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### Join the Informatics' 7 mountain hikes!

This is a new social arrangement for all employees at the Department of Informatics. Every first Tuesday each month, starting in January, we will arrange a mountain hike, leaving at 13.00 from the Department. We will walk at a pace that can suit most of us, and when we reach the top, there will be free Bergen cinnamon rolls for everybody. We then walk down again together, and end the tour in the city centre. Some hikes will finish around 16.00, and some may last a bit longer. You will not have any deduction from your salary or work hours even if we leave the Department after lunch. (And you will of course not write any extra hours even if we finish after 15.45.)

The tentative plan (fixed dates, tentative mountains) is as follows:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013: Fløivarden

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013: Rundemanen

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Ulriken

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Lyderhorn

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Gravdalsfjellet



Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Gul fjellet

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Løvstakken

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Blåmanen

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Damgsårdsfjellet

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Ulriken again, cable car down since it's dark in the afternoon

This makes up 10 hikes. Each and one of you that reach 7 of the mountains during 2013, will receive the "Informatics 7 mountain hike" - diploma on a gathering before Christmas 2013. There will also be a "Mountain Queen/King" - prize, that will go to one woman and one man that participates in all 10 hikes.

Before each hike there will be some more detailed information, and you can register for the tour.

(We need registration because of the cinnamon rolls, and because some of the hikes require transportation from here to the starting point of the hike.)

Hope you see you on top of many Bergen mountains in 2013!



### **The gingerbread house challenge 2012**

As some of you might remember from last year, we had a competition where each research group, and the administration as one group, competed in building the most spectacular gingerbread house. This success will be repeated this year, and we start now! All groups will receive a standard package, with a gingerbread house in pieces, some extra dough, icing sugar and non-stop, which are the most common ingredients for a Norwegian gingerbread house. Beyond this, teams must account for any extra parts themselves.

The challenge to you is to upgrade this to be the department's best gingerbread house. You can do almost whatever you want to upgrade your start package. There are only two requirements you must fulfill: The house must be placed on the serving tray that comes with the standard package, and the house must be edible.

Contact Liljan Myhr or others in the administration to arrange delivery of the starter kit. All gingerbread houses must be delivered in the lunch room in 4<sup>th</sup> floor by 12.00 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Reminder information meetings PagaWeb**

PagaWeb is a web version of the UiB Personnel system Paga. In this system you can logon to see personnel related matters. It will be used for travel reimbursement, monthly pay, etc.

(Your paper copy of the salary slip will not be mailed out any more.)

There will be information meetings for people that would like more detailed info about this in the auditorium Egget in the student center.

The dates for the information meetings held in English are as follows:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 13.00-15.00

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 10.00-12.00

The remaining date for the information meeting held in Norwegian is as follows:

Tuesday 20<sup>nd</sup> November, 10-12

## **Meeting for women at II – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 14.15**

Three of our students attended the Grace Hopper Celebration in USA a few weeks ago (<http://gracehopper.org/2012/>). This is a conference for women in informatics, which gathered 3600 participants. The three students participating from II were Hannah A. Hansen, Anna Eilertsen and Sofija Ivanova, and they will tell us about this conference and what they learned. All women at II, also administrative personnel, are most welcome to join the meeting, and enjoy free pizza, an interesting theme, and the company of your female colleagues. We meet at the lunch room at 4<sup>th</sup> floor Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 14.15, and the meeting will last around 1 hour. Welcome!

## **Department Seminar Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 14.15**

We ask you to notice this date, when the PUT group invites you to a Department Seminar with the speaker Roy Cook: <http://www95.homepage.villanova.edu/roy.cook/>

*"There is no paradox of logical validity"*

*Abstract: JC Beall & Julien Murzi, Lionel Shapiro and Bruno Whittle have all recently argued that one can construct a 'paradox of logical validity' by supplementing Peano Arithmetic (or any theory strong enough for Gödel coding and diagonalization) with a binary validity predicate that holds of (the codes of) two formulas  $F$  and  $G$  if and only if the argument with  $F$  as premise and  $G$  as conclusion is logically valid. In this paper I demonstrate that, properly understood, there is no such paradox of logical validity, since the derivations of a contradiction in all three presentations depends on the illegitimate assumption that the rules for the validity predicate are themselves logically valid. A consistency proof for the correct rules for the validity predicate is also provided. The paper concludes by examining whether the argument(s) can be reconstructed to show that other notions of validity (e.g. "analytic validity", "follows as a matter of metaphysical necessity", etc.) are, indeed, paradoxical.*

## **Reminder: Christmas Party Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

The registration deadline for the Christmas Party is already passed, we have a lot of participants and an interesting program, and we are looking forward to the event!

## **Gathering for Torleiv Kløve Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 14.00**

The former Head of Department, Torleiv Kløve, retired at 31st October, and is now professor emeritus. We would like to show him our gratitude for the excellent work he has done for the Department of Informatics, and you are all invited to the lunch room at 4<sup>th</sup> floor Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 14.00.

## **Reporting of activities outside your UiB job – rapportering av sidegjøremål**

Alle registreringspliktige sidegjøremål ved UiB skal registreres elektronisk fra 1. januar 2013 og gjøres offentlig tilgjengelig i et eget register. Det ble vedtatt i Universitetsstyret 25. oktober 2012, [der kartlegging og revisjon av regler og rapportering av sidegjøremål](#) var blant sakene som ble behandlet.

Våren 2012 ble det gjennomført en kartlegging av omfanget av ansatte med bistilling, der oppdaterte tall fra oktober viser at det er 212 UiB-ansatte med bistillinger.

- Det er både legitimt og ønskelig at ansatte har sidegjøremål, så lenge det skjer i tråd med reglene universitetet har og ikke går utover eller kommer i konflikt med arbeidet ved universitetet, sier universitetsdirektør Kari Tove Elvbakken.

Både Riksrevisjonen og universitetets egen internrevisjon har påpekt svakheter og behov for presiseringer rundt reglene for sidegjøremål. De nye prinsippene tydeliggjør linjer i saksbehandling og godkjenningrutiner. **Alle sidegjøremål skal registreres, søkes og godkjennes elektronisk i personalsystemet Pagaweb.** Det legges også opp til at oversikten over sidegjøremål blir gjort offentlig tilgjengelig.

Se eget vedlegg til dette II-nytt for mer detaljer.

### **Introduction meeting for new employees at UiB – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Introduction meeting in English will be held later, this is in Norwegian:

UiB arrangerer nytt introduksjonskurs for nyansatte fredag 30. november. Introduksjonskurset er et tilbud til alle nyansatte, uavhengig av stillingsstørrelse og stillingsgruppe. Vi ber derfor enhetene om å legge forholdene til rette slik at nyansatte kan få mulighet til å delta på arrangementet. På kurset tar vi opp generelle tema ved det å være arbeidstaker ved UiB. I tillegg gis man mulighet til å bli kjent med andre tilsatte ved institusjonen.

Personal- og organisasjonsavdelingen arrangerer introduksjonskurs for nyansatte to ganger i året. All informasjon vil bli gitt på norsk. Universitetet ansetter mange utenlandske arbeidstakere. Det blir derfor arrangert tilsvarende kurs på engelsk, det vil bli sendt ut nærmere informasjon om dette på et senere tidspunkt.

Tidspunkt: 30. november kl. 09.00 – 15.00

Sted: Studentsenteret, seminarrom E

Påmelding: <https://skjema.app.uib.no/introkurs>

### **Working with Norwegians, cultural training – 22nd November 16.00-20.00**

If you are new in Norway, and would like to learn about communication and culture differences, you might register for this course:

<http://www.uib.no/researchermobility/kurs/2012/10/working-with-norwegians>

### **ERC Consolidator Grant (CoG) – deadline 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013**

The ERC Consolidator Grant (CoG) is aimed at outstanding scientists 7-12 years after completion of their PhD. Individuals can apply for up to 2 million € over 5 years to fund novel and ground breaking research projects.

The deadline is February 21st 2013. Please note that this is the last CoG call in the 7th Framework program.

Please contact the UiB division of Research Management at [anja.hegen@adm.uib.no](mailto:anja.hegen@adm.uib.no) if you are interested to apply. More information can be found on ERCs homepage

<http://erc.europa.eu/consolidator-grants> and on the Participant portal <http://tinyurl.com/d2rp9dk>

## **Meltzer Foundation and Bergen University Fund – deadline 1st December**

Remember the annual opportunity to apply for support from the Meltzer Foundation and the Bergen University Fund.

Application deadline is December 1, 13:00. The electronic application forms opened November 1.

### The Meltzer foundation:

Researchers, ph.d.-candidates and students at the University of Bergen are invited to apply for support for research projects, research related travels, etc..

See <http://www.meltzerfondet.no> for further application guidelines/advice. Then application form will also be available here from Nov.1.

### Bergen University Fund

The fund “contributes to the university meeting the requirements of its objects clause, with particular emphasis on promoting basic research, other scholarly activity and the dissemination and publication of research at the University of Bergen”.

See <http://www.uib.no/fond/> for further info and application form.

Note that Ph.d.s have to be formally admitted (enrolled) to the ph.d.-program to be eligible for applying for this kind of funding.

So, ph.ds who wants to apply for Meltzer funding have to submit their application for admission to the ph.d.-program (together with all necessary documents) no later than November 12.

Questions related to ph.d.-admission? Contact Steinar.

Questions related to project/application budgeting? Contact Liv Rebecca.

## **Nye retningslinjer for karaktersetting av masteroppgaver innenfor MNT-fagene**

Den 19. september 2012 arrangerte MN-fakultetet et miniseminar i anledning implementering av nye retningslinjer for karaktersetting av masteroppgaver. Innlederen på seminaret Prof. Carl Henrik Gørbitz, UiO, var leder av arbeidsgruppen som utarbeidet de nye nasjonale retningslinjene.

Foredraget hans ble tatt opp på video og for alle som ikke hadde mulighet å delta på arrangementet, er både videoopptaket og PowerPoint-presentasjonen lagt ut nederst på denne Eksternweb-siden:

<http://www.uib.no/matnat/utdanning/reglement-og-prosedyrer/reglement-i-utdanningssaker-ved-det-matematisk-naturvitenskapelige-fakultet/karaktersetting-av-masteroppgaver-innenfor-mnt-fagene-nye-retningslinjer>