

**Meeting on: 6 September 2016**  
**The Library, AU Flakkebjerg**  
**PATENT section meeting**

**Minutes**

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

Sajid Ali's postdoc position has run out and Sajid Ali left on 2 September 2016.

Per Kryger will be the host of Lena Smets from Belgium from September 26 - December.

## **2. Lab (safety, investments etc.), any issues?**

### *Broken centrifuge*

The centrifuge in the extraction room has broken. Nobody has reported that it had broken, so nobody knows what has actually happened. Janne Holm Hansen will take care of having the centrifuge repaired and also put up a note with information about how to balance the centrifuge. Mogens Nicolaisen asked if instruction in the use of the centrifuge should be included in the safety guided tour. Janne Holm Hansen replied that the instructions will be given by a technician the first time that a new employee is going to use the centrifuge.

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Tine Thach mentioned that also the wing on the Genogrinder had broken without anybody reporting it. Possible reasons for not reporting broken instruments were discussed. It was stressed that it is important always to report it if an instrument or the like breaks either to the person responsible for the instrument or for the room in which it is placed.

## **3. News from the PhD committee (Henrik)**

No news from the PhD committee.

## **4. Tove new member of 'Education committee'**

Tove Steenberg has been appointed to the AGRO Education Committee (PATENT representative) and Bernd Wollenweber has been appointed Head of the Education Committee. Michael Kristensen is on part-time sick leave at the moment and has withdrawn from the Education Committee.

## **5. Calls, new proposals, granted proposals etc.**

Annemarie Fejer Justesen mentioned that a contract has been concluded and signed with the Bill Gates Foundation and that the following applications have been submitted: a) to Promilleafgiftsfonden to support the rust monitoring work in Denmark, b) to AUFF NOVA for a postdoc project, and c) to Sukkerroefonden, a small project with Lise Nistrup Jørgensen.

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Mogens Nicolaisen has submitted the following applications: a) an AUFF NOVA application concerning the wheat microbiome, b) an application to Kartoffelafgiftsfonden on pathotyping of potato wart. Furthermore, the H2020 proposal concerning phytoplasma in tropical crops has been accepted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. A grant letter for a project concerning root exudates was received in July from DFF-FTP.

Karl-Martin Vagn Jensen has received an enquiry from EPA concerning the development of an authorization system (pest control). Karl-Martin Vagn Jensen stressed that it was not an actual project yet.

## **6. VIP meeting in November. Scientific talks – any ideas?**

The annual 2-day VIP meeting will be held at Flakkebjerg this year. This year, also Junior VIP (postdocs and PhDs) will be invited for the first day of the meeting, i.e. the scientific day. The day will be split into themes of approx. 3 talks. Mogens Nicolaisen asked for suggestions for talks. Decision on talks for the programme will be taken in October.

## **7. News from Department management meeting, MUS conversations, ‘On-boarding’, ERC starting grants, etc**

Mogens Nicolaisen referred to the summary from the department management meeting given by Per Kudsk at the coffee meeting on 22 August.

For the staff development dialogues (MUS) that will be held in the autumn a new questionnaire is being developed in cooperation with the company musskema.dk. The questionnaire is to be filled in approx. 3 days before the actual staff development dialogue. Some concern about anonymity in relation to the questionnaire was raised. It was, however, emphasized that the answers given in the questionnaire are confidential.

New procedures for welcoming and integrating new employees in the department – termed onboarding – are under preparation.

In Foulum 3 applications for ERC starting grants have been submitted. Mogens Nicolaisen stated that a good CV is required when applying for these grants.

Vice-dean Søren Rud Keiding gave a presentation on research in ST in general. Søren Rud Keiding is also head of the research council FTP (Technology and Production Sciences) and from the part of the presentation concerning FTP Mogens Nicolaisen particularly noted 2 important things: take care not to make trivial mistakes, and the first page of the proposal should include a hypothesis.

## **8. Revision of homepage:**

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Mogens Nicolaisen presented the PATENT homepage and asked everybody to send comments, changes and suggestions for further information to him.

## **9. AOB**

No subjects.