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Meeting on 20 May 2022, 10:00 – 11:30
M4
Section meeting

Minutes

Present: Climate and Water section

Agenda:

1. Approval of agenda
2. Staff news:
 - a. Welcome to Juliana Martins, Andrés Rodriguez and Yiwei Shang
 - b. Expected within the coming three months:
 - i. Vita Antoniuk, 1 June, postdoc.
 - ii. Vasilis Michailidis 15 August, enrolled PhD student (Diego)
 - iii. Guillermo Guardia 15 August, guest researcher 3-4 months (Diego)
 - c. Goodbye to Wenjie Wu, leaving mid of June
3. News from committees:
 - a. PhD committee, Jim
4. Wrap-up GDD
5. Messages:
 - a. Department management
 - b. Other messages
6. Social event:
 - a. Crayfish party 25 May
 - b. Excursion August/September?
 - c. Other suggestions
7. AOB

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Ad 1: Approval of agenda

Approved

Ad 2: Staff news

Postdoc Andrés Rodriguez and PhD student Yiwei Shang presented themselves. Postdoc Juliana Martins was not present due to field work.



- Vita Antoniuk is employed in a one-year postdoc position from 1 June.
- Vasilis Michailidis from Greece is employed as PhD student from 15 August. His supervisor is Diego A.
- Guillermo Guardia from Spain is a short term visiting researcher from 15 August. His host is Diego A.
- Guest PhD student Wenjie Wu is leaving mid of June.

Ad 3: News from committees, Jim

Jim informed from the PhD committee work. The committee had a full day meeting 20 April, where they worked with update of the PhD guidelines. The updated guidelines will be available online soon.

The aim is that the guidelines are easy accessible.

One of the main issues for the PhD committee is to make sure that supervisors are well trained.

The PhD committee offers confidential wellbeing conversations with the enrolled PhD students. The committee would like to have a setup for long term guest PhD students to be offered a similar conversation.

Lunch-seminars, e.g. start-up seminars has to be with physical attendance, and it is mandatory for the supervisor to attend.

The yearly PhD grand meeting as it was arranged previously, is now included in the AGRO Researcher Days.

Ad 4: Wrap-up GDD

During the GDD meetings, it came up that communication on what colleagues in the section and also across sections is working on is essential. The possibility of forming teams was discussed.

Mathias promised to bring this further up to the department management. A roadmap on how to define some key topics is needed.

During fall a workshop on harassment and cultural awareness is organized by the department.

Ad 5: Messages

From department management:

- Opening of the LandCRAFT center is in the afternoon 1 June. The opening ceremony is only for invited persons.
- Department economy: An updated staffing plan is available. The project leaders and Mathias discussed the plan after end of the section meeting. Some

staff is over-budgeted and months should be transferred to other staff or to 2023. Contact Mathias if you have input/concerns to the staffing plan.

- The department got an extra bill of 4 mill mainly due to increased energy costs but also contributions to empty buildings as part of departments moving. The department management has initiated a round to discuss in sections how to deal with this.
- Education: The veterinary education starts in 2023 and Agrobiology in 2024. Jim and Kirsten E. are members of an 'education development group'. Slides from the meeting in April is attached to the minutes. It is important with a transparency in the process.
- Torsten plans to coordinate an overview of who is interested in preparing HEU applications. If you plan to coordinate a HEU application, you can have three months from the department to do the application. An overview over upcoming calls is found here <https://agro.medarbejdere.au.dk/projektstyring/ekstern-finansiering>.
- AGRO Researcher Days is planned for 8 – 9 November 2022. The program for day two is reserved for young scientists. If you are interested in joining the organizing committee, you are welcome to approach Mathias.

Other messages:

AGRO and ICROFS celebrates the 25 year anniversary of the long-term experiments at Foulumgård.

The celebration is divided into two parts:

- An international scientific workshop on the 7th June, followed by structured discussions on future ideas and perspectives in the morning 8 June. If you want to join, you can register via this link <https://events.au.dk/ltews/signup> before 31 May.
- In the afternoon 8 June, the official celebration for stakeholders etc. will take place at Foulumgård with speeches, followed by discussions on future ideas. This is all in Danish. If you want to join, you can register via this link <https://tilmeld.events/cropsys25/signup> before 31 May.

Ad 6. Social event:

- Crayfish party 25 May. Registration is via the form in the coffee corner.
- Excursion August/September:
 - We plan to organize a whole-day excursion to Aarhus. More details will come out very soon.
- Visit field experiments sometimes before summer break.

Ad 7. AOB:

Nothing