groups be based on similar reports for the different research group?
- How will emphasis be placed on the different statistics and analyses?
- How are author shares calculated (Figures 1-4, Table 3)?
- What are the subject fields used when normalized citation index and citation percentiles are calculated (Table 2)?
- Have "self-archiving" in the Cristin system (full text documents stored in NTNU Open) been included when Open Access status of publications were evaluated (Figure 5)?

2) IBI's societal impact for the EVALBIOVIT

As part of the self-assessment of IBI for the EVALBIOVIT we can reflect on IBI's contribution towards the Norwegian Long-term plan for research and higher education, societal challenges more widely, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. As part of this we can submit five impact cases (for which we need to use a particular template document from RCN). What should our impact cases be? Each RC-representative takes this up in their respective research group and submits a title and abstract with 1-2 suggested impact cases to Henrik on Friday December 9th the latest. The leader group at IBI will then select our 5 impact cases, which then needs to be described in more detail.

3) NTNU's Strategic Research Areas

Some of NTNU's current Strategic Research Areas will probably be continued and some new may be established (see here: <https://www.ntnu.edu/research/strategicareas>). We discussed what strategic research areas are important to continue/establish, what kind of research and activities should be supported, and how the strategic research areas should be organized. Our general views are:

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- The four Strategic Research Areas that NTNU currently have are good and should be continued. For IBI especially NTNU Sustainability and NTNU Oceans are important.
- It is important to listen to the advice given in the external evaluation of NTNUs Strategic Research Areas from earlier this year, and build on strengths but change things that were found to be less good or bad. This is particularly important for how the Strategic Research Areas are organized, which should be more transparent, more inclusive and open to competition, and less faculty-/department- or person-focused.
- It would be useful if the Strategic Research Areas could also fund research that not already has good funding opportunities through existing funding sources, such as different programs under the RCN and EU.
- The Strategic Research Areas should focus on both basic research and more applied research. Focus on basic research is important because this kind of research has fewer external funding opportunities than more applied research.
- In our view the Strategic Research Areas should also be used to support young researchers and help these establish their own research profiles. This could be done by e.g. funding small projects that postdocs/researchers can apply for, and that otherwise are in accordance with strategies within the Strategic Research Area. This is important because these employee groups often are excluded from other funding opportunities.
- The Strategic Research Areas should promote cross-disciplinary research and activities, but one should consider carefully how cross-disciplinary collaboration is established and supported.

Henrik will take our points to the IBI leader group and then forward them to the NV-faculty.

4) SO- and RD-positions

We discussed how we think IBI and the NV-faculty should use their SO- and RD-positions (mainly PhDs but also some postdocs). In our view it is important that new permanent scientific employees receive a good start-up package, that includes at least one PhD-position. Other strategic use of these kinds of PhD-positions, such as support to EU/SFF is also important. One should perhaps also consider whether researchers who receive Young Talents grants from the RCN should also receive a PhD-position. With respect to RD-positions, it may in some cases be an idea to use these funds to other things than positions.

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5) NTNU's Open Science plan

We think that NTNU's motto for our Open science plan is good ("As open as possible, as closed as necessary"). Furthermore, we think that the costs involved in storing and managing data bases with open data should not be at the department level, but at NTNU centrally. The economic aspects of open access publication should be made clearer. For example, it is occasionally who should pay for open access publication in journals that are not covered by existing agreements. To publish in NTNU Open is not good enough for articles being easily accessible to researchers who do not pay for access to the journal.

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6) Updates on items from the previous RC-meeting

- **Improving applications:** We will continue last year's internal feedback system this year. Henrik will put a message on Innsida asking people to sign up to be members of the internal review panel. In addition, people can present projects and project ideas in the Minisymposium organized by Daniela and others. People can contact Daniela to sign up for this (e.g. the early January session).
- **Bookitlab:** It is still not clear for people how this system should be used. This needs to be communicated clearly with the users, who should also be involved in deciding how we think the system should be used. A faglærermøte where this is discussed is strongly needed! Henrik will inform the leader group about this.
- **Mapping of technical support:** Stig has started the mapping process.
- **Funding opportunities:** NV has had a three weeks trial with ResearchConnect funding opportunities system. Veerle and Henrik have tried it and think this seems to be exactly what we would like to have. This has been clearly communicated to the people who organized the trial.

7) Any other business

- Will there be opportunities for PhD-travel funding next year? Henrik will take this up on the leader group.