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Thank you to the Christmas Party Committee

We would all like to express our thanks to Steinar and the committee for organizing such a nice evening for us all. Thanks also to all of you showing up and contributing to the excellent atmosphere!



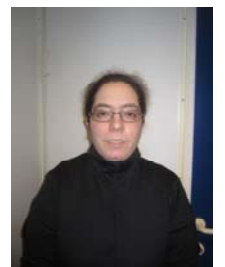
Thank you to Torleiv Kløve

The former Head of Department, Torleiv Kløve, retired at 31st October, and is now professor emeritus. At a gathering in the lunch room 26th November we showed him our gratitude for the excellent work he has done for the Department of Informatics.



New researcher: Archontia C. Giannopoulou

We would like to welcome our new researcher Archontia, who can be found at office 3155 from 1st December. She is Greek, and she will work on Fedor Fomin's ERC-project.



Department Seminar Thursday 6th December at 14.15

We ask you to notice this date, when the Algorithms group invites you to a Department Seminar, where Daniel Lokshtanov will talk about Conditional Running Time Lower Bounds.

The gingerbread house challenge 2012

Several spectacular gingerbread houses are now on display in the lunch room. Later in December a jury will decide which will win the price and honour of the best gingerbread house 2012!



Focus on Health, Safety and Environment/HMS - 5th December

Wednesday 5th December there will be an extra focus on HSE/HMS at the Department of Informatics. Our safety delegate Liljan will do a HSE-round of the department together with Petter and Anne and visit each and one of you, to see if you have any HSE challenges we can solve for you. Both physical, like tables, chairs, temperature and so on, and psychological, like the relations between colleagues and how you feel at work, will be considered. Where there has been previous measures and goals, we will check if they have had the desired effect or not, and we will review the goals and draw up an HSE action plan.

For more information about the UiB HSE/HMS-work:

<http://www.uib.no/matnat/en/resources/health-safety-and-environment-hse>

Christmas trip to Horda Museum 11th December – deadline 5th December

The trip is especially targeted for International employees but is also open for Norwegian employees. Join us and have a little bit of Norway in your Christmas preparations. The trip is offered free of charge to university employees, their spouses/partners and family members. The trip will be arranged the afternoon of Tuesday 11th December 15.30 – 19.00.

For more information and registration within 5th December:

<http://www.uib.no/researchermobility/arrangement/2012/11/christmas-trip-to-horda-museum>

Register for the first Informatics 7 mountain hike – 8th January 2013

The first Informatic Mountain Hike will take place Tuesday 8th January. We will walk from II/HiB to Fløivarden (Mount Fløien Cairn/landmark). This is the highest point at Mount Fløien, 393 metres above sea level, which is around 70 metres higher than the upper station of the Funicular.

More detailed information will be sent by e-mail in short time. You are all most welcome to join, and please to register at anne.lien@ii.uib.no within Friday 4th January.



Remember that 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.

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Målgruppe: Undervisnings- og instituttledere, programstyreledere, undervisere, studenter og studieadministrativt personale. Program og påmelding: <http://www.uib.no/ua/kontakt/raad-og-utval/utdanningsutvalget/seminar-og-konferanser/studiekvalitetsseminar-13.-desember-2012>