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### UiB Learning Environment Prize to Informatics!

Our Department has been awarded the UiB prize for a good learning environment. We appreciate this very much, as this is a prize for all the good work that has been carried through within this area. The prize, NOK 50.000,-, will be used for continuously improvement of the learning environment at the department. We would like to thank all employees that are working hard for giving the students a good learning environment, and also thanks to the students for nominating us!

### The winners of the gingerbread house challenge 2012

On a gathering 12<sup>th</sup> December, prizes and honor were given to the winners in several categories. Thank you to all participants for these spectacular gingerbread houses!

### Ivan Viola and Saket Saurabh appointed Professor

We are happy to inform you that Ivan Viola at the Visualization group, and Saket Saurabh at the Algorithms group, have both been promoted Professor at the University of Bergen. Congratulations from all of your colleagues!

We would also like to inform you that Ivan has taken on another position abroad from 1<sup>st</sup> January. However, he will be appointed Professor II at Informatics, and will thus still be a part our team.



## **Celebration and Christmas gathering Thursday at 14.00**

We will gather in the lunch room at 4<sup>th</sup> floor Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 14.00 to celebrate Ivan and Saket's promotion. This will also be a gathering to mark the end of the year at Informatics, for all employees.

## **Register for the first Informatics 7 mountain hike – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

The first Informatics Mountain Hike will take place Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the website for more information: <https://www.uib.no/ii/en/about-the-department/1st-hike-tuesday-8th-january-to-floivarden>

We are currently working with an online registration solution, but for this first hike we ask you kindly to register by sending an e-mail to [anne.lien@ii.uib.no](mailto:anne.lien@ii.uib.no) within Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January (we have already received several registrations). You are all most welcome to join!



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.

## **Meltzerfondet – frist 31. desember 2012**

Søknadsfrist til Meltzerfondet er 31. desember 2012. Vær oppmerksom på at det lyses ikke ut midler til forskningsprosjekter i år, men forskere kan søke om midler til vitenskapelige reiser som tidligere år. For 2013 vil det også være mulig å søke om støtte til forskningstermin (opptil kr. 100 000,-). Vurdering av tildeling vil avhenge av kvaliteten av opplegget for forskningsterminen. Planer om utenlandsopphold vil bli tillagt vekt. Søkere til vitenskapelige reiser og forskningstermin benytter samme skjema: <http://meltzerfondet.no/>

## **Meltzerprisen – frist 31. desember 2012**

Fondet deler årlig ut priser for yngre forskere og for fremragende forskningsformidling <http://meltzerfondet.no/priser/priser.htm>  
Professorer og instituttstyrere ved UiB kan foreslå kandidater til Meltzerfondets priser. Grunnlagt forslag om tildeling av prisene sendes signert til fondet innen 31. desember. For nærmere opplysninger og svar på de vanligste spørsmålene om prisene og fremgangsmåten ved nominering av kandidater se: <http://meltzerfondet.no/omfondet/retningslinjer.htm> og <http://meltzerfondet.no/priser/sjekkliste.htm>

## **Department Seminar Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 14.15**

We ask you to notice this date, when the Bioinformatics group invites you to a Department Seminar. More information will be given later.

**The administration and the Head of Department would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for the New Year!**

