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### **Summer party Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June!**

Our Head of Department Petter Bjørstad invites everybody to his home at Natlandsfjellet to celebrate summer, and to thank you for your efforts this semester. The chosen date is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, and we meet outside this building, HiB, at 16.00. A bus will take us up to Petter's house, around 15 minutes' drive from here. You may also come later on your own if that is more convenient for you. There will be a barbecue, and a party until late in the evening. Everybody should bring something to eat and drink, and there will be salads, bread and cake on the house. Please register by sending an e-mail to [anne.lien@ii.uib.no](mailto:anne.lien@ii.uib.no) within Monday at lunchtime. Please notice that if the weather forecast should change considerably before Tuesday, the party will be moved to another date.

### **Tor Bastiansen 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – congratulations!**

Our kind and reliable accountant Tor will reach his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next week, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Tor, you have more experience at II than most of us altogether, and we really appreciate that you are a part of the II-team. Congratulations from all of your colleagues!



## **Gathering for Yngve Villanger Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 14.00**

Yngve Villanger will leave us now after many years at the Department, and we would like to express our appreciation for his work here. You are thus all invited to at gathering at the lunch room at 4<sup>th</sup> floor Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 14.00. Welcome!

## **Pictures from the hike to Gulffjellet 4<sup>th</sup> June**

A group of 8 from the Department reached the top of Gulffjellet on the II-hike this week. The weather was wonderful, and the group decided to climb another mountain in addition, so also the Austlirinden was reached this day. A very fit group with a dedicated tour leader! The photographer responsible for these wonderful pictures is Pim at the Algorithms group, thanks to him.



There is definitely room for more participants in the group, and the current members would like to invite you all to join the next hikes. We walk at a reasonable pace, talk about job matters or any other items, and enjoy the nature, the view and the company of our colleagues. The next hike will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, more information will follow.



## **Election of members to the Department Council**

The Department Council has members from four groups: Group A/ permanent faculty, group B/temporary faculty, group C/techn.-adm.personnell, and group D/students. There will soon be an election on new members for the Council, and the election board will inform about the candidates and the formalities of the election in due time.

## **Department seminar Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 14.15**

The Algorithms group would like to invite you to a department seminar 24<sup>th</sup> June at 14.15, -please notice that this is a Monday.

Speaker: Knut Arild Erstad og Karl Trygve Kalleberg fra KolibriFX (hvh Master i Algoritmer 2002 og PhD i PUT 2007)

Tittel: Algorithmic Trading from a Technologist's Perspective

Abstract: The highly interwoven and complex international financial system is a fundamental requirement for our ever-growing welfare. Exponential population growth and increased means of communication are but a few drivers for the recent increases in financial transactions; with it follows an insatiable demand for low-latency, high-speed processing. Furthermore, new financial instruments are continually introduced into the markets, increasing the variety and complexity of the individual transactions. In this talk, we will give a short primer on the electronic financial markets, explain the concept of algorithmic trading, and discuss the various information processing challenges present in a domain where the technologist's job is to build systems which process massive amounts of a data, with low-latency, high-throughput and no failures (pick all three).

## **Teaser: Christmas Party Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

You may not be in the right mood at the moment, but Christmas will be here in half a year from now. As there are quite many persons on the invitation list, we have already booked date and place for the Department's annual Christmas Party, and we would just like to inform you about the date, which is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Coming back to this much later 😊

## **Oppfordring til å foreslå kandidater til Forskningsrådets pris for fremragende forskning**

Forskningsmiljøene oppfordres med dette til å nominere kandidater til Forskningsrådets pris for fremragende forskning, Møbius-prisen, som skal deles ut under Forskningsrådets festaften i Oslo konserthus 18. september 2013. Forslagene må sendes Forskningsrådet senest 14.juni 2013.

Prisen for fremragende forskning deles ut årlig og er på 1 million kroner. Prisen går til forskere som holder meget høy faglig kvalitet, nasjonalt og internasjonalt, og omfatter alle fag og disipliner, inkludert tverrfaglige miljøer. Prisen skal være inspirasjonskilde til videre innsats. Både forskningsmiljøer og enkeltpersoner kan foreslå kandidater.

Forslagene må være fylldig begrunnet og godt dokumentert, og sendes til Forskningsrådet som vanlig post innen 21. juni 2013. Mer informasjon om Forskningsrådets tre priser for henholdsvis fremragende forskning, formidling og innovasjon kan finnes på Forskningsrådets nettsider [www.forskingsradet.no](http://www.forskingsradet.no).

## **PEK-midler og Ugleprisen**

Vil gjøre oppmerksom på følgende vedtaksforslag i neste Utdanningsutvalg ved Universitetet i Bergen.

"Det foreslås derfor at utlysingsbrev blir sendt i juni, og at frist for søknader til PEK-midler og for forslag til kandidater til Ugleprisen blir satt til 16. september 2013. Vedtak om tildeling av prisen blir gjort i UU-møte 14. november, og prisen deles ut på studiekvalitetsseminaret i desember."

De foreslåtte satsningsområdene er:

- Studentaktiv forskning
- Rekruttering
- Internasjonalisering
- Studiegjennomføring og frafall
- Digitale støttesystem for undervisnings- og læringsformål
- Kvalifikasjonsrammeverket og kvalitetssikringssystemet
- Etter- og videreutdanning
- Andre prosjekt med klar overføringsverdi

Hvis det er noen ved instituttet som planlegger en PEK søknad, så er Harald Åge Sæthre på fakultetet kontaktperson.

## **Informasjon om ny SFI –utlysning 12. juni**

Tid: 12. juni kl 13.00 – 14.30

Sted: Hordaland Fylkeskommune, 1. etasje Agnes Mowinckels gate 5, Bergen

Det er planlagt oppstart av nye SFI-sentre i 2015. Utlysningen er nå under arbeid. Programkoordinator Liv Jorunn Jenssen kommer til Bergen den 12. juni og vil informere om planer, krav til skisser og søknader mm.

Møtet er et åpent for alle interesserte. Det er ingen avgift for deltagelse. Påmelding til: Atle Markussen ([ama@forskningsradet.no](mailto:ama@forskningsradet.no)) innen 10. juni.