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We have had 9 great hikes so far this year, to Fløien, Rundemanen, Ulriken, Lyderhorn, Gravdalsfjellet, Gulfjellet, Blåmanen, Løvstakken and Damsgårdsfjellet (picture above, by Asieh.) This year's last hike will be to Ulriken at Tuesday 3rd December. We will as usual leave the Department at

13.00. But **please notice**: For those of you who do not want to take part in the hike, we will arrange transportation to the Ulriken cable car, to join the hiking group on the top, and spend some time there together after the hike, before we take the cable car down again. This “cable car group” will leave the Department at 15.00 in the afternoon.

Please register, either for the hike, or for the “cable car group” by sending an e-mail to anne.lien@ii.uib.no within Friday 29th November.

Please also notice that the 2013 Mountain King and Mountain Queen will be announced at a gathering in the lunch room later in December, at the same time as we announce the winner of the Gingerbread house challenge.



The gingerbread house challenge 2013

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. This year the students will also join us, and the competition will be fierce!

All groups will receive a standard package, with a gingerbread house in pieces, 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.

Your starter kit can be picked up in the reception. All gingerbread houses must be delivered in the lunch room in 4th floor by 12.00 Friday 6th December.

Focus on Health, Safety and Environment/HMS - Monday 25th November

Monday 25th November 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. We start around 11.00, and go on after lunch.

If you have any specific issues you would like to raise, you are welcome to contact us in advance, either by e-mail or by a talk in our office. You can contact the safety delegate Liljan at Liljan.myhr@ii.uib.no or head of administration Anne at anne.lien@ii.uib.no. This will be confidential, thus what you tell us will not be discussed with others.

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

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

Reminder about the defibrillator in the reception at 4th floor, and how to use it

We would like to remind all of you that the department has an automatic external defibrillator placed in the reception at 4th floor. Even if our work place is very close to both the Emergency ward and the main hospital, every second is important in case of a sudden cardiac arrest/cardiac infarction. Thus please bear in mind that we have this device and where it is based, and also please take a look at this instruction about how to use it:

<http://www.slideshare.net/firstresponsetraining/how-to-use-an-aed> and
<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/aed/howtouse.html>

New conference about passwords by Simula@UiB 2nd and 3rd December

“Passwords” is the first and only conference of its kind, gathering leading researchers & professionals in password security and authentication methods in general. For more information about this event, please see <http://passwordscon.org>

A new BFS-project to the Department of Informatics!

Congratulations to our department and especially to Eivind Valen for the BFS-funding! From the press release:

Vi viser til årets utlysning av rekrutteringsprogrammet i regi av Bergens forskningsstiftelse. På bakgrunn av eksterne evalueringsrapporter fra internasjonale sakkyndige eksperter, samt gårsdagens (14.11.2013) intervjuer, behandlet styret i Bergens medisinske forskningsstiftelse sak om tildeling, og gjorde følgende vedtak:

"Styret gir forretningsfører fullmakt til å fremforhandle og inngå prosjektavtaler med Universitetet i Bergen for hvert av de følgende tre fireårige rekrutteringsprosjekt:

- *Prosjekttittel: Earth System Interactions and Information Transfer
Prosjektleder: Bjarte Hannisdal,
Prosjektvert: Institutt for geovitenskap, Senter for geobiologi, Det matematisk-naturvitenskapelige fakultet, Universitetet i Bergen
Ramme for BFS-tildeling: 4.092.000 kr*
- *Prosjekttittel: A stem cell differentiation approach to study development of diabetes and pancreatic disease
Prosjektleder: Helge Ræder.
Prosjektvert: Klinisk institutt 2, Det medisinsk-odontologiske fakultet, Universitetet i Bergen
Ramme for BFS-tildeling: 8.000.000 kr*
- *Prosjekttittel: Integrated genomics - linking transcriptional and translational regulation over developmental time
Prosjektleder: Eivind Valen,
Prosjektvert: Institutt for informatikk, Det matematisk-naturvitenskapelige fakultet, Universitetet i Bergen
Ramme for BFS-tildeling: 8.000.000 kr"*

Introduction course for new employees, in Norwegian 29th November, English later

A course in English for new employees will be arranged later, and information about this course will be distributed in due time.

UiB arrangerer nytt introduksjonskurs for nyansatte fredag 29. 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: 29. november kl. 09.00 – 15.00

Sted: Museplass 1, rom M1

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

Announcement of the faculty's funds and legacies for 2014, deadline 1st December

The deadline for applications for funds from the faculty's funds and legacies for 2014, is 1 December 2013. The amount available for allocations will be decided by the Fund and Legacy board at the University of Bergen in February 2014. No grants were given in 2013, but in previous years a total of NOK 400,000-500,000 has been made available for allocations. For applications, please see <http://www.uib.no/matnat/en/research/funds-and-legacies>

The applications will be assessed by a committee appointed by The Faculty board. The successful applicant should submit a precise project description where the purpose of the application, which fund or legacy you are primarily applying to, and the period for which you are applying, should be made clear. The project must be in accordance with the purpose of the fund/legacy.

Students at the University of Bergen are encouraged to apply for student-legacies:

<http://www.uib.no/utdanning/studentliv/okonomi-og-forsikring/legat-og-fond/universitetet-i-bergen-sine-studentlegat>

The application is to be submitted electronically before 1 December 2013 to: okonomi@mnfa.uib.no. Applications sent elsewhere might not be considered. The granting of funds will take place mid-April 2014. Link to [other](#) funds and legacies at the University of Bergen.

L. Meltzer Høyskolefond in English : <http://meltzerfondet.no/hovedsiden/english/>

Bergen University Fund in English: <http://www.uib.no/ledelsen/en/field-of-work/bergen-university-fund>

Workshop/hvordan søke ERC Starting- eller Consolidator Grant

Norges Forskningsråd vil sammen med Universitetet i Bergen arrangere en workshop for forskere ved norske institusjoner som planlegger å søke ERC Starting- eller Consolidator Grant.

Tid: 4. desember 2013, VilVite

De første utlysningene innen Horisont 2020 av ERC Starting-og Consolidator Grant vil bli publisert 11. desember 2013. Frist for søknader er 25. mars for Starting Grant og 3. juni for Consolidator Grant.

Vi inviterer til workshop for å hjelpe deg og sende en konkurransedyktig søknad til ERC. Den vil gi deg viktig informasjon om hvordan du skal skrive en best mulig søknad basert på erfaringer fra de tidligere ERC utlysningene.

Påmeldingslenke og program:

http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Arrangement/BergenWorkshophvordan_soke_ERC_Starting_eller_Consolidator_Grant/1253990391283?lang=no

Påmelding innen 2. desember.

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