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IEG News

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News from the administraton

We welcome:

Linn Eriksson as or new personnel administrator, Linn will replace Jenny Lundh during her parental leave beginning in late July.

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 recruitment in good time. If you already know that you are going to hire or are thinking of hiring someone during the summer or early autumn, please contact:

Jenny Lundh, Linn Eriksson: Limnology, Plant Ecology and Evolution
Annette Berger: Evolutionary Biology, Animal Ecology

Vacation

Information about standard vacation for teachers, researcher etc. on medarbetarportalen [here](#).
Information about registration of vacation for technical/administrative staff is found [here](#).

Salary

Please note that **hourly reports** should be handed in to Annette Berger or Jenny Lundh/Linn Eriksson on the 1st of each month to ensure that **salary payment** will be made in the end of the current month. Especially important to note for everyone on **fieldwork**.

Publication alert

Jacob Höglund, Anssi Laurila and Sara Meurling are co-authors of a new study published in *Science*. The study is called "[Recent Asian origin of chytrid fungi causing global amphibian declines](#)" and is about using genomic analysis to elucidate the origins of the chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, which causes the fatal disease chytridomycosis in amphibians. Together with post doc Simon Kärvmemo, Jacob, Anssi and Sara mapped the abundance of the fungus in Sweden and that it likely arrived here as late as the 2000's.

The article has generated a lot of press, both internationally and domestically. For instance: [UNT](#), [FoF](#), [DN](#), [SvD](#), [BBC](#), [Washington Post](#), [The Atlantic](#).

Pedal to the Medal

Lars Tranvik will receive The Einar Naumann-August Thienemann Medal of the International Society of Limnology (SIL) at the SIL conference in Nanjing. SIL considers it "the highest honor that can be bestowed internationally for outstanding scientific contributions to limnology". This reflects the achievements by the team of many previous and current members of the limnology program at IEG.

New events alert

ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant 2018 information seminar

On Friday June 1, Junior Researchers are invited to a seminar about ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants. The seminar will provide the latest information about the upcoming call and the evaluation process of the ERC starting and consolidator grants. Furthermore, two recent ERC grantees will give talks. The seminar is at 13.00 - 15.15 Hörsal Betty Petterson in Blåsenhus.

Register for the seminar [here](#).

SciLifeLab Minisymposium: Biodiversity – Ecology and evolution of new species and phyla.

The meeting will discuss the evolution of new species and phyla, and participants from all parts of the field are most welcome to participate. The meeting is on May 31 in Lindahlsalen and starts at 9.00. You can register for participation and get more information [here](#).

Field trip

PhD-students in Plant Ecology and Evolution are organizing a field trip to a couple of peatlands on June 8 to learn more about them. The main organizers are Fia Bengtsson and Charles Campbell. Due to the fragile nature of the peatlands, they have set the maximum number of participants to 30. If you are interested in going, let them know by June 1 at the latest.

Get international biologists to Uppsala through SCAS

The [Swedish Collegium of Advanced Study](#), SCAS, has started a fellowship program to allow hosting international scholars within four areas of the natural sciences, one of which is theoretical biology. The standard fellowships are for one academic year or one semester, and can be seen as sabbatical stays. Shorter stays of 1-3 months may also be granted.

Please consider this to be an excellent opportunity to bring international colleagues to Uppsala! Applications for fellowships during 2019 are due 1 June 2018.

For further information, see below.

[The theoretical biology initiative.](#)

[The natural sciences program.](#)

Water days at Erken

The Water Days at Erken have started and conditions were perfectly fine.



Photo credit: Pia Larsson

On the importance of basic research

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has written an [opinion article](#) in the paper Svenska Dagbladet on the importance of basic research (in Swedish) as opposed to strategic efforts based on politics. Hans Ellegren is 2:nd Vice President of the Academy and one of the authors of the article.

Science communication in practice

Jente Ottenburghs is featured in a [blog post](#) about using humour in science communication. He has many useful tips on how you can communicate your science in a fun way.

Grant for science communication

FORMAS has recently announced a grant for doing science communication. The grant is for a maximum of three years and you can apply if you want to do a larger science communication project such as conferences, publications, exhibits, seminars, film and video productions, digital productions, games or other popular science projects. It is also encouraged to do it in collaboration with a production company, PR-firm or other communication company. The application process will start in June 2018. See the [official press release](#) for more information (in Swedish).

Linnaean Garden Party

There was a Linnaean Garden Party on May 19 at the Linneaus garden. Many people from Plant Ecology and Evolution was there talking about Linnaeus and the science of plants.

Lab corner

Some reminders on labeling your experiments. The label should include your name, the name of your PI, project name, start date and the date when it is planned to finish. Also mark the lab bench area you are using.