

Meeting on: 6 October 2015
The library, AU Flakkebjerg
PATENT section meeting

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1. Communication in AGRO

Janne Hansen, who recently started as a communication consultant in AGRO, introduced herself – both her background and the future work for AGRO. Janne Hansen will work with both external and internal communication in AGRO, for instance, as editor of Biweekly. Janne Hansen is employed in AGRO, but will also work part of the time for DCA (60% AGRO and 40% DCA). Janne Hansen will come to Flakkebjerg regularly, e.g. once a month, and it was suggested that Janne Hansen sends out an e-mail with information about the dates when she will be at Flakkebjerg. This will give everyone a chance to, for instance, book a meeting with Janne Hansen. At the request of Caroline Kaiser, Janne Hansen will offer a popular science course consisting of two modules in November. If the number of participants interested in the course exceeds 10, it may be necessary to hold two courses. Janne Hansen will send out a Doodle with suggested dates. Janne Hansen encouraged everybody to let her know if you publish an article, get a large grant for a project, get a prize, etc., then Janne Hansen may want to write about it.

2. Guests, new students or employees

Sümbül Mizrak will start on 15 October. Sümbül Mizrak will be employed for 3 months as a lab technician (“løntilskudsjob”).

MON welcomed Christina Lazaridou. Christina Lazaridou is an Erasmus student from Greece. Christina will stay for 6 months and mainly assist Caroline while she is here.

After the PhD defence on 28 October, José Gil will be employed for a couple of months in a project funded by Kartoffelafgiftsfonden.

A guest PhD student, Muzammil Farooq, from Pakistan will arrive on 7 October (host Michael Kristensen).

3. Lab safety – autoclave, liquid N₂

MON mentioned that Anne-Pia Larsen will attend the section meetings whenever there is news relating to lab safety or from the occupational health and safety committee (LAMU).

The old autoclave is not working well and will be thrown out. Annemarie Fejer Justesen mentioned that Anne-Pia had attended a course about autoclaving and from the information that Anne-Pia got at the course, the autoclave does not fulfil the requirements for decontamination of genetically modified materials. MON thought that the needs and requirements for an autoclave should be discussed and defined, after which it should be added to the list of investments. Since Anne-Pia had already been in contact with a company, MON asked Annemarie and Mathilde to contact Anne-Pia about the autoclave and to ask Anne-Pia to get an offer for a new autoclave.

MON mentioned that he had been contacted by Per Kryger about the agreement that PATENT has with Inge Fomsgaard's group about liquid nitrogen. According to this agreement, the consumption of liquid nitrogen in PATENT is approx. 120 l per week. MON asked those who use liquid nitrogen to give a rough estimate of how much they use per week, month or year, after which he will contact Inge Fomsgaard or Bente Laursen.

4. List of investments

MON went through the list of investments. At the moment, the following wishes are on the list: Two climate chambers, a microscope, and a -80° freezer. It was discussed whether a new -80° freezer was needed. Considering the age of the freezer in the basement, it was agreed to keep the freezer on the list of investments. MON asked everybody to come forward with wishes for investments (in the price range from DKK 30,000-100,000) – not just now, but also throughout the year whenever the need for new equipment or the like is established.

5. News from the PhD committee

José Gil's PhD defence will take place on 28 October 2015 at 12:00.

6. Suggestions for talks at the SeniorVIP meeting

MON asked for volunteers for talks at the SeniorVIP meeting in the beginning of November. The plan is to have 2-3 presentations from each section. Mogens Hovmøller suggested letting one of the students give a presentation. MON asked for some names by the end of the week.

7. JuniorVIP meeting

Dorte Højland gave a summary of the JuniorVIP meeting held on 29 September at Flakkebjerg. Subjects and presentations about e.g. the AGRO strategy, flagships, “myndighedsbetjening” and Innovationsfonden were on the programme for the meeting. Most of those who participated in the meeting liked the meeting. The presentation about Innovationsfonden was really good. In relation to discussing strategy, the junior VIPs would have preferred to participate in the seniorVIP meeting. Another comment was that the time allotted for discussing the strategy was too short.

Caroline Kaiser and Marielle Babineau added that also other issues were discussed at the meeting, e.g. PhD courses at Flakkebjerg and career issues for post docs.

The issue of holding separate junior and senior VIP meetings was discussed. On the one hand, a joint, big meeting could give practical/logistical problems, and on the other hand, it was stated that the meeting is only held once a year and therefore could be considered an investment in the future. A joint meeting would be a more inclusive approach. It was suggested that a joint VIP meeting could be split into joint sessions and sessions only for senior VIP or junior VIP respectively.

8. Myndighedsbetjening – new tasks

The contract with the Ministry of Food is renewed every year. MON gave a short summary of the AGRO-Flakkebjerg-related tasks included in the working document for 2016. Annie Enkegaard is involved in the work regarding public sector consultancy. The final document will be presented as soon as it has been agreed.

9. New proposals, granted proposals, etc.

There were no new proposals or granted proposals.

10. AOB

Janne Hansen handed out a Danish version of the AGRO communication strategy. An English version of the strategy will be prepared and sent out by e-mail. Janne Hansen said that comments are very welcome.