

Meeting on: 1 September 2015
The library, AU Flakkebjerg
PATENT Section Meeting

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- 1. Guests, new students or employees**

Giulia Bongiorno from Italy will arrive on 1 September 2015. She is here on a GSST screening grant for 3 months and will work on a small project concerning lupin (a legume crop).

An Erasmus Plus student from Greece will arrive on 19 September. Her name is Christina Lazaridou and she will stay for 6 months.

Sümbül Mizrak, who has just become a lab technician, visited us last week in relation to a 3-month “løntilskudsjob” (salary subsidy job). Dependent on the administrative process, she will probably start on 15 October.

2. New staff allocation plans (bemandingsplaner) and transfer to 2016

Updated staff allocation plans can be found in the folder

O:\ST_AGRO\PATENT\Sektionsmøder\Sep 1 2015. There are only minor changes. Mogens Nicolaisen wanted to draw the attention to information given by Erik Steen Kristensen at the latest coffee meeting about the possibility of transferring project funds to 2016 and of getting internal grants.

3. UNILAB – status

Mogens Nicolaisen gave a short status on the UNILAB renovation. In the spring, it was informed by the AU building engineer that UNILAB funds could not be used for renovation of labs that had previously been renovated through UNILAB funds. A meeting was therefore held where Erik Steen Kristensen responded positively towards contributing with funds so that all labs could be renovated. Last week Mogens Nicolaisen contacted Søren Ravn, who is responsible for AGRO buildings, he was, however, not able to give a definite answer as to when the renovation process would start. Michael Kristensen added that the technical manager at ST, Bent Lorenzen, visited Flakkebjerg last week and according to him, a lot of money will be spent at Flakkebjerg.

4. -80°C freezers

Annemarie Fejer Justesen reported about the breakdown of a -80°C freezer (the one called the Keld Mansfeld freezer) during the summer. The immediate problem was solved by clearing out the freezer, throwing out things and finding space for the remaining things in other freezers. It was discussed whether the freezer capacity was sufficient. Considering the loss of flexibility due to the breakdown of the old freezer and also the age of the remaining freezers it was agreed to put new freezers on the investment list. It was suggested to name the freezers by numbers, and also it was emphasized that all samples must be labelled with a name. Samples without a name will be thrown out.

5. Lab safety (Tina)

Tina Tønnersen reported that she and Anne-Pia Larsen (health and safety representative) had inspected the cabinets for chemicals in lab B228. The cabinets contained many old chemicals and also toxic chemicals. Toxic chemicals have been placed in the appropriate room in the basement and the old chemicals have been removed and will be thrown out after a short period of time. Anne-Pia Larsen will send out an e-mail about this. The e-mail will also include information about the new labelling and storage rules.

6. News from the PhD committee (Henrik/Mogens)

Henrik Skovgård mentioned that a PhD introduction course will be held at Flakkebjerg at the end of October. The course was a great success when held in Foulum. With reference to the number of PhD students and the distribution of the PhD students among the sections Mogens Nicolaisen pointed out that Erik Steen Kristen-

sen would like to see a more equal number of PhD students between sections. If we have a good candidate, Erik Steen Kristensen may be willing to provide 2/3 of the financing with the remaining 1/3 financed by GSST, particularly if the project fits into the category “myndighedsbetjening” (public sector consultancy).

7. Horizon 2020

Mogens Nicolaisen mentioned that a new Horizon 2020 work programme for 2016 and 2017 within “Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy” had been issued. Mogens Nicolaisen recommended reading the work programme, which can be found in the PATENT folder in the O: drive. Headlines of special interest have been highlighted. Call deadlines have not been published yet.

8. New strategy for the department

Mogens Nicolaisen presented the draft Agroecology strategy for 2015-2020 including the four AGRO flagships. The strategy will be an item on the agenda for the coming junior VIP meeting in September and the senior VIP meeting in November. A comment was made that there is a trend towards increased focus on high impact papers rather than number of publications. More information about the strategy will also be given at future coffee meetings. Dorte Højland welcomed the opportunity for junior staff to also give their opinion on the strategy at the junior VIP meeting.

9. New proposals, granted proposals, etc.

Mogens Nicolaisen presented the list of proposals. Mogens Nicolaisen just submitted an application to AU NOVA entitled “The wheat phytobiome - loss of microbial diversity through breeding?” and is planning to submit a proposal for an FTP screening grant. Henrik Skovgård and Sabine Ravnskov are involved in an application for the Innovationsfonden with Jens Stougaard as the main applicant.

10. AOB

None.