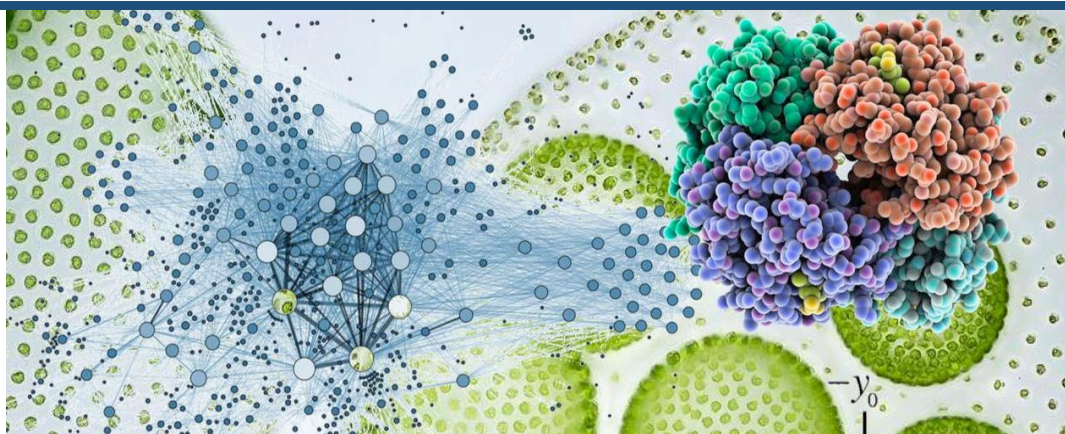


NEWSLETTER

Department of
Informatics



5th May, 2018



Dear colleagues,

I would like to start this first newsletter with thanking you all for constructive discussions at our Solstrand gathering last week. The impressions from the meeting will be very helpful for the work that stands ahead of us. I am also grateful to our rector Olsen, our dean Dahle, and the dean of the social sciences, Askildsen, for taking the time to come to our meeting and listen to our arguments in the discussions about co-organizing informatics and information science. The discussions have already led to action, and all involved parties are looking forward to a constructive collaboration forward.



For this to progress in a fruitful way I think we need to have an understanding for the standpoints of the involved parties. "Understanding" does not mean "agreeing", but it may lead to more constructive discussions. Bachelor in information science is the study program that attracts the largest number of students in the faculty of social sciences. Due to the educational policy of our government, the income of a faculty is very closely connected to its number of students. This important point is seemingly left out of the discussions, but it needs to be addressed in a way that is acceptable to all involved parties, to be able to converge to a solution. As Mike Fellows pointed out, the process we are going through is typical around the world, as computer science is a relatively new discipline, and it emerged in various fields at the same time. Looking at how other well renowned universities have solved this problem can be a good idea in the process ahead. I will keep you updated on the progress that our university makes on this matter.

I wish you all a nice weekend!

-Pinar

Actualities

Faculty and staff lunch 9th May

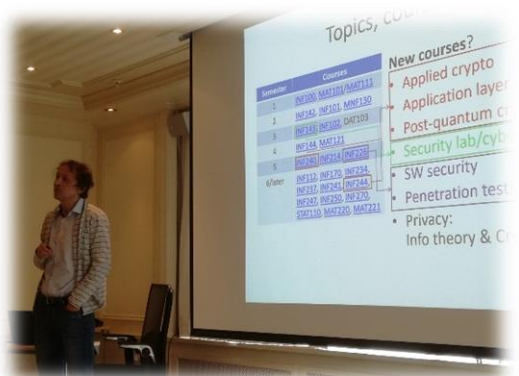
We invite faculty and permanent staff (faculty, tenure track faculty, adjunct faculty, emeriti, administration, technical support and permanent research staff) to our first monthly "faculty and staff lunch" on **Wednesday 9th of May at 12:00 in the lunch room on the 4th floor**. There will be sandwiches and a short presentation every time.

Farewell gathering for Liv Rebecca 16th May



Liv Rebecca is soon leaving us for a new position as project economist at the Faculty of Medicine. We would like to invite all of you to a farewell gathering on her very last day here at our department, on **Wednesday, 16th May at 14.00 in the lunch room on the 4th floor**. There will be cakes and coffee, hugs, speeches, laughter and tears.

Welcome all – be there!





The debate panel in action.

From the left:
 Stian Karlsen from Sparebanken Vest,
 Professor Andreas L. Opdahl from
 Infomedia, Dean Helge Dahle, Dean Jan
 Erik Askildsen, Student Kristian Rosland
 from Informatics, student Sindre Moldeklev
 from Infomedia, and Rector Dag Rune
 Olsen.



Petter congratulates Fedor with his 50 years birthday, thanks Liv Rebecca for 7 years of fruitful cooperation and good times, and wishes her all the best in her new job as project economist at the Faculty of Medicine, Clinical institute 1.

The seminar, Day 2

How to build Excellence?

- ① Hire the best (research) scientists !
- ② Provide excellent working conditions !
- ③ Identify, Encourage and Reward Good Teaching !
- ④ Get out of their way!

Lessons Learned:

- Never, Never try to run a department as you run a business
- Remember the **Cry Wolf** story
- Shield all faculty from administrative work as much as possible
- Remember: "many a little makes a mickle"
- Professors like **structure**, but **NOT** to be caught in one.
- It seems a **never ending fight** :
- Ignore **urgent** requests of minor importance
- Focus on **non-urgent** issues with long term effect

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Bebras – Norwegian version made by Mike and Fran



[Bebras](#) is an international initiative aiming to promote Informatics (Computer Science, or Computing) and computational thinking among school students at all ages. Participants are usually supervised by teachers

who may integrate the *Bebras* challenge in their teaching activities. The challenge is performed at schools using computers or mobile devices. We are proud to inform you that our Professors Mike Fellows and Fran Rosamond have now made [a Norwegian version of Bebras](#)

Horizon Lecture: Plasmonics: Photonic Nanoscience for Sustainability and Societal Impact

Photothermal effects can have a positive impact both on society and sustainability.

Professor Naomi Halas sheds light on the field of plasmonics in her Horizon lecture on 24 May at 16-18, Egget, The Student Centre.

Please find [more information here](#).
[Join the event on Facebook!](#)



Academic affairs and PhD Updates

This year's number of applicants for our programs

Bachelor programs:	2018	2017	Difference
Bioinformatikk	13	21	-8
Datasikkerhet	59	58	1
Datateknologi	114	145	-31
Datavitenskap	71	59	12
Informatikk-matematikk-økonomi	33	32	1
Total	290	315	-25

Master programs:	2018	2017
ALG	24	18
BIO	15	8
OPT	11	5
SIK	28	20
VIS	10	7
INF	88	58
PROG	73	101
Total	161	159

Master's Ceremony 13 June

All Master students who complete their degree in the academic year 2017/18 are invited along with supervisors to the Master's Ceremony 13 June 2018 in the University Aula.

[More information.](#)

Important: Supervisor must use [this link for registration](#)



"The Dean's blog" this week about our Department

Our Dean mentions the importance of our department in [his recent blog post](#).

Updates on the EnTek building

The faculty of maths and natural sciences is planning a new building to host a cluster for energy and technology. [More information.](#)

Funding Announcements

Meritteringsordningen Fremragende underviser / Excellent Teaching Practitioner (ETP)

Fakultetet inviterer sine undervisere (gruppe A) til å søke om å få sin undervisningskompetanse vurdert og bli tatt opp i Fakultetets Pedagogiske Akademi. Søknadsfristen er 1. oktober 2018.

[Mer informasjon her](#). Les gjerne om [fjorårets tildeling](#) der Fredrik Manne fra vårt institutt var en av de fem som ble tildelt ETP. Det vil også bli tilbud om workshop «How to write a well-structured teaching portfolio» i slutten av mai, med oppfølging fram mot søknadsfristen. Endelig dato og tidspunkt for dette blir annonsert senere.

Vacant positions

Researcher position in Algorithms at the Department of Informatics

Closing date: May 15, 2018. Please find [the announcement here](#).

Tenure Track Associate Professor in Machine Learning

Closing date: May 23, 2018. Please find [the announcement here](#)

PhD positions (4) in computer science

Closing date: June 3, 2018. Please find [the announcement here](#)

PhD position in computer science (machine learning)

Closing date: June 3, 2018. Please find [the announcement here](#)

HR, Operations, Health, Safety and Welfare

"Do you know what to do in case of an emergency?"

[Sikresiden.no](#) (On the Safe Side) is a mobile-optimised website. It provides you with user-friendly training and advice on what you should do in emergency situations. Sikresiden.no is specially adapted to students and staff at universities and university colleges, among other things, by making the local emergency number at their institutions easily available. The information is available in Norwegian and English.



På den
sikre siden

Have you registered vacation days? Are you ready to go?

Summer is soon upon us, and whether you are planning on spending all of it in sunny Bergen or making other arrangements, there is one thing you have to do right away: Register your vacation in PAGA. It is a requirement that everyone registers their holiday, and it is the general rule that all vacation days has to be taken within the year.

Not sure when you'll be going? Register it anyway (you can change it later), and avoid running the risk of someone else deciding when you're going on holiday. You will also be relieved from the stress of being followed up through emails and visits from the administration.

The deadline for registering the summer vacation has already passed, so please make it a priority. Further information on how to register vacation can be found here: <http://pagaweb.b.uib.no/ansatte/5-ferie/>

If you have any questions regarding vacation or the registration of vacation I PAGAWEB, please contact our local HR professional, Linda Vagtskjold, linda.vagtskjold@uib.no



Welcome to 17 MAY BREAKFAST

The University of Bergen hereby invites employees and their families for breakfast on Norway's Constitution Day, the 17th of May, at Christie Café, Muséplassen 3. Finger food and beverages for both adults and children will be served (price NOK 100 per adult, NOK 50 per child). [Registration here](#). Please respond no later than 9th May (seating is limited).

Program:

- 07.20 Placing of wreaths at the statue of W. F. K. Christie by a representative of the 17th of May Committee as part of the morning parade
- 07.45 Rector Dag Rune Olsen welcomes you to breakfast at Christie Café
- 09.30 End of breakfast and departure for Koengen to take position in the main 17th of May parade as participants from the university

Nattjazz 2018



Kampanjetilbud. [Frist: Tirsdag 15. mai](#)

Som ansatt på Universitetet i Bergen får du opp til 20% avslag på ordinære DAGSPASS og *studentpris* på 5-DAGERS PASS og FESTIVALPASS i kampanjeperioden. [KJØP KAMPANJEBILLETT HER](#)
SE HELE PROGRAMMET OG LES MER PÅ [NATTJAZZ.NO](#)

Theatre: DER GÅR GRENSEN! (THAT'S ENOUGH!)

Bring your friends and colleagues to the theatre and enjoy a humoristic and enlightening evening with neighbor disputes and delightful curses!

UiB-tickets are available for Thursday May 24th, at 19.00 – Lille Scene: Ticket price UiB only kr. 190,- (Ordinary price kr. 300,-)

Tickets can be purchased to this price up to and including May 11th.



Actress Ane Skumsvoll is deeply fascinated with neighbor disputes – what are we arguing about, and what have we been arguing about, through the ages. In this play, she looks further into issues such as border disputes, property borders, personal borders, transcending borders and of course boundless irritation over that damn neighbor. Skumsvoll also promises advice on planting and trimming thuja hedgerows, tips on how to remove unwanted trees, and of course a recipe on how to write a notification to your neighbors.

[Book your UiB tickets here](#) (Thursday May 24th) Tickets can also be ordered by phone 55 60 70 80 or by visiting the box office at the theatre.