

Department of Molecular Biosciences, The Wenner-Gren Institute

Protocol for PhD Board meeting – scheduled 2021-09-09, 19:00-20:00,

Location: University of Stockholm, MBW; participants: Kanwal Tariq, Franziska Hildebrandt, Simon Prokisch (Secretary), Tanvi Somiah, Laveena Kansara, Thomas Grochalski

1. Discussion about the next Council Meeting

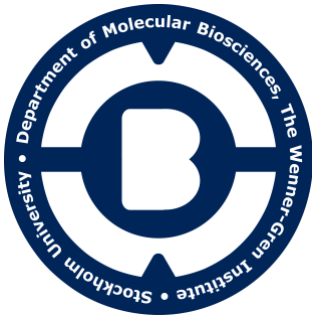
- > Decision was taken to try to organize hybrid events, at least in the close future. Hybrid means to give student the possibility to follow meetings in person but also allowing them to follow these meetings via zoom
- > Determined date for the next Council Meeting: 2021-10-08 at 12 pm
- > The agenda still needs to be discussed
- > Asking departmental head, study director and administrators to present themselves for the new students
- > Division of responsibilities:
 - Food: Tanvi Somiah and Franziska Hildebrandt
 - Poster: Laveena Kansara and Simon Prokisch
 - Room booking: Kanwal Tariq
- > Beside poster and email, inform students personally and encourage them to attend

2. Discussion of possibility of hybrid meetings for the future in general

- > Convenience: More people would possibly join, e.g., people that cannot join on-site
- > Suggestion that MOSS and MASS could be hybrid events but at the end it is not our responsibility and we cannot take a decision

3. Meeting with Neus Visa – next steps in teaching discussions

- > Discussion about further steps that can be taken to increase interest in teaching:
 - An official certificate that could encourage teaching interest, nice experience, fun, distraction from one's own research, good for CV and future, evaluation of course organizers in order to optimize teaching
- > What else should we bring up?
 - Starting of pubs again, who can attend, where to organize them, who should organize them, rules about alcohol
- > Sharing of an updated document for teaching that Franziska Hildebrandt and Tanvi Somiah have worked on:
 - An example to present to Neus Visa, Franziska Hildebrandt agreed to prepare one
 - In future: this document should be sent out together with the teaching assignments



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4. PR situation

- > Laveena Kansara gave a summary of NFR, she has already sent forwarded an email from them; there are already motions and things that are being done
- > As PhD board, we will support them as much as possible and interact with other NF Councils

5. Nobel Laureate invitations

- > Task: sending invitations via email and suggesting of dates that are suitable for most of the department:
- > Besides Nobel Laureates: Invitation of Alex Schier for Frontiers
- > Decision to discuss about Budget with Neus Visa
- > Maybe: Organization of a bigger event in January

6. Other questions and ideas to discuss about

- > Franziska Hildebrandt gave a summary of the MBW day: only invited speakers, offside, quiz and other interactive games, assigning seats to encourage people to discuss with unknown people
- > A discussion was held whether we should organize another PhD day