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Marta 50 years

Our warmest congratulations to our colleague Marta, for her 50th anniversary the 11th of August! There has been a small private celebration, but all of us would like to express our best wishes for you, and thank you for being such a nice person and colleague.



Kjell Jørgen 25 years at UiB

15th of August we celebrated that Kjell Jørgen has been at the University for 25 years! In Petter's absence Pinar held a nice speech about Kjell Jørgen and his achievements. All of your colleagues would like to congratulate you with this long period of excellent contribution to the activities at UiB.



Department seminar Monday 10th September

Dr. Kenneth W. Regan, University at Buffalo (SUNY) will give a lecture on Monday the 10th of September, in Store Auditorium at 14.15:

The weblog /Gödel's Lost Letter and P=NP/ was started by Richard Lipton of Georgia Tech in February 2009. I am lucky to have known him and worked with him from the mid-1990's, and after being drawn in to several research topics the first spring and serving as copy-editor for a year, I am now full partner. Among several missions of the blog are promoting the freedom of ideas, excitement over research, personal factors that engender inspiration, and real-time interaction across continents. I will present examples from the blog, including current debate and discussions on quantum computation, solving linear equations, the impact of online courses, and long-standing open problems in mathematics and complexity theory. These include broadcasting some of our joint research and my own private work, focusing on my recent post "Grilling Quantum Circuits". Whether such a post makes a 28-pages-and-growing draft paper accessible for non-experts in the quantum sub-field is part of the story to discuss.

Reminder: Søknad om likestillingsmidler, frist 27. August

I henhold til UiB's handlingsplan for likestilling, kan man søke om midler til følgende likestillingstiltak:

- 1) Likestillingstiltak for bedre kjønnsbalanse i fagmiljøene. F.eks. kvalifiseringsstipend, faglige reiser, lederprogrammer eller nettverksbygging
- 2) Støtte til opprettelse av kvinnelige professor II-stillinger
- 3) Kvalifiseringsstipend til vitenskapelige ansatte med funksjonsnedsettelse

Instituttet må dekke en egenandel på 25 % av tiltaket (gjelder ikke for punkt 3 der UiB sentralt kan dekke 100%). Fristen for å søke er mandag 27. august, og søknad sendes til adm.sjef på instituttet.

University cabins, late autumn and Christmas – application deadline 14th September

UiB has 3 cabins at the mountain resort Ustaoset. It is now possible to send in online application for the period of 14th October 2012 to 6th January 2013. Application forms and information about the cabins and prices are on the UiB Intranet:

<https://skjema.app.uib.no/uheimen/f?p=106:1:2917263436445814>

ERC Advanced Grant

November 22 is the deadline for the very prestigious ERC Advanced Grant (ERC-2013-AdG). This will be the LAST CHANCE before 2014 to apply for 2,5m EUR to fund ANY research project, as long as it is new and groundbreaking. The grant will cover 5 years and will be topped up by UiB with 25% of the ERC contribution. Applicants can apply for project establishment support (PES) up to NOK 75,000. Applications coming up to the reserve list have the chance to get financed by RCN.

Currently, UiB is holding 5 ERC Advanced grants, the beneficiaries are Frede Thingstad (BIO); Fedor Fomin (Informatics); Pål Njølstad (Clinical Medicine); Chris Henshilwood (AKHR) and Kenneth Hugdahl (Psychology)

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Short introduction course to Indian culture and communication

Bergen Næringsråd/Bergen Chamber of Commerce will arrange an introduction course to Indian culture and communication Wednesday 29th August at 11.30-13.30. The course will be held at Grand Selskapslokaler, Ole Bulls Plass, and the themes will be Indian history and culture, culture at work, and Indian communication culture.

Registration deadline is 28th August at 12.00, and you register here:
<https://response.questback.com/bergenringsrd/q7rivr4jbd/>

Introduction course to Chinese language and culture

Bergen Næringsråd/Bergen Chamber of Commerce will arrange an introduction course to Chinese language and culture.

The course will start at Monday 3rd September, and be held 7 Mondays in Olav Kyrresgt. 11, 6th floor.
Price: NOK 4.250,-. Registration within 29th August.
For information and registration, please contact Ingrid Jæger at Ingrid@brb.no

Utlysning av Sino-Nordiske Nettverk innen høyere utdanning, forskning og innovasjon

Nordisk Ministerråd innbyr herved nettverk av nordiske universiteter til å søke om 3-årig støtte til å etablere nettverk mellom nordiske universiteter og universiteter eller andre partnere i Shanghai-området. Kontakt Fredrik Melander i Nordisk Ministerråd for mer informasjon, på mail frm@norden.org