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IEG News

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News from the Head of the Department

The department will soon have operated under restrictions in response to the coronavirus pandemic for two months. In some sense things have settled into the new situation, but it is also challenging. Many activities have to adapt, newly recruited personnel from abroad have to delay their arrival to Uppsala, and many work hard move teaching on line. The department is quite empty, i.e., many respect the advice to work from home when possible. Some of us also need to be more or less on campus, for lab work or other reasons. To facilitate social distancing for those who have to be on campus, others should work from home when possible but stay in touch with colleagues via internet. Thanks to everybody for your endurance! Information about our measures in response to the coronavirus is updated and archived [here](#).

Sebastian Sobek has been promoted to professor of biology, with specialization in limnology. Congratulations to Sebastian! Several others in our outstanding group of associate professors have applied, or will soon apply, for promotion.

New PhD

Congratulations to Fernando Chaguaceda for successfully defending his thesis! The defense was also broadcast on Zoom.

U-print

Uppsala University has a 3D-printing facility at BMC called [U-PRINT](#) courtesy of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy. They provide full support for all printing and if you have any questions about 3D-printing you can contact them.

Uppsala University corona information

Uppsala University [has a resource section on Medarbetarportalen](#) with information about University guidelines, resources and other things related to the current pandemic. There are also tips for creating a good working environment from home.

The Biology Education Centre (IBG) has also [created a document](#) with information and useful resources for distance teaching.

News from the administration

New co-worker

We welcome Sandra Gustafsson to our HR team. Sandra will replace Annette Berger during her leave of absence from 1 st of May 2020 to end of August 2021. Sandra is currently working at IOB where she also works with HR.

How to apply for reimbursement for the first sick-leave-day

The Swedish government has decided to temporarily suspend the deduction regarding the **first** sick leave day. This applies from March 11 until May 31, 2020. To get reimbursed for this you need to apply at Försäkringskassan by logging in to My pages (Mina sidor) at www.fk.se. If you are unable to use My pages you can fill in the form FK6010 and send it in to Försäkringskassan. You will find the form, and more information here in [Swedish](#) and in [English](#).

Recruitments during the summer or early autumn

We need information on upcoming recruitments as soon as possible as our central HR department and our trade unions have a break during the summer, and we need to process all recruitments well in advance. If you already know that you are going to hire or are thinking of hiring someone during the summer or early autumn, please contact your HR.

Vacation

Plan your vacation in good time with your manager. Information about standard vacation for **teachers, researchers etc.** on Medarbetarportalen [here](#). Information about registration of vacation for **technical/administrative staff** is found [here](#). Note: If you have more than 30 saved vacation days you have to use them latest on December 31, 2022 (after that, no one can have more than 30 saved days).

TBE vaccine (tick-borne encephalitis) for those planning field work in areas where TBE is present

Employees makes an appointment with Previa by phone: 0771-230000. Previa needs information about the payment reference (146) and the name of the nearest manager. Non employees, such as master students and hourly employees, are requested to first contact HR with full names and personal-/ or coordination numbers, since those are not already in Previas system.

Note: Remember to review the revised [Fieldwork safety guidelines](#) before starting the field work!

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New publications

Maria Cortázar-Chinarro, Yvonne Meyer-Lucht, Tom Van der Valk, Alex Richter-Boix, Anssi Laurila and Jacob Höglund have published [a new paper](#) in which they studied the genetic diversity of anti-microbial peptide (AMP) loci in frogs.

Katerina Guschanski and co-workers have [a new publication](#) out in which they argue for the inclusion of temporal sampling and the generation of paleogenomic datasets in evolutionary biology, and highlight some of the recent advances that have yet to be broadly applied by evolutionary biologists. It is part of the ESEB funded (European Society for Evolutionary Biology) Special Topic Network called ADAPT (Ancient DNA studies of Adaptive Processes through Time).

Together with a fellow board member of the Young Academy of Europe, Arild Husby at the Evolutionary Biology program, has [published a correspondence in Nature](#) calling on funders to engage in supporting early career researchers affected by COVID-19.