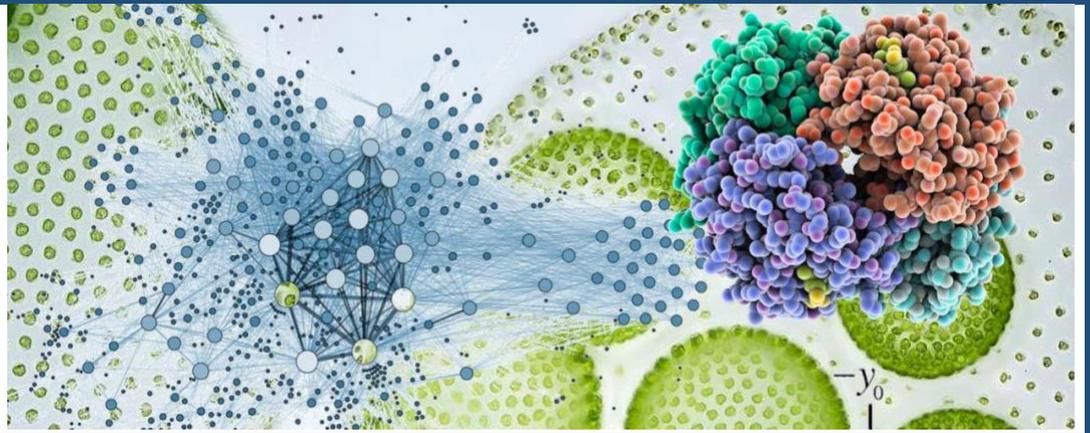


# NEWSLETTER

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Editor-in-chief: Pinar Heggernes. Editor: Linda Vagtskjold. Contributions or comments to the newsletter are very welcome.

## Dear colleagues,

A new academic year has just started! Once again, we are recoding new all-time highs when it comes to the number of students we are welcoming. 275 students accepted our offer of a bachelor study, and 228 of them were present at the welcome meeting last week. 71 students accepted our offer of a master study, and 60 of them were present at the welcome meeting. I had the great pleasure of greeting them all, and I am looking very much forward to having all of them with us. With these numbers, we have a slight overbooking of the official number of study slots that we have. We will do everything in our power to keep a large majority of these students with us until the end of their studies, so that the graduation numbers are in accordance with the number of official study slots. Great efforts are being made by the lecturers of INF100 and INF102, Dag Haugland and Fredrik Manne, in receiving huge numbers of students in the best possible way. Dag is actually giving every lecture three times, to accommodate all the 650 students who have



so far enrolled in INF100. In addition to the regular teaching assistants, we have assigned a helping hand for each INF100 student, an older student whom one can get help from outside of the lectures and exercise sessions. All members of our study section have put a great effort in receiving and welcoming all our new students, and they are doing a wonderful job. What I really find touching is that all members of our administration, including our assigned officers of HR and economy from the faculty administration, are really putting their heart into their work, and always doing more than what can be expected of them, with great enthusiasm, interest and curiosity in our students and our research.

We are breaking records at the start of a new academic year, also when it comes to welcoming new colleagues. A large number of new colleagues have started their positions with us during August. I am confident that their respective research groups will make an effort in making them welcome and at home from the first moment. The boat trip we had yesterday was a good step in that direction, as we had the pleasure meeting several of our new colleagues there, together with all our new students.

Speaking about colleagues and students, unfortunately I feel the need to also mention some unpleasant news. A recently published survey shows that [there is a significant amount of harassment happening in academia](#), both in form of bullying and in form of sexual harassment. I would like to remind all colleagues that you never need to handle such things alone or on your own. The most straight forward approach is to talk to me, and I will do my best to resolve the situation. If, for some reason, you prefer not to talk to me, you can talk to Linda, or our verneombud. [Our university has a thorough procedure for such incidents](#), and I can promise you that we take harassment issues very seriously and do everything in our power make sure that everybody has a safe, pleasant and friendly work place.

I wish you all a very nice weekend!  
-Pinar

### The Dean's Blog – Helge K. Dahle

[The Dean's blog](#) aims to inform us of ongoing work and processes at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

His latest postings: [Derfor er det viktig at du bidrar til endring - Årets opptak viser noko heilt nytt - Alle kan google. Det vanskelige er å formidle konsekvensene av fakta](#)



## Welcome new colleagues!



### David Grellscheid

David re-joined us in his new position as Associate Professor in informatics - scientific communication and education (ICT didactics) on 19th August. Last year he held a part-time position as researcher at the CBU for a few months. As part of the new didactics team, he will take on some of the foundational lecture courses, starting with INF100 next semester, in addition to maintaining and building links to other departments as well as schools and companies in the region.

David is German. He received his PhD in Theoretical Physics from Cambridge University in 2003, and over time has moved on from string theory to more and more concrete things. In the last few years he has written software for the Large Hadron Collider experiments in Geneva, and has taught many courses on programming, software development and numerical physics to audiences ranging from school projects to postdocs.



### Emmanuel Sam

Emmanuel started this summer in a PhD position in computer science: parameterized complexity applications in visualization. The position is associated with the project "*Parameterized Complexity for Practical Computing*" financed by the Research Council of Norway through the ToppForsk program. The aim is a PhD degree in the intersection of the research fields algorithms and visualization. His supervisors are professors Helwig Hauser and Michael Fellows.

Emmanuel comes from Ghana. He did his Master's in Information Technology for Management at the Ghana Technology University College in 2012. Since then, he has worked as a lecturer at the Ghana Technology University College, Radford University College and Wisconsin International University College, all in Ghana.



### Svein Høgemø

Svein started this summer in a PhD position. The position is in the Algorithms research group. The group works with different approaches for coping with NP-hard problems, such as parameterized complexity and width parameters of graphs, and Svein's project will be defined within these fields. He will be supervised by Jan Arne.

Svein is Norwegian. He finished his Master's in Informatics, Algorithms, on a graph width parameter called "Linear MIM-width" at our Department in June this year.



### Sayan Bandyapadhyay

Sayan is a new researcher in algorithms associated within the project "*Multivariate Algorithms: New domains and paradigms*" financed by the Research Council of Norway via the FRIPRO programme. He will work with Fedor and other members of the Algorithms research group. The goal of this project is the study of multivariate algorithms. The research areas are algorithms and complexity, in particular, fine-grained complexity of algorithms.

Sayan is from India. He did his PhD in Computer Science (Topic: Digging Deeper into Clustering and Covering Problems) at the University of Iowa, USA in 2019.



### **Randi Heggernes Eilertssen**

Randi is newly employed by the MN-faculty as a communication advisor. She will work 40% for our department, and be here with us every Monday and Thursday in Liljan's office, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Randi holds a Bachelor's degree in Digital Culture from the UiB. Her latest position before she joined us was as communication manager at the Bergen Red Cross.



### **Håkon Dahle**

Håkon Dahle started as associate professor at the Computational Biological Unit (CBU) last week. His formal employment is at the Department of bio sciences, whereas his workplace is with us.

Håkon comes from Norway and received his PhD in microbiology at the University of Bergen in 2007. He spent one year of his postdoctoral position at the University of Washington. Since 2009 he has worked as a researcher at UiB at the Centre for Geobiology, then at the Jepsen Centre for Deep Sea Research. Over the last years Håkon has developed expertise in geochemical modelling, population dynamic modelling, and DNA sequence analyses with the aim of understanding connections between fluxes of chemical energy and microbial community composition.



### **Mahmoud Moqadam**

Mahmoud is a new postdoc at the CBU, Nathalie's group, formally employed at the Department of Chemistry. He will work on the project PePrMInt (Peripheral Protein-Membrane Interactome, financed by NFR FriMedBio.

Mahmoud has a chemical engineering education from Amirkabir University of Technology in Tehran and worked as a chemical engineer in the Paya group in Tehran. More recently he obtained his PhD in Chemistry from NTNU in Trondheim where he also has worked before joining CBU.



### **Thibault Tubiana**

Thibault is a new postdoc at the CBU, Nathalie's group, formally employed at the Department of Chemistry. He will work on the project PePrMInt (Peripheral Protein-Membrane Interactome, financed by NFR FriMedBio.

Thibault has a PhD in Biochemistry and Structural Biology from the University of Paris Saclay (France) and he did a first postdoc at the Servier pharmaceutical company.

## Congratulations colleagues!

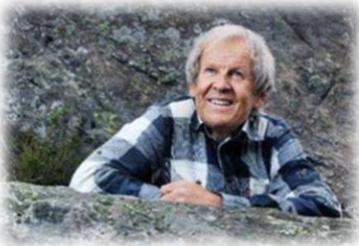


### **Sverre Storøy: Honorary Member for Life**

The Norwegian Operations Research Society has elected Sverre to be Honorary Member for Life in recognition of his service to the Norwegian Operations Research Community.

*Sverre is the one who started Operations Research (primarily as Mathematical Programming) at the University of Bergen at the then Department of Mathematics. All activities in Bergen have their roots in him, whether we talk about his students, or people recruited from the outside. Sverre is one of the founding fathers of Operations Research in Norway.*

Sverre received the Honorary membership during the international conference on stochastic programming in Trondheim 1<sup>st</sup> August.



### **Petter Bjørstad – member of the University Board**

Starting from this semester, and trough out the rest of the sitting Board's period, Petter will be one of the three members representing group A in the Board – scientific staff in permanent positions.

Congratulations and good luck, Petter – you will be an excellent representative!

### **Eivind Valen**

At Arendalsuka last week, Eivind participated in a debate on Artificial Intelligence and the health care system. Also our minister of digitalization, Nikolai Astrup, participated in the debate, among others.

Eivind did a great job in the debate, and we have good reason to be proud of him!



### **More publicity for Anya and the Owl prize**

Please find På Høyden's nice interview with Anya [here](#).

We will by the way soon be competing also for the national prize. Exiting times!

## Welcome new students!

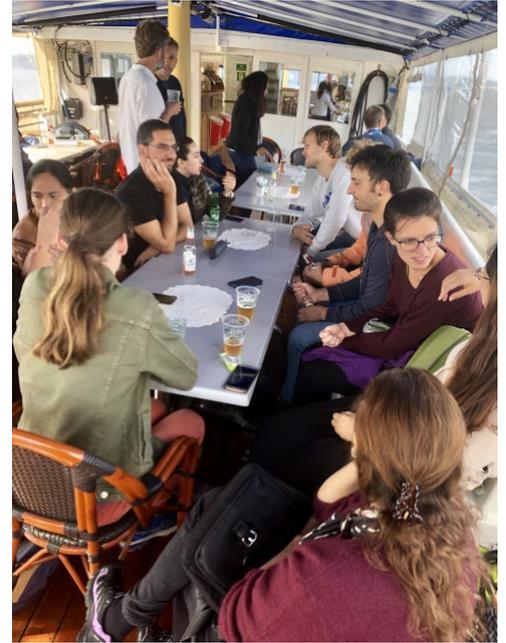


60 new Master students were welcomed in an introduction meeting last week!



228 new Bachelor students were welcomed last week. Dag will be lecturing INF100 for these new students and more (in total 650 students!) this semester. Respect!

**Picture report from Department Boat Trip / Summer Party yesterday**



## The "Parameterized Complexity and Practical Computing" workshop – short report

The workshop, "Parameterized Complexity and Practical Computing" was a great success with researchers coming from as far away as China and New Zealand.

The three Keynote Speakers and Their Application Areas were

- Prof. Gregory Gutin (Royal Holloway, University of London) - Di-graphs, Computer Security-Cryptography, Workflow Satisfiability,
- Prof. Klaus Jansen (University of Kiel) - Scheduling, and
- Prof. Blair Sullivan (University of Utah) - Data-driven science: computational biology (genomics), quantum computing, social networks.



## PhD Updates

### Future activity action plan for the ICT Research School

This is a reminder for all PhD students enrolled in the Department of Informatics' PhD program who have not yet answered the questionnaire sent by email earlier this summer. We would like to get your feedback on how to improve the ICT Research School's activity profile. For that, we have created a [questionnaire](#) which we would like you to answer by the end of August. It is anonymous and will take approx. 5 minutes to fill it out.

### Invitation to NORBIS conference!

Welcome to  
the 5<sup>th</sup> annual  
conference of  
**NORBIS**

September 30 - October 2, 2019  
Oscarsborg fortress, Drøbak



Photo: Festningshotellene.no

Join us there for inspiring **lectures, student talks, poster sessions, team-building activities, networking** and more!

Read more and register here: [norbis.no/activities/conference](http://norbis.no/activities/conference)

Deadline: **August 26th**

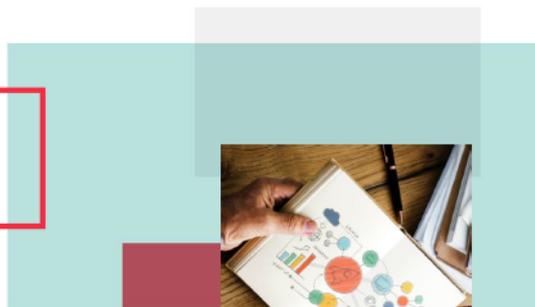
Travel and accommodation covered for students, post-docs may apply.

Limited number of places available.

# Research, Science and Seminars

Innovation lunch for PhD students and Postdocs September 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Invitation to Innovation Lunch!



**What:** A free lunch with professional input about innovation and entrepreneurship for PhDs enrolled in the Department of Informatics' PhD program and the department's Postdocs.

**When:** 11:00 - 13:00 on September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Where:** VIS offices at Thormøhlensgate 51 (VilVite 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Learn about the innovation ecosystem in Bergen and how you may utilise this to realise ideas and create value from your research.

Enjoy a free lunch, meet colleagues and be inspired to take a new step!

[Sign up HERE before Friday 30.08.19](#)

## TENK START. VIS DET.

All PhD students and Postdocs at the Department of Informatics are invited to a free lunch with professional input about innovation and entrepreneurship at VIS. VIS (former BTO, Bergen Technology Transfer Office) is an innovation company owned by the University of Bergen to help create value from your research results so that your knowledge benefits the society. The lunch will take place on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, between 11:00 to 13:00 at the premises of VIS (Thormøhlensgate 51 / VilVite, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Participants will gain insight into the innovation ecosystem in Bergen and how they can utilise this to realise their ideas. Please sign up before noon on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=6901931> VIS Innovation Manager Victoria Isern and Research Coordinator Stefanie Meyer look forward to meeting you!

### **CBU seminar 29.08.2019: What Does Deep Learning See in 3D Protein Structures?**

Sergei Grudin, Inria / CNRS, Grenoble, France

Although the fundamental forces between atoms and molecules are almost fully understood at a theoretical level, and computer simulations have become an integral part of research activities, the application of these methods to large biomolecules still faces important practical difficulties due to the combinatorial explosion of possible interactions involved. Developing efficient protein structure prediction algorithms thus remains a major scientific challenge in computational biology.

I will give an overview of computational methods for protein structure prediction developed in our team at Inria Grenoble [1]. In particular, I will demonstrate how machine/deep learning can be used in current problems of computational structural biology. Indeed, artificial intelligence has made a big leap forward and found many applications in structural bioinformatics. On our side, we have been using it for multiple tasks of protein structure prediction, including protein-protein [2] and protein-ligand [3] docking, 3D shape analysis [4] and structure prediction [5-6].



# Visual Computing Forum

<http://vis.UiB.no/vcf/>

## How art, games and stories can help us develop ethical machine vision



**Tuesday, 30th of August, from 10:15**  
Thormøhlens gate 51 (ViVite)  
Konferanserom C

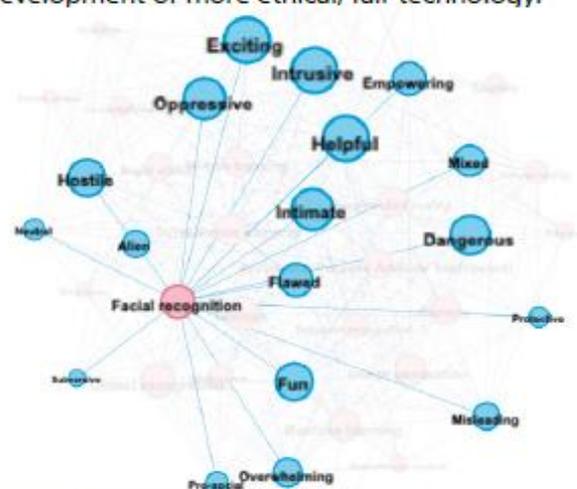
**Jill Walker Rettberg**  
Professor  
@ University of Bergen

### Abstract:

In this talk, Rettberg will describe how she and her team are using distant reading and network analysis to develop a big picture of cultural discourse about machine vision technologies. These new technologies are developing faster than discussions about how we want to use them in society, and the implementation is leading to many challenges for society and individuals. Should facial recognition be regulated or banned outright? Should schools or employers use data gleaned from emotion detection of students' faces to discipline them, for instance for not paying attention, or sniggering inappropriately? How should we handle deepfake videos of politicians during an election campaign? Many of these dilemmas are explored in fiction, art and games well before real-world situations arise. For instance, the 2019 movie *Spiderman: Far From Home* explores the implications of combining advanced augmented reality technologies with military drones. The art/game/app *TendAR* (Samantha Gorman, 2018) allows users to tend a virtual fish that must be fed facial expressions. In games like *Watchdog* and *Republique* the whole gameplay is controlled through surveillance cameras.

The Machine Vision project team is building a database with information about many examples of movies, novels, games and artworks that either use or reference machine vision technologies. They are developing a coding scheme to capture the

attitudes to machine vision in different situations in these works, and to capture information about which technologies are represented, and what kinds of people are represented as using the technologies or being involved with them. In this talk, Rettberg will show examples of works and discuss early results from the network analysis of the data being collected. She will also explain how this part of the project will be supplemented by theoretical and historical research, by close readings of art, games and narratives, and by an ethnographic survey of users and developers of machine vision technologies. The ultimate goal of the Machine Vision project is to provide knowledge needed to support the development of more ethical, fair technology.



## Horizon lecture September 3<sup>rd</sup> «The Alchemy of Vacuum - Hybridizing Light and Matter» with Professor Thomas W. Ebbesen

Welcome to a new Horizon Lecture, Tuesday 3. September in Auditorium 1, Realfagbygget, Allégaten 41!

In the lecture «The Alchemy of Vacuum - Hybridizing Light and Matter» Professor Thomas W. Ebbesen tells us of the key role light-matter interactions play.

The lecture starts at 16.00. Everybody is welcome – light refreshments will be served from 15.45.

[The event on UiB's web pages](#)  
[Facebook event](#)



## Prize winners conversation, September 4<sup>th</sup>

This event is taking place at UiB on September 4th from 15-17: Three prize winners from different disciplines will join to discuss the future of humanities and what remains to be discovered. Would you like to join?

[Read more about the event here](#) [Registration link](#)

## Invitation to the offshore wind conference Science Meets Industry Bergen 12 September 2019

**Science Meets Industry Bergen**  
*- a meeting place for the offshore wind industry*

**September 12, 2019 at  
The university aula,  
UiB, Muséplass 3, Bergen**

Norcowe in cooperation with BOW and GCE Ocean Technology

9:00-10:00	Registration/coffee/tea
10:00	Morning session
	Opening address, <i>Robert Bjerknes, vice rector, UiB</i>
	The global future offshore wind – how to make offshore wind more cost efficient? <i>Christina Aabo, Ørsted</i>
	How to reach 40-60 Euro pr MWh for floating offshore wind in 2030? <i>Arne Eik, Equinor</i>
	Offshore wind at Kværner - what business opportunities do we see? <i>Niklas Indrevær, Kværner</i>
	The value of integrated design of offshore wind turbines foundations, <i>Kristoffer Skjolden Skau, NGI</i>
	Lunch
13:00	Afternoon session
	Observationally based estimates of wind power potential on the Norwegian Shelf, <i>Nils Gunnar Kvamstø, UiB</i>
	The COTUR campaign - Measuring offshore turbulence and coherence with lidars, <i>Joachim Reuder, UiB</i>
	Drones for inspection of wind turbines – opportunities and challenges, <i>Rune Storvold, NORCE</i>
	Deep Purple – subsea hydrogen production from floating offshore wind, <i>Marit Mork, TechnipFCM</i>
	The impact of offshore wind in the society, <i>Heikki Holmås, Multiconsult</i>
15:30	Closing of conference
16:00-17:00	Poster session/reception

*The conference is free of charge, but registration is mandatory.*

**Bergen Offshore Wind Centre (BOW)** in collaboration with **NORCOWE** and **GCE Ocean Technology** have the pleasure of inviting you to the offshore wind conference **Science Meets Industry** in the University Hall in Bergen on **12 September 2019**. The purpose of the SMI Bergen 2019 is knowledge exchange between academia, industry and public sector on offshore wind. The conference is free and open to all, but registration is required. We expect the conference to fill up, so register early to secure your place. [Register here!](#)

## Invitation: THE OCEAN, Bergen, September 17th, 2019

# THE OCEAN 2019

DISCOVER - CONNECT - COLLABORATE

OCEAN CAPITAL BERGEN, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

THE OCEAN is a new arena for sustainable, value-added and competitive solutions and partnerships across the ocean industries and academic institutions. THE OCEAN will be a yearly event, and we invite you to the first event in Bergen, September 17th, 2019.

To reach the vision of a sustainable utilization of ocean resources, we must stimulate increased knowledge, innovation and technology development. THE OCEAN is initiated by a broad range of partners aiming to provide the most important and relevant event for new discoveries, connections and collaborations across ocean industries.

Keynote speakers at THE OCEAN:

- Erna Solberg, Prime Minister
  - Elisabeth Grieg, CEO, Grieg International
  - Ole Eirik Lerøy, Chairman of the Board, MOWI
  - Beate Myking, Senior Vice President, New Energy Solutions, Equinor
- Arne Hjeltnes will be hosting the keynote speakers and invited guests for THE OCEAN Talkshow.

You will also meet industry and academic leaders talking about sustainability, innovation and crossover in the ocean industries, blue sustainable finance, governmental regulations and priorities and research for sustainable utilization of ocean resources

Programme and registration at [www.theocean.no](http://www.theocean.no)

## BigDat 2020



### Keynotes (to be completed)

- Jie Tang (Tsinghua University) Graph Embedding and Reasoning

### Courses (to be completed)

- Jiawei Han (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) [advanced] From Unstructured Text to TextCube: Automated Construction and Multidimensional Exploration
- Wlodek Minor (University of Virginia) [introductory/advanced] Big Data in Biomedical Sciences
- Peter Rousseeuw (KU Leuven) [introductory] Anomaly Detection by Robust Methods
- Asim Roy (Arizona State University) [intermediate] Hardware-based (GPU, FPGA based) Machine Learning – An Overview of Algorithms and Implementation Ideas and Methods
- Hanan Samet (University of Maryland) [intermediate] Multidimensional, Spatial, and Metric Data Structures for Sorting in Space and Similarity Searching
- Rory Smith (Monash University) [introductory/intermediate] Learning from Data, the Bayesian Way
- Jeffrey Ullman (Stanford University) [introductory] Big-data Algorithms That Aren't Machine Learning
- Wil van der Aalst (RWTH Aachen University) [introductory/intermediate] Process Mining: A Very Different Kind of Machine Learning That Can Be Applied in Any Organization



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## Funding opportunities [Research support services](#) - [Upcoming funding opportunities](#)

On a monthly basis, the department releases a comprehensive overview over [upcoming funding opportunities](#) on its website for [research support services](#).

At this point, we would like to highlight the following upcoming calls and funding-related events:

### National funding

#### Olav Thon Foundation

The foundation has released a call for [national support](#) where applicants can apply for financial support in relation to student active research projects and/or for an outstanding teaching award. **Application deadline: 15 September 2019**

#### Research Council of Norway: INTPART

“Approved Norwegian research organisations may apply for [funding for partnerships](#) with Brazil, Canada, India, Japan, China, Russia, South Africa, the USA, Germany and France, as well as for extensions of partnerships started in 2015 and 2016. As of 25 September 2019, the research organisation must be the host institution or formal partner in peer-reviewed projects that are receiving ongoing funding under [a number of] schemes and instruments [see website for more details].” **RCN application deadline: 25 September 2019** Please note that the number of applications that can be sent by UiB is restricted to a maximum of 20. UiB will therefore have an internal selection process, and we ask everyone interested in applying to this program to contact research coordinator Stefanie Meyer latest by **9 September 10 am Norwegian time!**

#### Research Council of Norway: FORSTERK

Supplementary Funding for [Norwegian Participants in Horizon 2020 Projects](#): Between NOK 500 000 and NOK 1 000 000 can be awarded to Norwegian actors that have a central role in an ongoing H2020 project. ERC projects can also apply. The funding can be used for different networking and outreach activities. It is important that the funding is used for independent activities which build on the results of the Horizon 2020 project, and does not serve as double financing for activities under the project. **RCN application deadline: 25 September 2019**

### International funding

#### Fulbright stipends for students and researchers

The Fulbright Program annually allocates funds to: (i) Norwegian [researchers](#) from all research fields; the funds are meant to help researchers teach or conduct research in the US. (ii) Norwegian [students](#); the funds are meant to help students conduct all or part of their master or PhD studies in the US. **Application deadline: 1 October 2019**

#### NordForsk: Nordic Programme for Interdisciplinary Research

“The aim of the Programme for Interdisciplinary Research is to promote high-quality bottom-up research that combines and integrate skills from multiple disciplines. Key assessment criteria under the programme will be excellence, interdisciplinarity, and Nordic added value. The programme is specifically aimed towards genuinely interdisciplinary projects that combine disciplines which are far removed from one another and rarely collaborate, or that pursue an original research question requiring the exact combination of competencies from different disciplines proposed in the application. [Projects awarded funding under the programme](#) are required to encompass research within at least two of the three areas of science as used by the European Research Council: Life science; Physical Sciences & Engineering; Social Sciences and Humanities.” **Application deadline: 13 November 2019**

#### NordForsk: Nordic Research Infrastructure (RI) Hub

“A Nordic Research Infrastructure (RI) Hub is a long-term partnership between Nordic universities, universities of applied sciences, university colleges and research institutes in a consortium that provides a framework for enhancing and/or expanding RI cooperation in the Nordic region. [Funding will be provided for](#) high-quality activities that will increase Nordic cooperation on RI by building long-term institutional capacity, promoting excellence, and creating Nordic added value. A Nordic research infrastructure hub should strengthen Nordic cooperation on a specific, large-scale research infrastructure project with the aim of building and expanding Nordic competence within its area.” **Application deadline: 22 October 2019.**

### Other

#### Abel Prize

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has published a call for nominations of candidates for the Abel Prize 2020. The Abel Prize recognizes outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics, including mathematical aspects of computer science, mathematical physics, probability, numerical analysis and scientific computing, statistics and applications of mathematics in the sciences. For further information about the prize as well as how to nominate candidates, please have a look at [this website](#). We kindly ask you to inform the head of department about planned nominations. **Nomination deadline: 15 September 2019**

## Events

### Artificial Intelligence & Health in Horizon 2020

This [event](#) is organized by the Research Council of Norway and the Institut français in Norway. It will take place between 16-17 September 2019 in Oslo (Norway). The main aim of the event is exchange of information, networking and consortium building with regard to future H2020 AI & health calls. **Registration deadline: 10 September 2019**

## Consultations

### Consultation on Digital Europe Programme

“The purpose of this consultation is to gather the stakeholders’ views on the key areas, elements and priorities of the initial phases of the future [EU Digital Europe programme](#). [...] The programme will boost investments in supercomputing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced digital skills, and ensuring a wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society. Its goal is to improve Europe's competitiveness in the global digital economy and increase its technological autonomy.” The [consultation](#) will be open from **25 July to 25 October 2019**.

### Public consultation on Horizon Europe

“What do you think are the most pressing challenges that EU-funded research and innovation should tackle? What are the most important impacts – scientific, technological, economic, societal – that EU-funded research and innovation should target? Now you can share your views with the European Commission. [...] The [consultation](#) will collect input from across Europe and beyond. The inputs received will inform the work to prepare a ‘Strategic Plan’ for Horizon Europe, which will then guide the work programmes and calls for proposals for Horizon Europe’s first four years (2021-2024).” You can [give feedback](#) until **8 September 2019**.

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Research Fellowship Programme

The Individual Fellowship (IF) Programme within the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) is a bottom-up, excellence funding program which aims to support the career development and training of researchers through international and intersectoral mobility. One can apply in two main categories: (i) European Fellowships are held in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the European Fellowship is held.[1] (ii) Global Fellowships are based on a secondment to a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the Global Fellowship secondment takes place, not for the country of the return phase.[1]; [1] [MSCA-IF-2019](#); Further reading: [MSCA-IF general information](#)

Please note that this program is targeting Experienced Researchers, i.e. researchers that at the date of the call deadline are in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.

If you have a researcher in mind that could be relevant for one of the two funding schemes and/or are interested in applying yourself, please contact [Stefanie.Meyer@uib.no](mailto:Stefanie.Meyer@uib.no). Early planning is crucial as this is a highly competitive program. **Application deadline: 11 September 2019**.

## Vacant positions

### Tenure Track Associate Professor in Machine Learning

Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please find [the announcement here](#).

**HR, Health, Safety and Welfare** [sikresiden.no](#) – [UiB employees welfare benefits](#) - [Credit card UiB](#) - [Fire extinguishing courses](#)

### Reminder: deadline for applying for Sabbatical for next year: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Please find more information [here](#). For any questions, please contact Linda or Stefanie.



## Telephone exchange and landline phones discontinued

UiB's old telephone Exchange were switched off in June. Any old landline phones still connected to this will then stop working. Some landline phones have been converted to a new technical platform and will of course go on working.

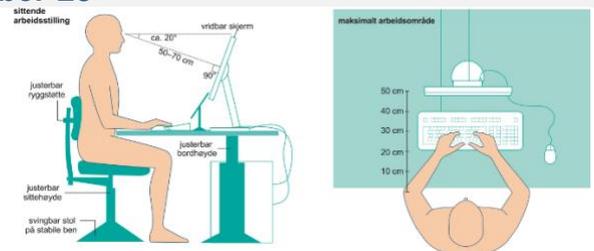
If you still have a landline or wireless phone displaying a five-digit number in its display, or if you are not certain if your landline phone has been converted, please contact the IT division as soon as possible via Issue-tracker ([bs.uib.no](mailto:bs.uib.no)) or the IT service desk BRITA.

The discontinuation of the old internal telephone exchange is the finalization of a long process replacing it with new communication solutions based to a large extent on Skype for Business.

## Ergonomic assessment of office work place September 23<sup>rd</sup>

UiB's physiotherapist will visit us on Monday 23 September at 12:30-15:00. Her mission is to help us with ergonomic assessment of our new employees' office workplaces.

If you are not among the new employees since February 2019, but still want us to visit you for an ergonomic assessment of your office workplace – please sign up by sending an email to [Linda Vagtskjold](mailto:Linda.Vagtskjold@uib.no).

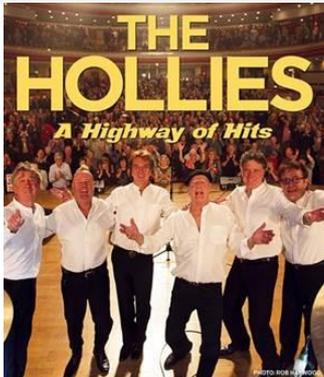


## Do you need a name tag with your name on your office door?

If you do not have your name on your office door yet, you can fix it very easily yourself! [Log in to this page](#) with your UiB credentials. Choose "Thormøhlens gate 55, Høyteknologisenteret" from the list that appears after logging in. Choose the floor of your office, and then find your office number on the list that appears. Your office number is printed on your office door in black.

Once you have clicked on your office number, click on the link that says "Skriv ut skilt-innlegg". Now you need to choose whether you need a tag for one name or more names. If you have an office mate or two, you will need to choose "HIB stort (1-3 personer)". Write your name and title, and the names and titles of your office mates and then click OK to generate your name tag.

## Welfare offers for UiB employees



### The Hollies

Special offer for UiB employees:

The Hollies in Grieghallen Saturday 7th September at. 19:30.

UiB special offer: NOK 525,- (ordinary price 725,-)

Booking of tickets by ph. 55 216150. Please inform them that you are an UiB employee to get the special price.

### Morgon og kveld

Billetter til prøveframvisning og generalprøve i Logen: Morgon og kveld av Jon Fosse

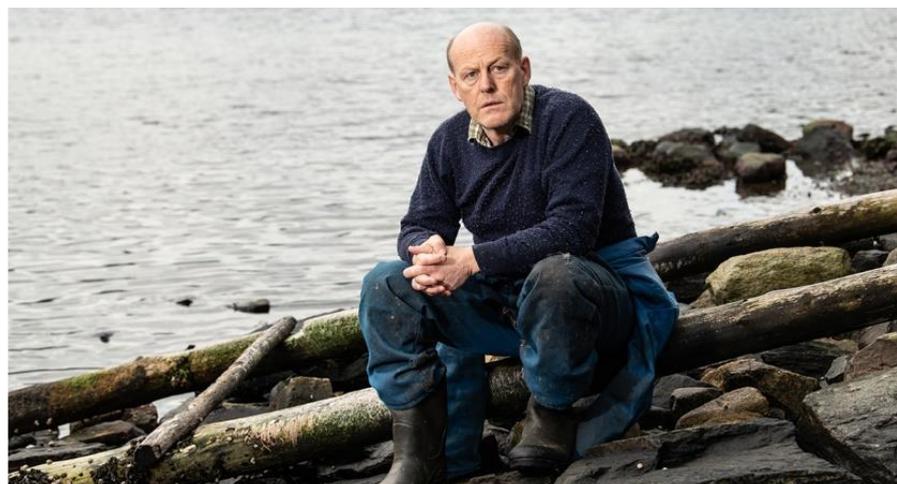
**Billettpris kun kr. 100.**

Måndag 26., tysdag 27. og onsdag 28. august kl. 19.00.

Kjøp billetter via lenkene under, eller pr epost:

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## UBIL filled 50 years in 2019 and we continue to celebrate throughout the year!

As last year, the University of Bergen's sports club (UBIL) invites all employees to participate in a draw of 10 free spots in this year's edition of the hill race Stoltzekleiven Opp. Our participants will start on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September between 10.20 and 11.40 – right before the very best are competing for new records. Climbing 300 vertical metres on a distance right under 1 km, this race fits all, just as everyone can find an activity to their liking in UBIL. We offer badminton, table tennis, bowling, curling, football, handball, cross-country skiing, orienteering, shooting sports, swimming and cycling, and are eager to find some more runners as well. New members are always welcome! There is more information on our website (in Norwegian): <https://ubil.w.uib.no/>

You want to participate in the draw of 10 free spots in this year's Stoltzekleiven Opp? Register [here](#) by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will draw 10 lucky winners on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## New application period for the cottages at Ustaoset and Tingviken - late autumn 2019



It is now opened to apply for U-heimen, Ottesheimen and Butten at Ustaoset and Tingviken at Utne for the late autumn period from 13<sup>th</sup> October until 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Please use the [UoB electronic cabin system](#) by logging in with your registered username and password.

The application deadline is **13 September**. Drawing will be done 16 September.

## Yoga on Wednesdays

Yoga is a great way to reduce stress and tensions from work. Yoga classes are held at our department on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 pm at the Meeting room in 5<sup>th</sup> floor.



Our professional yoga instructor, Kjersti Næss, is teaching in English. No signing up, and no participation fee. Please bring your own yoga mat. We also have some mats for loan. All employees are welcome – also those of you who never tried yoga before.

## Kakeklubben on Mondays



Kakeklubben aims to help our international colleagues to practice Norwegian while spending nice time together with people across group borders. Club meetings are held on Mondays at 12 o'clock in the lunchroom, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

You bring your own lunch, and we share a cake or fresh baked waffles. All are welcome! We hope to see you there, both internationals and Norwegians!