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News from the administration

Electronic registration of health and medical care benefits from 2019

From 2019 the health and medical care compensation will be done electronically in Primula web. From now on you can scan / photograph both wellness and healthcare receipts, and attach them to the case in Primula web. This means that, original receipts and papers will not be necessary to send to the salary unit any more. For instructions see [here](#).

Salary details- new deadline 5 of each month

Expenses like travel expenses, healthcare benefits and hourly compensation must be registered latest 5th of each month and not the 10th as before if you want the payment together with your month salary.

Personnel changes within the administration

Iva Pristof stops working for IEG from the first of February. For matters concerning PhD administration, dissertation and travel bookings, please contact linn.eriksson@ebc.uu.se. For support with matters regarding archives and registration, please contact alma.janawi@ebc.uu.se.

News from the Head of the Department

Kerstin Jeppsson, research engineer at the department since many years, retires. Thanks a lot to Kerstin for all she has achieved, not only in the plant science program, but also more generally at the department! She is succeeded as a research engineer by Yvonne Meyer-Lucht, a previous postdoc at animal ecology - welcome, Yvonne!

The university supports a guest professor program, in particular for female guest professors, for part time employment with us for up to three years. Do you have a colleague abroad who would be valuable for us to affiliate? Talk to your program head or head of department.

Did you have a look at the exhibition Women in Limnology? If not, hurry up, it will soon continue its tour to next site.

New senior lecturer

Bob Muscarella is a new senior lecturer at IEG. He is originally from the USA, but has spent his recent years in Aarhus in Denmark.

New publications alert

[A recent issue of EOS](#) (Earth & Space Science News), highlights a [paper](#) by Katrin Attermeyer et al. on the role of organic particles in the aquatic carbon cycle. Research at IEG is diverse, and it is not always easy to grasp and appreciate things outside of one's own expertise - but popular science and summaries for a broader audience, like this one, helps.

Tom van der Valk, Katerina Guschanski and co-workers from the Museum of Natural History have published a [paper](#) on the genomic consequences of population decline in Eastern gorillas by comparing ancient DNA with current samples. A [press release](#) was also published and was picked up by [Aftonbladet](#), [Dagens Nyheter](#), [Vetenskapsradion](#), [IFL Science](#), [Gizmodo](#), among others.

Fruit boxes

Fruit boxes are now being delivered once a week to each research programme. The boxes are usually located by the mailboxes, but may vary between programmes.

Courses in Swedish

Swedish courses will be organized at EBC and offered to all our international employees. The course will take place weekly until the end of May, with a break at Easter and sports holidays.

The courses will be given on two levels:

1. Beginners level starting the 21st of January 15.15-16.45
2. Continued level starting on the 24th of January 14.45-16.15

NOTE: Students on stipends are not employees and therefore cannot benefit from the course.

If you are interested, please sign up by mailing to Linn.eriksson@ebc.uu.se

News from the environmental officer

Car engine heater

Everyone are encouraged to use the engine heaters when parking on EBCs parking lots. The electricity to the power outlets on the big parking start at 2pm. All other power outlets are monitored according to the instructions displayed on the engine heaters.

New sessions of "Shut up and write"

"Shut up and write"-sessions will now happen every Tuesday from 9.00 to 12.00 in Room 1003.

New post doc

Luke Robertson is a new post-doc working for Charlotte Jandér for the next two years. He completed his PhD at Griffith University, Gold Coast campus, Australia. His research was focussed on natural product chemistry, where he studied the chemistry of Australian flora in an effort to discover new anti-malarial drugs. He also have interest in understanding the ecological factors that drive natural product diversity.

It turns out that ‘organic matter’ is ‘organic matter’, and it matters.

Scientists from Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, USA, UK, Canada and Sweden joined for a day of conference presentations open to the public, followed by a day of closed workshop discussions focused on consolidating our diverging conceptualisation of organic matter reactivity. Participants included early, mid-career and senior scientists including six females and 10 males. A strong focus of the workshop was to bridge the divide between sub-disciplines, and between experimentalists and modellers to identify the level of detail required to describe organic matter reactivity (or persistence) effectively. Participants especially enjoyed taking part in the traditional Swedish sauna while at Krusenberg Manor, but only a small sub-set of people braved the frigid dip into Ekoln. It was wonderful to see so many EBC and limno's at the conference day and hope everyone got something interesting out of it.

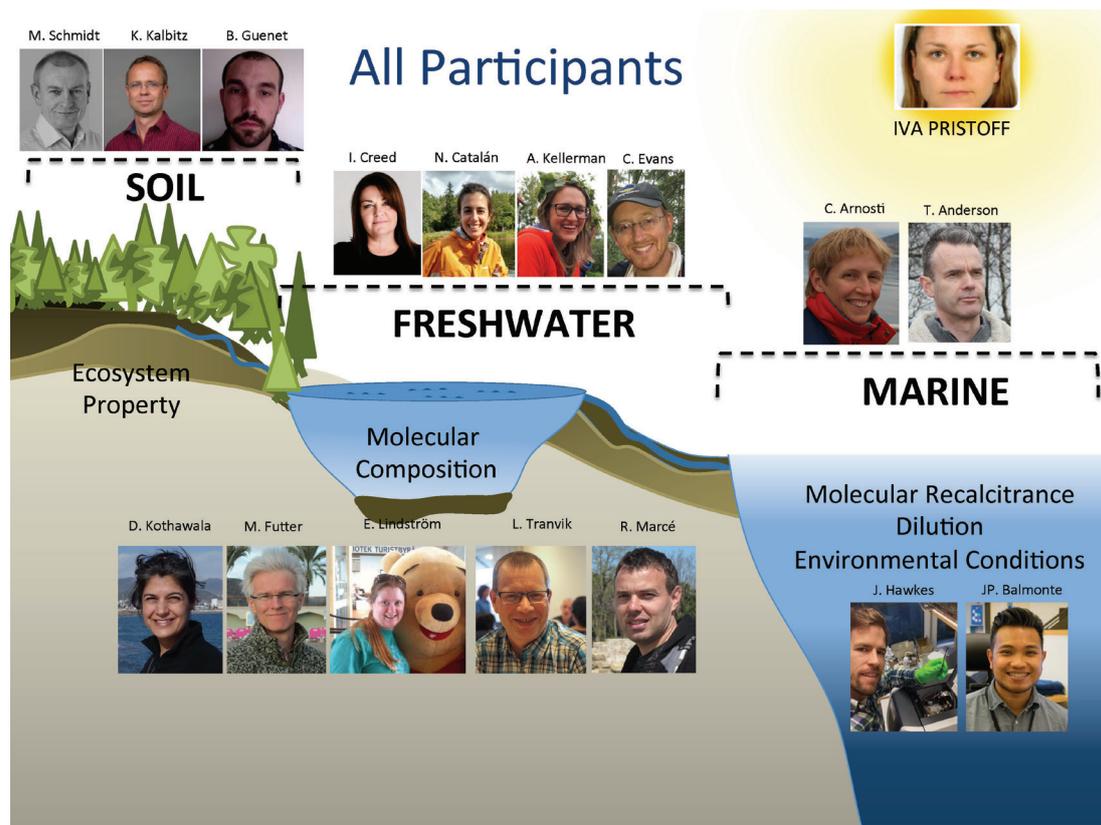


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