

**Meeting on: 7 June 2016**  
**The library, AU Flakkebjerg**  
**PATENT section meeting**

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**1. Guests, new students or employees**

Enoch Narh Kudjordjie started as of 1 June 2016 in a PhD position under the supervision of Mogens Nicolaisen. Enoch is from Ghana and has a Master's Degree from the University of Copenhagen. In the PhD study, Enoch will work on microbiomes and root exudates.

Sajid Ali from Pakistan will return in a 3-month postdoc position. Sajid is expected to arrive during the weekend of week 23.

Mogens Nicolaisen mentioned that guest students and guest researchers are most welcome to attend the section meetings. It is the responsibility of the hosts to invite them to the meetings.

**2. Lab (safety, investments, etc.)**

No news from Anne-Pia Larsen, the safety and health representative.

a) Pipettes

The pipettes presently used in the master mix room are unstable, therefore Simone Ena Rasmussen is looking into the possibilities of buying pipettes from another supplier (Dandiag). Maintenance of the pipettes will be included in the price.

b) CLC Workbench licence

Mogens Nicolaisen has bought a licence for CLC Workbench and microbiome

analysis. The program is installed on a computer in Mogens' office and everybody is welcome to use it.

### 3. News from the PhD committee

Rumakanta Sapkota's PhD defence will take place on 22 June at 10:00 followed by a reception at approx. 13:00.

Mogens Nicolaisen presented a slide showing the sources of funding for the PhD students in AGRO. Mogens Nicolaisen wanted to point out that it is possible to get funding from the department for good and highly qualified candidates and urged the VIP to submit applications for "internal funding (underskudsgaranti)" to Erik Steen Kristensen whenever they hear of or meet good and highly qualified candidates.

### 4. Calls, new proposals, granted proposals, etc.

- a) Villum Fonden  
Deadline for applications to the Villum Investigators Programme is on 28 September 2016.
- b) Kartoffelafgiftsfonden  
Deadline for applications to Kartoffelafgiftsfonden is on 1 September 2016.
- c) Biordning  
Applications are being prepared by Per Kryger and Annie Enkegaard at the moment for Biordningen.
- d) AUFF NOVA  
Deadline for applications to AUFF NOVA is on 1 September 2016. Further information about AUFF NOVA can be found on this web page:  
<http://auff.au.dk/en/grants/auff-nova/>.

Mogens Nicolaisen is in cooperation with Bent Nielsen planning to prepare proposals on potato wart both to Kartoffelafgiftsfonden and EUPHRESKO.

On 3 June 2016 Mogens Nicolaisen attended a workshop at Carlsberg. Carlsberg wants to enhance the cooperation with universities and other companies. Plant pathology was not a topic at the workshop, but the overall message was that Carlsberg is willing to enter into cooperation with universities and other companies about projects proposals that are relevant to Carlsberg.

### 5. Psykisk APV

Several reports containing the results of the psychological workplace assessment 2016 have been published, e.g. at university, faculty or department level. At department level, the result for AGRO is better compared to the results of the previous psychological workplace assessment. Mogens Nicolaisen presented the report containing results at section level. Mogens Nicolaisen commented that it is hard to read the figures and that comparisons are difficult to make.

Mogens Nicolaisen mentioned that questions relating to the results of the psychological workplace assessment will be incorporated in a new template that is in preparation for future staff development dialogues (MUS).

Mogens Nicolaisen picked out a few of the results for PATENT and asked for comments:

- a) 25% had responded “sometimes” to the question “Do you feel comfortable at work”.
- b) In total 20% had responded either always/almost always, often, or sometimes (15%) to the question “Does your work cause severe stress symptoms”.
- c) Fortunately, the results for bullying, violence etc. were 0.

Niels Holst commented that the report was not written by a researcher. The report just contains raw data. Niels Holst would have expected that the data had been processed and that the report included more statistics and analyses.

Generally, it was felt that it was difficult to comment on the results because you cannot determine what the actual problem is and where the problem is, e.g. in which staff category (VIP, TAP, Students).

## **6. Economy 2016**

Mogens Nicolaisen presented a draft showing the main budget figures for 2016/2017. As compared to the situation last year at this time of the year, the known income for the coming year, i.e. 2017, is much lower. Mogens Nicolaisen trusted that applications for funding would be submitted whenever the opportunity occurs.

## **7. AOB**

No comments.