

Meeting on: 15 December 2015
The library, AU Flakkebjerg
PATENT section meeting

Minutes

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1. Guests, new students or employees

No new students or guests have arrived. Dorthe Højland asked to be informed whenever new students or employees arrive so that they can be put on the seminar list.

2. Lab (safety, investments, etc.)

Mogens Nicolaisen passed on information from Anne-Pia Larsen, the safety and health representative: When throwing out scalpels or the like, remember to put them in appropriate containers. Anne-Pia Larsen must be informed when the outside waste containers are almost full; Anne Pia Larsen will then take care of removal/replacement. The old nitrogen facility has been replaced. Janne Holm Hansen will prepare an instruction on how to tap from the new facility. Janne Holm Hansen is looking into the need for and cost of small nitrogen containers.

Mogens Nicolaisen reported that a new centrifuge had been bought.

Based on information given at the MUS conversations, Mogens Nicolaisen had learned that there is a problem with calibration of pipettes. It is possible to calibrate the pipettes yourself, but a plan for systematic calibration of the pipettes must be worked out. Janne Holm Hansen will take care of this.

With reference to a German safety instruction on ethidium bromide Caroline Kaiser wanted to point out that when working with ethidium bromide you should wear nitrile gloves instead of latex gloves since latex gloves will not provide sufficient protection.

Tine Thach said that she would make some sign to indicate when UV is on.

It was discussed whether further action in relation to ensuring lab safety was needed. In addition to the general instruction given by Simone Rasmussen to new employees/students, it was suggested to prepare written instructions for special tasks or labs. Tina Tønnersen added that APVs must be prepared whenever a new project is started.

3. News from the PhD committee

It is not official yet, but from the latest round of applications, two PhD students will start in PATENT as of 1 March 2016: One student with Michael Kristensen and Tove Steenberg, and the other student, who comes from Pakistan, in the rust group. Furthermore, a student from Pakistan will start as of 1 February in the rust group in a two-month screening grant.

4. News from Department Management meeting

Mogens Nicolaisen briefly presented some of the items of the minutes from the latest Department Management meeting (the minutes are available on <http://agro.medarbejdere.au.dk>), e.g.

- a) that the ST Research Committee wants to have descriptions of big projects, and
- b) that it is possible to apply for Marie Curie Masterclass scholarships. Information material about the Marie Curie Masterclass can be obtained from Mogens Nicolaisen,
- c) and that the strategy has been submitted to the Dean (available on <http://agro.medarbejdere.au.dk>).

5. New proposals, granted proposals etc.

Mogens Nicolaisen reported that Annie Enkegaard had received a GUDP grant together with Tove Steengaard and that Henrik Skovgård had received a grant together with Sabine Ravnskov and Jens Stougaard.

Mogens Nicolaisen mentioned that the possibility of applying for post doc grants in the spring of 2016 had been cancelled due to government cuts.

Mogens Hovmøller mentioned that an application from Chris K. Sørensen to Danida about a project in Nepal had been turned down because Nepal is being phased out of the Danish support programme.

6. AOB

Mogens Nicolaisen mentioned that a new time registration system is on its way. The system will be implemented as from January 2016.

Caroline Kaiser asked about the new locks and keys. The new system will most likely be put into operation in the beginning of January. The front door will not be locked during working hours.

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7. Bemandingsplaner, interne projekter

Mogens Nicolaisen har modtaget foreløbige bemandingsplaner. Der er endnu enkelte justeringer. Bemandingsplanerne forventes udsendt i begyndelsen af januar. Interne projekter skal indsendes inden 6. januar.