

**Meeting on: 3 March 2015**  
**The Library, AU Flakkebjerg**  
**PATENT section meeting**

**Minutes**

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**1. New employees and guests**

MON said that Juan, a new PhD student from Ecuador, will arrive in approx. 3 weeks. Juan brings his own funding.

MIKR said that a guest PhD student from Teheran will arrive on 4 March 2015. He is working on gene silencing in tomato leaf miner.

MON mentioned that Pablo Llop resigned from his post doc position and left by the end of February.

MSH mentioned that a PhD student will arrive from Kenya by the end of March and stay for six months.

## **2. Future group meetings (“template” for the agendas)**

MON suggested the following items should be standard items on the agenda of future section meetings. The suggestion was accepted.

- Teaching (Michael Kristensen)
- PhD committee (Henrik Skovgård)
- Myndighedsbetjening (government consultancy) (Annie Enkegaard)
- Lab-related issues - new equipment, problems, etc. The technicians (Janne Hansen) will send items for the agenda to MON on the Friday prior to the meeting.

MSH asked if there were any news about the UNILAB investments. MIKR explained that at the moment he did not have any news. The wish list from Flakkebjerg has been made and a meeting was supposed to be held before the winter holidays, but it could not be arranged. Prioritizing of wishes and decision-making on exact amounts available for investments still remain.

## **3. Lab-related information – does the system for purchasing shared consumables work**

MON suggested that invoices for consumables such as tips should be split between the four groups of PATENT (MON, MSH, MIKR, KRY) according to a factor of e.g. 25%. MSH made a comment that in some years they spend almost their entire budget in the greenhouse. It was agreed that the group leaders should discuss the subject between themselves and agree on a basis for distribution that is valid for one year at a time.

MON said that the purchasing of climate chambers, which were discussed last year, has now been started, i.e. Steen Meier has sent a request to “Indkøb” (the purchasing department).

Also, MON mentioned that Henrik Brinch-Pedersen had asked if MBG could use the virology rooms. Steen Meier has informed Henrik Brinch-Pedersen that it is OK.

## **4. News from the PhD committee**

MON mentioned that from the GSST call with deadline on 1 February 2015 he had one candidate for whom he hoped that funding would be granted. Qualifying exam (midterm exam) for Marielle Babineau took place on 2 March and qualifying exam for Weronika Graj will take place on 4 March.

## **5. New projects and calls (Innovationsfonden, H2020, Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 – Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the Bioeconomy)**

MON gave information about forthcoming calls:

- Innovationsfonden deadline late April – no plans for submission of applications.
- Horizon 2020 – no news as of yet, but according to Per Kudsk further information will come soon. The scoping paper for Societal Challenge 2 under H2020 describing the overall ideas of this call can be found on the PATENT F-drive.

MON has created a new folder on the PATENT F-drive, where documents relating to the section meetings will be filed. This also goes for submitted proposals, which will be used for following up on the list of submitted/granted proposals.

## 6. News from Institutedelsesmøde

MON gave a short summary of some of the items discussed at the institute meeting held in Aarhus on 18 February 2015:

- *H2020*. The low success rate so far was discussed. It is still worthwhile to submit proposals, but careful thought should also be given to the chances of receiving the grant.
- *List of investments*. Climate chambers are on the list, but any ideas or wishes for investments should be given to MON so that they can be included on the list.
- *Recruiting plans* including professorships: Erik Steen Kristensen has contacted the dean with a view to consolidating the number of permanently hired staff and to continue or reopen the process of appointing professors which was put on hold due to the reductions.
- *LSU*. MON was appointed member of the LSU.
- Per Kudsk had been contacted by the authorities in Nicaragua. In connection with the construction of the Nicaragua Canal huge amounts will be allocated for investments in e.g. agriculture, which means possible calls for proposals.

## 7. Bemandingsplaner

MON presented the plans which were attached to the agenda. If adjustments are needed, please report these to MON.

## 8. Evt.

MON said that the brobizz that Steen Lykke Nielsen used to have is now in MON's office.

After the burglary where Hossein's PCs were stolen, we are in need of extra PCs for lending out. Therefore, MON encouraged everybody who might have an old/extra PC to give it to Hossein so that it can be cleaned up and after that used for lending out.

MON asked for feedback as to whether follow-up on the TAP dialogue meetings held in the autumn of 2014 was missing or needed.