

People

On March 18 **Blaize** and **Monica** successfully defended their PhD theses, Blaize focusing on greenhouse gas dynamics in lakes, and Monica focusing on the life strategies of freshwater bacterioplankton. In the evening limnos, families and friends gathered to celebrate and look back at the four years of Blaize and Monica's hard work, friendship, and collaboration.



Blaize has been selected to receive the 2015 Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing for JGR-Biogeosciences. The award is given to outstanding reviewers consistently providing constructive and thoughtful reviews. An announcement with the complete selection of reviewers is planned for publication in a future issue of Eos.

On April 5, **Maren Zark** from the University of Oldenburg in Germany gave a seminar "Effects of ocean acidification on marine dissolved organic matter: results from two mesocosm studies".



Emma Åkerman Fulford will do a research internship with Sebastian, Jovana and Anastasija, and after the summer start a master thesis with Raquel about carbon burial in hydroelectric reservoirs.



Courses

The new master course **Baltic Sea - Ecology and natural resources** started on March 29. The course runs for 10 weeks and includes teaching at EBC and field course on Gotland (Ar field station) in the end of May. The course has been developed jointly by teachers from Uppsala and Campus Gotland (Bertil W., Anders N., Anna B., Eva L.). The teachers involved are **Bertil Widbom** (course leader), **Oona Lönnstedt**, **Anders Nissling** and **Stefan Bertilsson**. We will see the Gotland limnos around at EBC, now and then during the coming weeks. This course is the final piece of a long-term plan to create a complete two year Limnology specialization of the Biology Master Programme.



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On the 31st of March, **Kurt Pettersson**

retired as director of Erken Laboratory after a life-long commitment to the field-station. Of course he will still be very much involved and keeps his place at Erken as Professor



Emeritus. The new director of the field station is **Silke Langenheder**, who has been working alongside Kurt the past year. The retirement, or maybe more so the many achievements, will be celebrated at Erken in August.

Winter sampling

A limno crew was in Jämtland sampling under the ice for the last two weeks of March. The question driving the project was the impact of decreasing snow cover on the metabolism of a forest lake. **Sari, Martha** and **Sarahi** started sampling the lake when it was fully covered by snow. Then **Anna** joined the



shoveling crew composed by the researchers and their families. The shoveling of ~400 m² of snow was followed by a nice igloo BBQ. Further samples were taken after the snow was removed with the hope to catch the changes in primary producers and methanotrophs. This project was possible thanks to the support of Olsson-Borgh grant.

