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New PhDs: Angèle Abboud and Markus Dregi

We would like to welcome our new PhDs Angèle Abboud and Markus Dregi. Angèle is French, and she will work at the project "Biogoldmine"/FUGE in Nathalie Reuter's group. Markus is Norwegian, and he will work at "Be Hard"/BFS with Daniel Lokhstanov.



Department Seminar Monday 10th September and Turing Seminar Tuesday 11th September

We will have an extra Department Seminar in September, on the 10th, at 14.15-15.00 in Store Auditorium. The speaker will be Dr. Kenneth W. Regan, University at Buffalo, and the title of the seminar is "Gödel's lost letter and P = NP". More information about this seminar can be found at <http://www.uib.no/ii/seminar/2012/08/godel-s-lost-letter-and-p-np>

Dr. Regan will also do a seminar at Teglverket/Kvarteret the following day, Tuesday 11th September at 18.00. The title of the seminar is "Scoping the mind with Turing's chess machine", and more information can be found on: <http://turing.b.uib.no/2012/01/01/ken-regan-sjakkspillende-datamaskiner/>

Department Seminar Tuesday 18th September at 11.15

This is organized by the Optimization Group. The speaker will be Di Yuan, Department of Science and Technology, Linköping University, Sweden, and the title of the seminar is "Link Activation and Scheduling in Wireless Networks: An Optimization Perspective".

Julebord – Christmas celebration – tentative date 30th November

We would like to repeat the success of last year, by coming together before Christmas and enjoying the company of both our colleagues and the students. A committee is working on the program, thus more information will be given later, but please mark your calendar for this excellent night out together.

Veronika Solteszova will compete in Forsker Grand Prix 21st September



We are proud to tell you that our colleague Veronika Solteszova (PhD in visualization) is one of ten young researchers competing in this year's Forsker Grand Prix. Each competitor will have a short popular presentation about his or her research. The results will be influenced by voting of the audience, and the judges. The gala will take place on Friday, 21. September, in Peer-Gynt-salen in Grieghallen at 19.00. The tickets will be given out for free but must be obtained in advance.

Please follow the Forsker Grand Prix

web http://www.forskningsdagenebergen.com/?page_id=4789 and see

Trond Steihaug og Igor Semaev fikk SPIRE-midler

Gratulerer til Trond og Igor, som fikk henholdsvis kr. 50.000,- og kr. 100.000,- i SPIRE-midler. Institutt for Informatikk fikk med dette tildelt over 50% av hele potten som gikk til Mat.nat-fakultetet!

New Frontiers in Informatics (NEFI) 11th September

This workshop will be held in Bergen Tuesday 11 September from 09h00 - 14h00 at Studentsenteret, Seminar Room D. For more information, in particular the program, see:

http://ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Sections/Informatics/Informatics_Workshop_Bergen_2012

Mobility grants between Iceland and Norway for student and scientists.

Cooperation in the field of arctic studies. See further information at: <http://arcticstudies.is>

Application deadline for students: 1 October 2012. Individual mobility from 1-12 months. Travel grant: 1.200 €. Subsistence per month: 520 €

Application deadline for scientists: 15 October 2012. Individual or group mobility, 1-8 mobilities can be applied for. Travel grant: 500 – 1.100 €. Daily subsistence in Norway: 260 €. Daily subsistence in Iceland: 180 €. Maximum 6 days for subsistence. The beneficiary could stay longer but without additional funding.

Turn of pc's 28th – 30th September

During this weekend, the storage service for home directories will be out of service. This affects much of the IT department's operations. We recommend that no work involving IT services is done this weekend, and that users log out and/or turn off their PC's when leaving work Friday afternoon 28th September.

Fire Prevention Training (compulsory)

Time: October 4., 2012, 9:00 – 11:00, Venue: Seminar room B, Student Centre, Parkveien 1
From 09.00 to 10.00: theory, practical training with fire fighter from 10:00 to 11:00

According to current legislation, all employees at UiB must undergo fire prevention training, theory and practice. A course runs over 2 hours, 1 hour theory and one hour practical training. The practical training will take place in the area behind the Student Centre. Each course has 20 – 25 participants, more courses may be offered if this course is filled up.

Cost per. participant NOK. 250, covered by your faculty/department. Registration via the administration at your unit.

Opprykk til professor, frist 15. september

Fristen for å søke opprykk til professor er 15. september. Fakultetet har egen nettside der søkerne kan finne nødvendig informasjon:

<https://www.uib.no/matnat/om-fakultetet/organisasjon/internt/opprykk-til-professor>

Ethical guidelines

Guidelines for relations between supervisors and students or candidates" can be found here:

<https://wikihost.uib.no/matnat/index.php/Masterstudium>

Miniseminar karakterbeskrivelser 19. september

Det vil bli holdt et miniseminar vedrørende implementering av nye karakterbeskrivelser for masteroppgaver i MNT-fagene:

Onsdag 19. september 10:15 – 12:30, Aud. A, Allègaten 66, Auditoriefløyen. For ytterligere informasjon vises det til: <http://www.uib.no/matnat/utdanning/reglement-og-prosedyrer/reglement-i-utdanningssaker-ved-det-matematisk-naturvitenskapelige-fakultet/karactersetting-av-masteroppgaver-innenfor-mnt-fagene-nye-retningslinjer>

News from NAV regarding PhDs

PhDs will now be allowed to apply for unemployment benefits when their salary is stopped after the termination of the PhD-period: http://nyheter.uib.no/?modus=vis_nyhet&id=51535

Fram til no har det ikkje vore mogleg for arbeidssøklarar som skriv doktoravhandling på fritida å få dagpengar. NAV har heller ikkje gått med på å vudere dei enkelte søknadane individuelt. Dette har særleg ramma dei som ikkje vert ferdige på normert tid, og som står utan inntekt når stipendiatperioden går ut. No vil praksisen bli endra. Hovudregelen om at ein må være reell arbeidssøkar og ikkje under utdanning står fast. I eit brev til Forskarforbundet skriv Arbeids- og velferdsdirektoratet at dei no vil endre praksis og innføre individuell behandling av søknadane.

Information meeting about the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund (SPK) 23rd October

The meeting will be about the membership benefits, Tuesday 23.October from 3.p.m. Read more and register: <http://www.uib.no/poa/en/arrangement/2012/08/information-meeting-norwegian-public-service-pension-fund-spk>

Introduction seminar for new employees Friday 21.September

Read more and register: <http://www.uib.no/poa/en/seminar/2012/08/introduction-seminar-for-new-employees>

Utlysning av midler - WUN Research Development Fund 2012

Vitenskapelig ansatte som ønsker å lede et nytt WUN forskningssamarbeid, har anledning til å søke om prosjektmidler fra WUN Research Development Fund. Søknad om midler må falle inn under et av fire prioriterte tematiske områder:

- *Adapting to climate change*
- *Public health: non-communicable disease (NCD)*
- *Global higher education and research*
- *Understanding cultures*

Potensielle søkere bør lese *Guidelines* nøye. Merk også at søknadsskjemaet - *WUN Research Development Fund Application Form* - må benyttes. Ytterligere opplysninger og skjema finnes i ePhorte 2012/8740-1. Søknad med vedlegg sendes samlet med e-post direkte til Bjørn Erik Andersen (Bjorn.Andersen@adm.uib.no) med kopi til fakultetet. Søknadsfrist er fredag 26.10.12

III. International Masaryk Conference for Ph.D. Students and Young Researchers (December 10-14, 2012)

The Conference is organized by MAGNANIMITAS Assn., The Czech Republic and is intended to gain academics and Ph.D. students representing universities from European countries as well as representative of academic institutions and companies. All participants are welcomed to send their applications by the December 3, 2012 via applications forms that can be found at web site: http://www.mmk.econference.cz/english/the-application_en.html

All articles will be reviewed and published in a conference book. The publication will be handed when the Conference is over. You are asked to send the papers (max. 10 pages) in electronic version by December 4, 2012 (deadline). See instructions at: http://www.mmk.econference.cz/english/paper_en.html

All information about our Conference is available on International Masaryk Conference website: http://www.mmk.econference.cz/english/details_en.html