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News from the administration

Influenza vaccination in 2020

Vaccinations against the seasonal influenza begins on November 3. Due to the current pandemic, it is important that the vaccinations are performed and also that individuals belonging to risk groups are protected from covid-19. Region Uppsala offers free vaccinations for individuals belonging to any of the groups listed above at health centers and vaccination clinics.

From the 1 December, individuals not belonging to any of these groups may be offered vaccination. Vaccinations performed at Previa are paid by the department. A co-worker may book an appointment at Previa. NOTE that reimbursements of private expenses for vaccinations cannot be made.

More information and prioritization of groups: <https://mp.uu.se/c/perm/link?p=419579919>

New more efficient routine in AKKA

We have change the routine to do the process more efficient for you and reduce our IT-costs. See below how to proceed for different employment categories:

- Employees with employment contract
AKKA-form not needed. HR register in AKKA. The new employee get the key and card at the reception, bring ID.
- Students
AKKA-form not needed. Supervisor send an e-mail (reception-ilag@uu.se) or follow the student to the reception, where they add right access on the student card. If the student need a key please send an e-mail before your visit.
- Hourly employees, guest researchers, fellows and exchange students
AKKA-form needed. The new person get the key and card at the reception, bring ID. If the guest need a key please send an e-mail before your visit. Contact IT department to get internet access.

Wellness subsidies:

Remember to use your wellness subsidies for 2020. Your receipts need to be registered in Primula at latest December 5. More information and manual: <https://mp.uu.se/c/perm/link?p=925792>

The Equal opportunities group

A survey of the effects of COVID-19 pandemic to your work

All employees at IEG are strongly encouraged to answer to the survey of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic to their work and work environment at the department. The survey is anonymous, and only the Equal opportunities officer and HR will have access to the individual, anonymous responses. Suggestions for measures to improve the work environment is asked for and will be taken into account. More information about the survey, and the survey itself, can be found [here](#). Please respond by 30th October.

Genetic diversity day

Dont forget to register for the Genetic diversity day on November 18. We have a great moderator and a list of interesting talks from scientist and government agencies. You will be able to follow the talks and ask questions over zoom, and it will be possible to follow most talk live at EBC (numbers limited). The meeting will mainly be held in Swedish. For program and registration see <https://www.biologi.uu.se/gendiv2020>"

New course

Gustaf Granath has within the biodiversity initiative work been involved in developing a new interdisciplinary course, which recently received faculty money to be further developed. This was done together with people from Ångström (they will host the course) and the Department of Art History. The name of the course is "Ekologins, teknikens och konstens perspektiv på den hållbara staden" will be taught in Swedish. The plan is to give the course for the first time in the fall 2022 and IEG will have teaching responsibilities within the course.

Docent lecture

Welcome to Robert Muscarella's docent lecture "Sustainability in Tropical Ecosystems", which will be given in English on Friday 16th of October 13:30 via zoom <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/8602730200>

News piece

Jacob Höglund was interviewed the Swedish Paper Dagens Nyheter about the disease chytridiomycosis found in amphibians, which causes a great loss of biodiversity all around the world.

Funding

Per Alstöm is Co-PI on an application to the National Science Foundation of China that has just been granted funds (equivalent to approximately 3.5 million SEK). The study aims to study phylogeny and evolution in the bird genus *Prunella* (Accentors).

New publication alert

Per Alstöm and Gombobaatar Sundev have published a paper were they present supporting evidence that the eastern subspecies of Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla dukhunensis* is to be considered a separate species, *Calandrella dukhunensis*. You can read the article [here](#).

Anna Rosling and her research group have, through a new method, which involves searching for DNA in soil samples, revealed the existence of two until now unknown, but very common fungal species. They are thought to play an important role in the ecosystem, but the exact role they play is not yet clear. The study will be published in the journal IMA fungus.



Bird watching

Look at the links and be inspired by Per Alström and head out into the local area for bird watching:

Kingfisher: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuB4GdF_jg4

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=360500308246212>

Sunnerstaviken: <https://youtu.be/s6yBvfbjrgI>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1197131680666077&extid=LHkh6hE4asFKtCxy>



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