

Meeting date: 12 June 2018 at 12:45

Meeting room: Meeting room 2, AU Flakkebjerg

Meeting subject: Section meeting in AGRO PATENT

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1. Guests, new students or employees

Mogens N. welcomed Mette Vestergård Madsen, tenure track position, and Md. Maniruzzaman Sidker, PhD student, to Agroecology. Mette and Sikder introduced themselves and their research interests. Mogens N. added that the co-supervisor of Sikder, Tina Kyndt of Ghent University, will visit Flakkebjerg on Friday 15 June and also give a presentation.

2. News from PhD committee

No information.

3. Lab (safety, investments, etc.)

a) Rules for working in labs outside working hours

At the latest section meeting it was agreed that students must obtain permission for working in the labs after 5 pm and during weekends. The new rules have now been implemented. Notes have been put up in all labs and an e-mail with information about the rules has been sent out.



Michael asked if the question about insurance coverage for students working after hours had been examined. Mogens N. confirmed that the employees including students are covered by the AU insurance also when working outside normal hours.

b) UNILAB

The new extraction room has been put into service and the new teaching lab will be tested soon. Mogens H. mentioned that the teaching lab will be used for the next Diagnostics course taking place in the beginning of July and added that 5 additional microscopes are being purchased for the lab.

4. Calls, new proposals, granted proposals

Annie and Tove have got a proposal granted, which is an extension of a project that has been running for the past 2½ years, viz. The use of drones for dispensing beneficial organisms in various types of crops. It is a 3½-year grant from GUDP that will start on 1 August. The amount granted for AGRO is 3.8 million. In the project, the focus will be on oil seed rape, and Annie gave a short description of project.

a) Calls

Mogens N. referred to the 3 links for calls listed in the agenda. Application deadline is in August for the Innovation Fund, Kartoffelafgiftsfonden and GUDP.

b) SLO-ACE

Mogens N. gave a short description of SLO-ACE, in which both he and Per Kudsk are involved. SLO-ACE is a Slovenian project. Slovenia wants to build up a Centre of Excellence, and last year Per Kudsk and the Slovenian partner got a grant from the EU for preparing a proposal. The proposal, if granted, has a budget of 15 million EUR from the EU and 15 million EUR from Slovenia and comprises both crops and husbandry. Since the proposal is still in its early stages, Mogens N. is representing the section, but names of researchers from the section have been put on lists for specific areas. Sharing of 2-3 PhD's and a post doc between AU and Slovenia is included in the proposal. Mogens N., Per Kudsk, Per Gregersen og Torben Asp will go to Slovenia for a meeting in the beginning of July. The proposal is to be submitted in the autumn.

Mogens H. reported that the kick-off meeting for the European RustWatch project had just been held in Copenhagen, where 23 of the 24 partners participated. The project started on 1 May and will run for 4 years.

Also, Mogens H. mentioned that Jordbruksverket has accepted our bid and the contract is at present under review in Aarhus. Basically, the contract is a continuation of activities that we have had for the past 8-10 years.

5. Info. Different issues from 'Institutedelsesmøde'

a) Economy

Owing to the financial situation, the restrictions imposed on hiring of staff are still in force, though with well-founded argumentation it may be possible to persuade Erik

Steen Kristensen to employ new staff. Efforts are being discussed and made in the leader group to avoid creating new internal projects and instead share staff across sections. Obtaining financial support from the department for PhD students will be harder but still possible, only it will require stronger argumentation, and particularly relevance to “myndighedsbetjening” will be important.

b) Recruitment of permanent staff

The university has set up 7 rules/guidelines for hiring permanent staff. The department leader group finds the rules/guidelines too strict particularly for positions relating to “myndighedsbetjening”. A response with AGRO’s views on these rules/guidelines has been sent to the dean. AGRO wants to make more targeted job advertisements aimed at a narrow group of applicants.

c) Persondataforordning

Mogens N. referred to information sent out by Sonja Graugaard about “persondataforordningen” (General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)). Mogens N. regarded the information as guidelines and expected that further instructions will follow on how to act and deal with the GDPR. Mogens N. thought that AU had been somewhat slow at taking measures to implement the GDPR. Link to AU homepage:
<http://www.au.dk/informationssikkerhed/databeskyttelse/>.

6. Staffing plan – bemandingsplan

The updated plan can be found on the O-drive under section meetings. The new grants from GUDP, Jordbruksverket and EFSA have, however, not yet been entered into the plan.

7. Follow up on GRUS. Plant pathology forum PATENT/CROP

The plant pathology forum suggested at the GRUS meeting will be discussed at a meeting next week. Similarly, a forum was suggested for entomology. Niels accepted to arrange a meeting.

MUS (staff development dialogues) will be held after the summer holidays, i.e. in September/October.

8. Myndighedsbetjening

There are two big tasks at the moment:

a) Skadegørerstatus (status on pests in Denmark)

Deadlines are on 1 July and on 1 December. We have received a list of 150 pests. It takes approx. half a day to prepare the current status of one pest, so the task is quite time-consuming. For the December deadline, there are many fungi, so Bent and Anemarie may need some assistance.

b) Horizon scanning

If Landbrugsstyrelsen discovers a new pest which may become a threat in Denmark in the coming years, Landbrugsstyrelsen will perform a horizon scanning. Landbrugsstyrelsen has asked us to take on this task and will send us a list of potential threats twice a year. In the beginning, at least 50 pests will be on the list. Gabor Lövei will be in charge of the task and ask for assistance from relevant colleagues when required. A meeting has been arranged in late June between Gabor, Mogens N. and Annie. The purpose is to produce an example of an answer to one pest that will then be discussed with Landbrugsstyrelsen. If Landbrugsstyrelsen is satisfied with the “template”, we will receive the full list of pests. As yet a deadline has not been agreed upon.

In the autumn, DCA/DCE will offer courses in “myndighedsbetjening”. One course aimed at employees that have just started to work with advice to the ministry and another course for employees with more experience in the field.

9. Eventuelt/AOB

No subjects discussed.