

**Meeting date:** 5 September 2017  
**Meeting place:** AU Flakkebjerg, meeting room 2  
**Meeting subject:** PATENT section meeting

## AGENDA

1. **Guests, new students or employees**
2. **Lab (safety, investments etc.)**
3. **News from the PhD committee**
4. **Calls, new proposals, granted proposals**
5. **Eventuelt/AOB**
6. **Myndighedsbetjening**

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

Mogens Nicolaisen welcomed Laure Boeglin back to AU Flakkebjerg. Laure Boeglin is employed as a research assistant for 4 months as from 1 September 2017

#### *a. Replacements for Lars and Steen*

Lars Damberg will retire from his position by the end of October. The hiring procedure for a new person to take over Lars' position is in progress, and at present, 40 applications have been received in the application portal. Deadline for applications is on 18 September. Members of the hiring committee are Mogens Nicolaisen, Annie Enkegaard and Claus Dahl, and the aim is to hire the new person as of 1 November 2017.

Steen Meier will retire by the end of March 2018. At the request of Erik Steen Kristensen, the new person to take over Steen Meier's job will be employed in the MARK section. The purpose is to ensure increased flexibility. Thomas Birger Jensen will in cooperation with relevant VIPs be responsible for the advertising and hiring procedures. The new employee must have a background as a greenhouse gardener, and Mogens Nicolaisen stressed that PATENT tasks will still be the first priority of the new employee.

#### *b. Tenure track position in plant pathology - short update*

55 applications have been received. A shortlist of 10 good candidates has been drawn up. The evaluation committee consisting of the following members: Mogens S. Hovmøller, Lisa Munk and Dan Funck Jensen, is evaluating the applications, and the next step is interviews. A hiring committee consisting of the following members: Mogens Nicolaisen, Erik Steen Kristensen, Per Kudsk and Lise Nistrup Jørgensen has been appointed.



c. *Laborantpraktikant*

The group of laboratory technicians has expressed an interest in hiring a laboratory technician trainee. Permission has been given for a one-year trainee position. Gitte Christiansen will be the supervisor of the trainee and Gitte is now checking up on the rules and regulations. Expected starting date of the trainee is 1 February 2018.

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

a. *Simone/Janne will give a short update on their work on rules for guests etc. in labs*

Based on the recurring talks about lab safety and guests in the labs, Simone and Janne have agreed to prepare a proposal for rules that can be discussed at a future meeting.

Simone explained what she and Janne had discussed so far:

- Same rules for same hallway, i.e. both PATENT and CROP, so some CROP members will also be invited for the meeting
- Safety tour when new employees/students start
- Lab licence
- Marking of machines/equipment that must not be used unless an introduction has been given (red stop sign with name of contact person)
- Want VIPs to take more part in the introduction to safety rules when new employees/students arrive

As soon as the proposal has been prepared, an invitation for a meeting will be sent out.

b. *Plans for investments <100,000 DKK*

There will be some extra money for investments, so proposals for investments less than DKK 100,000 are invited (suggestions to be given to Mogens Nicolaisen before 27-09-2017. The following investments were suggested:

- -80° freezer (in the basement)
- Qubit for DNA quantification

c. *Laundry/labcoats*

As Lars is retiring, the task of taking care of the lab coats has to be taken over by someone else. The lab technicians will discuss this matter at a lab meeting on 06-09-2017.

d. *Simone 'indkøber/purchaser'*

Simone will take over the task of being purchaser for PATENT from Lars starting as from next week (week 37). Simone will send out an e-mail about this.

## 3. News from the PhD committee

Henrik Skovgård had two pieces of information from the PhD committee:

- The midterm exam of Zahid Mahmood will take place on 18 September 2017.
- The August round of candidates has just been finished (8 candidates in total). One of the candidates will most likely be employed in CROP.

The possibilities of obtaining financial support (up to 2/3) from the department were discussed. The chances will be better if the projects can be related to "myndighedsbetjening"/public sector consultancy. Mogens Nicolaisen and Henrik Skovgård encouraged everybody to contact Erik Steen Kristensen if there is a good candidate. It was stressed that the candidate must have high marks.

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

Mogens Nicolaisen participates in a small proposal concerning eDNA granted by AU. The total amount of the grant is DKK 500,000 and the project is co-ordinated by the Department of Environmental Science, AU Roskilde.

With reference to the latest list of applications registered in ReAp, which can be found in the folder O:\ST\_AGRO\PATENT\Sektionsmøder\sept 5, 2017, Mogens Nicolaisen commented just for information that the number of PATENT applications is quite low in comparison with the other sections.

Chris K. Sørensen mentioned that he is together with Bo Melander and René Gislum involved in an application entitled "SqM Farming". The application was submitted to GUDP at the end of August. Ole Green is the coordinator of the project.

#### 5. Eventuelt/AOB

Henrik Skovgård gave a summary of his two-week trip to Greenland, which took place in the beginning of August. Henrik had been invited by the soil group in Foulum in his capacity as entomologist. The background for the visit is to look into the future possibilities of agriculture in Greenland owing to climate change.

#### 6. Myndighedsbetjening

##### a. Nye regler for peer review

Mogens Nicolaisen orienterede om, at der er udgivet en pamflet om kvalitetssikring af myndighedsrådgivning på ST, Aarhus Universitet (<http://dca.medarbejdere.au.dk/myndighedsbetjening/>). Der fremgår heraf, at alle besvarelser skal peer reviews. Både Mogens Nicolaisen og Annie Enkegaard, der er koordinator for myndighedsbetjening, har udtrykt bekymring over dette, da det vil tage ekstra tid. Det er vigtigt, når "holdet sættes", at der også udpeges en peer reviewer (en intern person). Selvom det kan være et skøn, hvor meget tid der skal lægges i et peer review, var holdningen generelt, at peer review vil være en fordel.

##### b. Konkurrenceudsættelse

Mogens Nicolaisen oplyste, at Erik Steen Kristensen, som han også har informeret om på kaffemøder, er fortrøstningsfuld i forhold til konkurrenceudsættelse af myndighedsbetjeningen og forventer, at det først vil have fuld effekt for AGRO i 2021.