Michal Pilipczuk has been awarded the Meltzer Prize

Our former PhD-student, now researcher, Michal Pilipczuk, has completed his PhD-degree in extraordinary short time, and his work was cited for its unusual breadth and depth. For his outstanding achievements he has been awarded the Meltzer Prize for young researchers last week:

http://pahoyden.no/2014/03/her-er-vinnarane

Congratulations from all of your colleagues, we are proud that you are working at the Department of Informatics!

Department seminar Thursday 13th March at 14.15

The PUT group is happy to announce the following Department Seminar:
Working with objects — in computer and mind
Stort auditorium (2144), Thursday 13th March 1415-1500.
Lecturer: Trygve Reenskaug, Dept. of Informatics, University of Oslo. Trygve Reenskaug is professor emeritus and has made pioneering contributions to the development of modern user interfaces.

I introduce a new paradigm for computer programming called DCI - Data, Context, Interaction. DCI brings programming to the level of everyday concepts and activities. The professional programmer can attack complex problems without undue additional complexity. The software maintainer can preserve system integrity by understanding and honoring the system architecture long after the originators have moved on to other projects. DCI can be embedded in different programming languages that are specialized for different purposes. The DCI concepts can become a unifying foundation for programming. DCI specifies a program as seen in two orthogonal projections; the Data projection describes system state and the Context projection system behavior.

**HSE-survey**
This and next week the department will carry out an HSE-survey. The purpose is to examine how our work environment is perceived physical as well as social, as well as getting ideas for possible improvements. We would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to answer the questions. The survey is anonymous, and it will not be possible for anyone to connect answers and respondents. The survey results will be reviewed at the department’s spring gathering in Øystese 2nd April.

**The next Informatics’ walkabout 2014: Hordnesskogen 1st April**

We had a very nice walk in Kanadaskogen a few weeks ago (see picture), and will now invite everyone to a walk in Hordnesskogen.

This is a large and old wood in Fana south of Bergen, not far from the shopping centre Lagunen. Until 1999 only farmers and a few others used this wood, as there were no roads or good paths. Since then, more than 10 kilometres of gravel road has been constructed, giving easy access to the wood for everyone.

Depending on the number of participants we will take a bus or a taxi to Hordnes. We will have a nice walkabout on easily walked gravel roads in the woods, around 5-6 kms. The cinnamon-roll-break will be at a nice beach by the Fana fjord, so you might bring your swim suit if you are a real Viking!

We expect to finish around 16.00/16.30. Please register by sending an e-mail to Anne, anne.lien@ii.uib.no.
Reminder: Please register for the Department Spring Seminar: 2nd – 3rd April in Øystese

This year’s Department Spring Seminar/II getaway discussions will be held Wednesday 2nd to Thursday 3rd April in Øystese, http://www.hardangerfjord-hotell.no/en/. Please meet outside the Department building not later than 07.50 Wednesday 2nd April. The bus will leave at 08.00 sharp and take us via Åsane and Arna to Øystese and Hardangerfjord Hotel. Return with bus from Øystese Thursday 3rd April at 16.00, arrival Bergen around 17.30/18.00. The program will focus on HSE and our Bachelor programs.

Please register for the Spring Seminar as soon as possible, and within 17th March at the latest, to anne.lien@ii.uib.no. It is more or less mandatory for permanent faculty and administrative/technical personnel, while temporary staff are most welcome as long as the capacity permits it.

Welcome!

Announcement of SPIRE funding 2014 – deadline 10th April

Det lyses ut midler i UiB sitt strategiske program for internasjonalt forsknings- og undervisningssamarbeid (SPIRE) for 2014. Det oppfordres særlig til å søke om midler for samarbeid med UiBs strategiske internasjonale nettverkspartnere.

Det kan søkes om SPIRE-midler i to kategorier:
(1) SPIRE midler for internasjonale nettverks-/partnerskapssamarbeid.
(2) SPIRE gjesteforskermiddler

Søkerne bes å lese Retningslinjer for søkere og søker må benytte SPIRE søknadsskjema. Merk at retningslinjer og søknadsskjema også finnes på engelsk (2014/2111-2). Dette kan fås hos anne.lien@ii.uib.no.

Instituttene foretar vurdering og rangering av søknadene, før søknadene sendes til fakultetet. Fakultetsledelsen vil foreta en rangering av søknadene før oversending til Forskningsadministrativ avdeling.

Information meeting about Forsker Grand Prix Monday 31st March at 13.00


Read more about the information meeting here: http://www.uib.no/foransatte/62801/informasjonsm%C3%B8te-om-forsker-grand-prix

Register for the meeting here: ingeborg.revheim@adm.uib.no
Reminder: Registration of additional information/sidegjøremål in PagaWeb

The so-called “sidegjøremål” is a term for any activity the UiB employees might have in addition to their employment at UiB. No matter if it is voluntary or paid activities, the employees will have to register these activities in PagaWeb. The purpose is to avoid conflicts of interest between the activities and UiB. The only exception from this obligatory registration is minor tasks regarding for instance work as sensor, referee, member of external committees, etc.

For more information, please see: [http://www.uib.no/aktuelt/36857/f%c3%a5r-full-%c3%a5penhet-om-sidegj%c3%b8rem%c3%a5l](http://www.uib.no/aktuelt/36857/f%c3%a5r-full-%c3%a5penhet-om-sidegj%c3%b8rem%c3%a5l)

To register in PagaWeb, please follow these steps: Tasks – new form – additional information – add – 5000 Søknad om sidegjøremål, and then add the proper category and additional information. If your “sidegjøremål” is a paid position by another company/institution, a so-called “bistilling”, you are also requested to send a copy of this work contract to anne.lien@ii.uib.no

Publishing course for PhD-students

In April 2014 the University Library offers PhD candidates at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences a series of courses addressing publishing issues, advanced literature searching techniques and information management. The faculty highly recommends participation! The main part of the program is held on April 8th and will include a free lunch for the participants, so please note that your registration is binding. Sign up and find out more about the Science Library here [https://sites.google.com/site/phdubb/](https://sites.google.com/site/phdubb/)

FRIPRO mobilitetsstipend for unge forskere

NFR har nå for første gang utlyst FRIPRO mobilitetsstipend for unge forskere. Stipendene er åpne for søkere fra alle fagområder. 14 stipender lyser ut. Stipendene er en samfinansiering mellom NFR (60%) og EUs Marie Curie (40%). Stipendet er 3-årig, hvorav 2 år i utlandet og 1 år i Norge. Formålet med ordningen er å styrke norske yngre forskeres mobilitet, attraktivitet og karriereutvikling gjennom lengre og sammenhengende forskningsopphold utenlands.

Søknadsfrist: 21. mai

Utlysning [her](https://sites.google.com/site/phdubb/)