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University Fund grant to Informatics

Professor Jan Arne Telle and Associate Professor Michal Walicki have been granted NOK 180.000,- from Bergen University Fund. The purpose is to focus on the 100 years anniversary of the English mathematician and computer scientist Alan M. Turing, born June 1912. Congratulations to Jan Arne and Michal from all of your colleagues!

For more information about Turing, please see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Turing

Science under the algorithmic lens, 22nd March at 14.15

The Algorithms group at the Departement of Informatics welcome all of you to an interesting talk Thursday 22nd March from 14.15 – 15.30 in Store Auditorium HIB. Speaker is Thore Husfeldt, from Lund University and IT University of Copenhagen. Here is his presentation of the talk:

Computer Science is on its way to become the foundation of all of science. Software is the language of science, almost all data is digital, and computer applications permeate all fields.

But that's not what this talk is about. Instead, I will give an introduction to the concept of the algorithmic lens. This concept includes the idea of computational thinking: the perspective that reality can be understood as an algorithmic phenomenon, a continuation of the mechanistic worldview from Leibniz via Turing. The presentation is non-technical and structured along a number of examples. It is admittedly skewed by my background as an algorithms person, but is also meant as a cheeky attempt to present Computer Science as a source of an intellectual mindset, rather than merely a technological tool.

Kvinnenettverk/ II-women's meeting 14th May

The annual meeting for all the women at Dept. of Informatics will be held Monday 14th May. We leave the office together at 16.00 in the afternoon, and walk to Grand Hotel Terminus, which is located just opposite the railway station. At 16.30 there will be a talk by Professor and Head of Department of Earth Science Gunn Mangerud. She holds a PhD in Geology, and is President of the Norwegian Geological Society, and a board member of several organizations like CIPR and Bjerknes Centre. Her employment history counts both work as researcher/geologist at SINTEF, Head of section/senior geologist researcher at Norsk Hydro, and Director at SIU (The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education.) After the talk we would like to invite you to an informal dinner at the hotel, and enjoy the company of your female colleagues.



There will be a reminder later on, but we would just like to inform you about the date.

Møte med Miles

IT-konsulentselskapet Miles besøkte Institutt for informatikk torsdag 16.februar.

De hadde med seg en gavesjekk til instituttet til bruk til rekrutteringstiltak. De har sett behovet for flere dyktige informatikere fremover, spesielt flere kvinner, og vil gjerne bidra til å gjøre noe med det. Les nyhets sak om arrangementet og gaveoverrekkelsen her:

<http://www.uib.no/ii/nyheter/2012/02/rekrutteringsgave-til-informatik>



Småforsk – utlysning av midler fra fakultetet, søknadsfrist 20.mars

Utllysning av små driftsmidler 2012 ved fakultetet er nå klar. Formålet med ordningen er å avhjelpe mangelen på små driftsmidler, og det forutsettes at midlene går til gode enkeltforskere eller forskergrupper som ikke allerede har store driftsmidler. Størrelsen for hver tildeling settes til 15.000 – 150.000,-, og det forutsettes at instituttet dekker minimum 30%. Bevilgningene er ettårige og benyttes innenfor budsjettåret, og mottakere av støtte må være aktive forskere i fast vitenskapelig stilling.

Vi ber om at de som ønsker å søke om slike midler sender en mail til anne.lien@ii.uib.no innen 20. mars. Vi trenger følgende informasjon: Navn og tittel på forsker, hva driftsmidlene skal dekke, og sum som søkes. Så skal instituttet prioritere søknadene som mottas, og sende dem til fakultetet innen 23.mars.

Horizons lectures by the Faculty

The new Horizons lectures series by The faculty of mathematics and natural sciences aims at reaching staff, students and other interested parties, with a focus on major scientific questions and challenges. <http://www.uib.no/horisonter>

The Horizons Lectures celebrates the 150 years anniversary of the birth of Vilhelm Bjerknes, with lectures by Sir Brian Hoskins (19. March) (in english) and Odd Helge Otterå (22. March) (in norwegian).

Mandag 19. mars 2012, kl. 10.15 Auditoriet på Vilvite: Implications of Vilhelm Bjerknes' work in modern climate science. Brian Hoskins, Imperial College
<https://www.uib.no/gfi/gjesteforelesning/2012/02/the-fingerprints-of-vilhelm-bjerknes-on-modern-climate-science>

Torsdag 22. mars 2012 kl. 14.15, Auditoriet på Vilvite
På jakt etter dirigenten for klimaorkesteret - om naturlige og menneskeskapt klimaendringer
Odd Helge Otterå, Bjerknessenteret Uni Research
<https://www.uib.no/matnat/gjesteforelesning/2012/03/odd-helge-otteraa-bjerknessenteret-uni-research>

Purchasing at II

For those of you using Basware Purchasing system: When you make orders in this system, please direct them to Anne Lien, and not longer to Petter Bjørstad.
For those of you ordering items through the e-mail address trouble@bccs.uib.no, please send a copy of your order/e-mail to ekspedisjon@ii.uib.no so that they will be able to trace the invoice.

Interesting book about ITK

You might like to check this book out: "Gender-Technology Relations" by Hilde Corneliussen:
<http://www.uib.no/ll/nyheter/2012/02/ikt-og-kvinner-hva-skjer>

LNCS paper copy giveaway

The science library are cleaning out some of the printed copies of Lecture Notes in Computer Science at the Science Library, and they would rather see someone take them home than just throw them away. Here is a list of the titles:
<http://www.uib.no/ub/nyheter/2012/02/printed-issues-of-lncs-handet-out-at-the-science-library>

Simon Mitternacht at the UiB-library will keep the books in his office for a couple of weeks so that UiB staff gets the first picking. Send him an email if you want to reserve something, or just come by his office simon.mitternacht@ub.uib.no

If anyone has missed the news, we now have unlimited perpetual online access to LNCS via SpringerLink: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/105633/>
(and also Lecture Notes in Mathematics: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/110312/>), which is why they are getting rid of the printed copies. They are only giving away issues that aren't already archived at the national library, i.e. the ones given away are likely to be among the more interesting in the series.