

Institutionen för molekylär biovetenskap, Wenner-Grens institut

# Protocol Work Environment and environmental group meeting

Date: Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Time: 13.00-14.30 Place: Runnströmsrummet Present: Neus Visa, Martin Säflund, Munira Akhter, Roger Johansson, Van Le Sabrie (chair), Jessika Lind (secretary) Not present: Claudia Arasa Cuartiella, Monika Björk

# Agenda

# 1. Selection of adjuster

Kicki Ryman was selected to adjust the minutes.

# 2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

# 3. Previous minutes

Van Le Sabrie went through the previous minutes, and the following things were commented on:

# Annual plan for work environment

A question of whether we agreed on putting up information signs in the toilets about sexual harassments, was asked. It was concluded that it had not been decided, and that there currently is no need to do this. There is information about sexual harassment and our preventative measures on the website and in the Lab safety pamphlet.

With regards to the question on when to have the next fire safety exercise, Roger informed that we will synchronize it with the adjacent department and that we have not yet decided on a final date, but sometime in the beginning of June.

Since the last meeting, Munira Akhter and Martin Säflund have been elected as the new safety officers at MBW. Claudia Arasa Cuartiella (not present), was also welcomed as the PhD students' new Equality Officer. It was pointed out that there is a vacancy to fill (safety officer) at ECF. Van informed that she has looked into the matter, and that there is no one who currently fills the criteria (he or she has to be *tillsvidareanställd* and be a union member). Van will follow up on this question in three months.

# Environment

The safety inspection of the autoclaves and the fly food cooker, has not yet come to pass.

#### Other

In the previous meeting, there was a discussion about insulation of the windows. Neus now informed that Fastighetsavdelningen and Akademiska hus are planning to insulate MBW's windows which likely will reduce our energy consumption.

# 4. Annual plan for work environment

- *Ledningens genomgång miljö:* Neus and Monika will look it over, and get back to the Environment and environmental group with a draft.
- *Sammanfattning SAMIR:* Munira has already finished the SAMIR summary, and will send it to the Environment and environmental group. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

# 5. Environment

Nothing to report.

# 6. Work environment

#### Employee survey

The results from SU's employee survey (conducted during the autumn 2022), was recently presented to MBW's staff by Neus in a Zoom meeting. The results have also been discussed on group level (for example in the Administration. The Technical group will have a meeting about this when Maria Ekoff has started).

Neus also informed that she, Antonio and the new Director for PhD studies (not yet elected), will have a meeting with the PhD students to go through the results of the survey. It is the PhD students' results that are the most troubling.

Van went through parts of the result of the survey, and it was clarified where the responsibility for lab safety and work environment lies. It was concluded that each group leader is responsible for the work environment of their group members. The Lab manager can only on a general level, be responsible for the lab safety of the department. Neus will go through the result of the PhD students with the group leaders, to highlight which areas need to be improved.

It was concluded that MBW's result – as a whole – looks good in comparison with the general result of SU. The only point where MBW had a worse outcome than the general result, is regarding the staff's knowledge about the decision process of the department. It was concluded that this should be improved.

# Risk assessment – Cell sorting machine

Munira raised a question of whether a risk assessment should be made with regards to the recently purchased Cell sorting machine. It was concluded that we will probably learn more at the upcoming training.

The question of whether a BSL2 application should be sent in, was also brought up. It was decided that we need to ask Deniz Ozata for a list of users and their material, to be able to know whether an application is necessary.

# 7. Fire safety

The date for the fire drill is yet to be decided.

DBB will hold a CPR course on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. A few spare spots will be filled by the MBW Administration.

# 8. Gender equality and equality

Nothing to report.

#### 9. SAMIR reports

Nothing to report.

#### 10. Information from the lab safety network at SU

Kicki shared information from the two recent Lab safety network-meetings. Among other things, Thomas Markdalen informed of the risks with lithium batteries (belonging to electric bikes and kickbikes/scooters). They can spontaneously catch fire, and it is being investigated whether a special area for the batteries should allocated. It was decided that MBW should take no action in the matter before central directives are in place.

Additional information points can be seen in the LSN protocols which have been sent out by Kicki.

# **11.Safety representative reports**

Nothing to report.

#### 12.0ther

Nothing to report.

# 13. The meeting was closed

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