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IEG News

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IEG-day

This year the IEG-day will be on the 13th of November and we will all gather down at Hotell Gillet on Dragarbrunnsgatan. We will start at 09.00 and the session before lunch will focus on the research done at IEG and we will get to hear short presentations from both PhD-students and program heads of all the programs. After lunch the focus will be on environment and work environment. We will get to hear talks from Martin Wetterstedt, who is a coordinator at the department of Earth Sciences, and from Anneli Häyren, who is a researcher at the Centre for Gender Research and an analyst at the Human Resource Division. The day will be wrapped up with a nice dinner at Hotell Gillet.

New funding

Gustaf Granath (Plant Ecology) is a co-applicant on a project that was funded by Vinnova. The project is titled ““Forest management for improved natural carbon sequestration” and was submitted to the call Innovations for a climate-neutral future. The total budget is 6.5 MSEK over 4 years and circa 10% will be allocated to UU (Ecology, SLU, is coordinating the project).

New shut up and write sessions

There will be new shut up and write sessions this autumn. Sessions will start every Tuesday at 09:00 and end 12:00 in Room 1003. You can also subscribe to the Shut up and write [newsletter](#) or visit the group [website](#). If you want to learn more about the concept of Shut up and write, see [here](#).

Lecture

On October 9th Gustaf Granath (Plant Ecology) gave a public lecture at the ‘Association of Foreign Affairs’ seminar series in Uppsala, titled “Wildfires, Climate Change, and Land Management”. 50-60 people attended, many students from the social sciences but also the public, and there were many questions afterwards.

New PhD's

Congratulatinns to Anna Nydahl and Anna-Malin Linde for successfully defending their theses!

News from the administration

Are you planning to hire staff?

Please inform head of program about your recruitment plans and contact HR as soon as you are thinking of hiring someone, this is important regardless of the form of employment and includes temporary appointments as well. We can assist you and give you updated ad templates in both Swedish and English for most positions.

Compensation for temporary/non-employed persons

Nowadays there are two types of compensation for non-employed persons: hourly compensation or remuneration. Remuneration is used when someone perform work less often than once a year and the hourly compensation is used in other cases. At the planning stage, it is important to ask your HR generalist to check if the intended person has been employed by Uppsala University earlier. This is to ensure that the 2-year limit for temporary employment is not exceeded.

Extension and parental leave for Ph.D. students, Postdoctoral Researchers, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors

Extension due to special reasons

Phd:s and temporary Postdoctoral employments can be extended due to sick leave, parent leave, military service and assignments within the union or student organizations or other similar circumstances. If you are employed as Associate and Assistant Professor your employment can be extended due to sick leave, parent leave and other special reasons. One day of absence due to these reasons give one extra day extension. Report your sick leave in Primula in order to get the extension, [how to report sick leave](#)

More information [here](#).

Parental leave- change extent 3 times a year

The leave of absence may be divided into a maximum of three periods per calendar year. A new period is also begun if the extent of the leave of absence is altered, e.g. if the parent passes from full-time to part-time parental leave. Visits to prenatal care, parent participating in parental classes or parent visiting preschool or school are not included in these three periods.

More information [here](#).

Defenses in November

Annika Linkhorst: Friday the 8th Nov. at 09:15, Friessalen

Title: Greenhouse gas emission from tropical reservoirs: Spatial and temporal dynamics

Opponent: Dr. Frederic Guerin

Leyden Fernandez Vidal: Friday the 29th Nov. at 09:00, Zootissalen

Title: Non-cyanobacterial nitrogen fixation insights in humic freshwater lakes and ponds

Opponent: Associate Professor David Walsh

Universen

The University paper Universen has a [feature](#) about Hans Ellegren's book about the history of Science in Uppsala. The book is called "Hvad nytt och nyttigt-tillkomsten av landets första lärda sällskap: Kungl. Vetenskaps-Societeten i Uppsala" (New and useful – the arrival of the country's first scholarly society: the Royal Society of Sciences at Uppsala) and you can get it in Diva [here](#).

Skype a scientist

There is online initiative where you can Skype with classrooms around the world. The initiative is called "[Skype a Scientist](#)" and you can register and then get to chat with a class somewhere in the world.

Train travel

It is fully possible to take the train to Brussels! Yes, it takes much more time, and yes, it is more expensive than flying, but instead of releasing 300-500 kg CO₂-equivalents into the air, going by train releases only 20-40 kg CO₂-equivalents per person (depending on assumptions in calculations). So unfold your laptop, work while you travel, and use the IEGs travel policy, which compensates for the extra cost of train compared to air travel. Ask Sebastian if you want to know more. And by the way, he met Alice Bah Kuhnke on the train, member of the European Parliament for the Swedish Green Party, she's doing this trip every third week. So indeed, it is possible!

The department encourages travel by other means than airplane if possible. There are resources allocated to compensate for the difference in price.



Photo courtesy of Sebastian Sobek

Field work

People from plant ecology (Gustaf Granath, Fia Bengtsson) went to Iceland to sample peat mosses from hot springs (yes, they grow there!). Local researchers and colleagues from the US participated and the aim is to study how the moss microbiome and N-fixation changes along temperature gradients. One lesson learned was that a pH-meter cannot handle >60 °C water.



Photo: Gustaf Granath

Opinion piece

Hans Ellegren has co-written [an opinion piece](#) in the Swedish Paper Dagens Nyheter about the need for more research funding with the Secretary General of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.