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# IEG News

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## News from the Administration

### Introduction for new employees on November 21

Uppsala University is hosting an introduction for new employees on November 21, 9.00 - 15:30. The purpose is to give new employees an introduction to the University, its organisation and activities. The program also contains a guided tour of the Gustavianum museum and the University building. Lunch and coffee included. You can register for the introduction [here](#). Deadline for registration is November 14.

### Occupational health care

IEG work with occupational health care to prevent work-related illness, injuries and diseases as well as help individuals to begin rehabilitation and return to work.

The following groups are entitled to use the occupational health services in work-related issues:

- Permanent employees.
- Fixed-term employees with an employment of at least six months and a current employment rate equivalent to at least 20%.
- Admitted PhD:s, regardless of the form of financing, who have a current activity rate of at least 20%.

The head of research program is responsible for determining whether an individual fulfill the conditions.

In case you need medical care for reasons that can not be considered as work-related, you need to consult your health center where you can get help from your doctor.

Visits to occupational health services (including talk therapy)

Employees, as listed above, are entitled to three visits (free of charges) to the occupational health service without informing their head of research program. Confidentiality applies, if the employee do not agree to anything else. For additional visits, the employee needs to confer with the head of research program.

Contact information for employees in:

- Uppsala: Feelgood, phone 018-418 80 10 (Monday-Friday 08.00-17.00)
- Gotland: Avonova, phone 0498-20 34 00 (Monday-Friday 08.00-17.00)

The call is answered by a nurse who advices and book a time to the right competence. Acute meetings are available only in special cases.

If you have any questions about the occupational health care ask your HR; Linn Eriksson or Annette Berger.

## New Doctors of Philosophy

We congratulate Matthew Tye, Elodie Chapurlat and Venkat Talla on successfully defending their theses!

## Upcoming PhD-defenses

There are some PhD-defenses coming up.

On November 7, Willian Silva will defend his thesis “Non-genetic processes in development and heredity” at 09.00, Lindahlsalen.

On November 9, Marcin Bogusz will defend his thesis “Evolutionary Approaches to Sequence Alignment” at 09.00, Ekmansalen.

## IEG Day

The program for the IEG day has been finalized.

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:00 Lars Tranvik, ÖB-19

10:00 - 10:45 Group discussion and Fika

10:45 - 11:00 Summary ÖB-19

11:00 - 12:00 Talks by PhD-students

12:00 - 13:15 Lunch

13:15 - 14:15 Stefan Eriksson

14:30 - 16:30 Hillevi Romild, Feelgood. Break for Fika

16:30 - 18:00 The Game

18:00 Dinner and party

## New publications alert

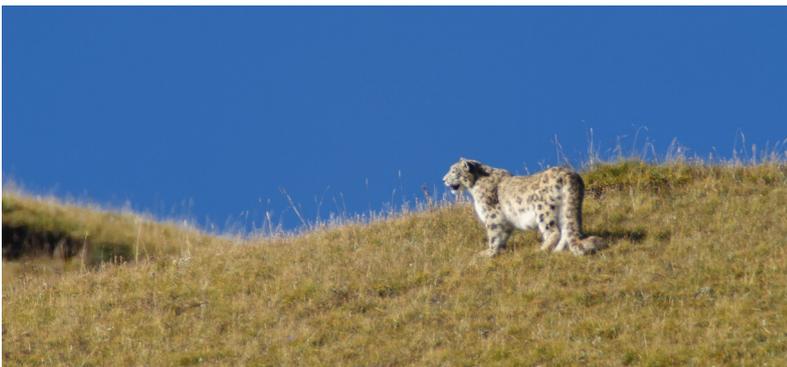
Anne-Marie Dion-Côté and Alexander Suh has published a pre-print of a new study about the Germline Restricted Chromosome in zebra finches. The GRC is a >150 megabase chromosome completely eliminated from somatic cells. You can read the pre-print [here](#).

## Research highlight video

The European research project C-Cascades, which Anna Nydahl and Gesa Wehenmeyer are a part of, has published a short video about Anna’s and Gesa’s research at Erken. C-Cascades is an EU project investigating carbon transfer between land and ocean at a planetary scale and the consequences for the atmosphere and climate. Check out the video [here](#).

## Snow Leopard Day

The International Snow Leopard Day was on Tuesday, October 23. Per Alström was interviewed by both [Swedish Radio](#), [Swedish Television](#) and [Naturesidan](#) about his experience observing this majestic animal.



*Photo courtesy of Per Alström*

## Concerns about dead birds

Concerns have been raised about birds flying into windows and killing them. Unfortunately, it is the responsibility of Akademiska Hus to put up warning stickers on the windows so birds don't fly into them. Fernando Chaguaceda has put together a [spreadsheet](#) to collect data about the dead birds, which will be useful to present at future meeting with Akademiska Hus about this problem.

## Certification Bike-friendly workplace

The Uppsala municipality encourages workplaces to make it easier for employees use the bike for work through the project "Bike-friendly workplace".

We at EBC are of course a part of this and have this year been certified with two stars. We go from one star "OK for bikes" to two stars "Good for bikes". This means that we have service bikes, one regular and one electric complete with bike basket, helmet and reflective vests. The bikes are booked at the janitor's office.



Photo courtesy of Gunilla Engström

## Report from the Evolutionary Biology Research Days

The Evolutionary Biology Research Days were held on the 8th and 9th of October, 2018. On the first day they held 5 minute presentations of their research and Homa Papoli won a prize for the best presentation. In the evening, they went curling. On the second day, the PI:s had 3-minute presentations of their research and Anna Rosling won best presentation with a stunning musical number. The presentations were followed by a two alumni talks by Karin Berggren Bremdal and Anna-Karin Fridolfsson. In the afternoon, Thomas Nygren held a presentation about the importance of scientific curiosity which was followed up by a group discussion about unconscious biases in research. The day ended with a forktaclular treasure hunt and dinner.



Photo courtesy of Karin Näsval

## Sweden's bioinformatics student organization

We would like to introduce you Sweden's bioinformatics student organisation i.e. RSG-Sweden. It is the second Regional Student Group of the International Society of Computational Biology in Nordics. RSG-Sweden aims to promote computational biology through knowledge exchange and networking activities.

Since its launch, RSG-Sweden has established three branches. With an aim to bring together students and researchers from different scientific disciplines across Uppsala University, the core committee invites you to join the Uppsala branch. The Uppsala branch had its first meetup at the beginning of October; a journal club where nanopore sequencing technology was discussed.

Membership is free! Simply sign up at [rsg-sweden.slack.com](https://rsg-sweden.slack.com). For more information about the organization, visit [rsg-sweden.iscb.org](https://rsg-sweden.iscb.org).

## Lab corner

Don't forget to properly label experiments, reagents, solutions and other lab equipment. If you're unsure of how to do this, talk to your lab safety officer.