

Meeting on: 4 April 2017
The lecture room, AU Flakkebjerg
PATENT section meeting

Minutes

AGENDA

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- 2. Lab (safety, investments etc.) – lab rules, lending etc.**
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1. Guests, new students or employees

Mogens Nicolaisen gave the following information:

- A PhD student from Iran will arrive approx. mid-April; the exact date is not known yet due to visa problems. He will stay here for one year in an internship and share office with Carmina during his stay.
- Mathilde Schiøtt Dige will go on maternity leave in June. A temporary lab technician will not be hired during the leave as it is possible to postpone or cancel some of the budgeted project hours.
- Laure Boeglin will be employed in a temporary position from September up to and including December. The main tasks will be to assist Rumakanta and Enoch.

Michael Kristensen provided information that Karl-Martin Vagn Jensen is retiring as of end of June and that, in reality, Karl-Martin will stop in the middle of May due to holidays. Most of Karl-Martin's tasks will be divided between Michael Kristensen and Henrik Skovgård. E.g., Henrik Skovgård will take on "sale of animals" and courses, while Michael Kristensen will take on efficacy evaluations for Miljøstyrelsen (The Danish Environmental Protection Agency). Michael Kristensen expressed the hope that Karl-Martin Vagn Jensen will be able to continue in some kind of a consultancy

position. An emeritus contract has been signed, but Michael Kristensen felt that also a contract particularly in relation to efficacy evaluations was needed.

2. Lab (safety, investments etc.) – lab rules, lending etc.

Tine Tønnersen showed a broken part for the KingFischer. Tina Tønnersen said that in case something is broken or damaged it is not OK just to leave it and not tell anybody about it. If you afterwards not knowing about the broken or damaged part use the equipment your samples will be ruined. It was commented that it can happen to anybody that something accidentally breaks or is damaged, but as a minimum you have to tell somebody about it. It was discussed how this frequently recurring problem can be solved and whether there is a need for introduction of new procedures. Even though a TAP supervisor is appointed to all new students and employees working in the labs, there still seems to be some uncertainty about the rules, where to find things and who to ask. Moreover, it is often after normal office hours or during weekends that equipment and the like is left in a damaged condition or rooms are left untidy and not cleaned. It was suggested to make a document stating 10 rules for laboratory work including names of contact persons. Mogens Nicolaisen will ask Simone Rasmussen to prepare a draft that will be sent round with a request for comments.

3. News from the PhD committee

Henrik Skovgård mentioned that a PhD Grand Meeting will be held later this spring. Carmina will send out information about the meeting.

Mogens Nicolaisen added that Carmina will continue organizing the Tuesday seminars during her stay in Portugal.

4. Calls, new proposals, granted proposals etc.

Mogens Nicolaisen had received a draft for a H2020 call from Torsten Rødel. Torsten Rødel is asking for comments on the call. No additions will be made to the call, some items may, however, be taken out, e.g. “emerging diseases”, which was also included in the former call 3 years ago. Deadline for a revised version is 7 May. Though the call text is not yet final, Mogens finds that there should be possibilities on the plant side for making or participating in proposals or consortia, e.g. in the areas IPM, emerging risks, and increasing capacities for detection in plant health. The first call deadline will most likely be in 2018.

5. Tenure track position in plant pathology

The advertisement for a tenure track position in plant pathology is under preparation. The position is advertised in the flagship Sustainable Pest Management, so both PATENT and CROP are involved. The wording of the advertisement is very broad, and the candidate will be given the opportunity to develop a research area within plant pathology for one or more of the diseases affecting important broadleaved arable crops or high-value crops. The advertisement can be found in the O-drive (O:\ST_AGRO\PATENT\Sektionsmøder). The application deadline is set for 1 June

with a starting date of 1 October. A search committee will be set up with the following members: Per Kudsk, Mogens Nicolaisen, Lise Nistrup Jørgensen and either Mogens S. Hovmøller or Annemarie Fejer Justesen. Mogens Hovmøller suggested postponing the application deadline till 1 August as due to Easter holidays the time up until 1 June is very short. Mogens agreed and will pass on the suggestion.

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6. Eventuelt/AOB

Mogens Hovmøller reported that Chris K. Sørensen had been appointed a researcher.

Steen Meier said that he will be working shorter hours as from this week. Steen will not be in on Wednesdays. Also, Steen mentioned that he will retire as from 1 April 2018.