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Protocol Work Environment and environmental group meeting

Date: Monday the 29th of May 2023

Time: 13.00-14.30

Place: Runnströmsrummet

Present: Neus Visa, Van Le Sabrie, Martin Säflund, Monika Björk, Jessika Lind (secretary), Munira Akhter, Maria Ekoff, Claudia Arasa Cuartiella

Not present: Roger Johansson, Kicki Ryman

Agenda

1. Selection of adjuster

Monika was chosen to adjust the minutes.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Previous minutes

Van went through the previous minutes, and the following items were commented on:

Annual plan for work environment

In the previous meeting, the routines regarding the follow-up of the safety inspection round, was discussed. Maria informed that the protocol has been placed in the post room and that the group leaders, in an email, have been reminded to attend to their comments.

With regards to the safety inspection protocol, Neus commented on that there might have been a misunderstanding when it comes to the amount of flammables in the labs. It is common to leave empty ethanol bottles open to air them out – which during an inspection round may lead to the conclusion that a lot of flammables are in use. It was concluded that, if this is the case, the labeling needs to be improved.



4. Annual plan for work environment

- *Update MBW's website:* It was concluded that the website is updated regularly, and that specific attention recently has been given to the lab safety section in the Internal pages. The list of evacuation leaders has also been updated recently.
- *CPR course:* Three CPR courses have recently been held, and Munira informed that the list of attendees was relatively short. Munira thought that it might have to do with the fact that she informed everyone that the course is slightly physically demanding (something that we have to do according to SU's guidelines). More courses will be held during the autumn, and it was decided that we should clarify that it is possible to participate even if you cannot perform all steps of the course in full. Some participation is better than no participation.

5. Environment

Van went through the proposed Environmental plan for 2023, and it was decided that the plan can be presented to the Department Board.

Neus also presented Ledningens genomgång miljö, in which she and Monika have evaluated how MBW has followed the Environmental plan for 2022. The two goals regarding plastics and information about SU's environmental work, have not been fulfilled – and have therefore been added to the plan for 2023. The third goal regarding limiting the travel was however deemed achieved.

In Ledningens genomgång miljö, some statistics from SU's Svalna is presented. In Svalna, the environment representative and the Head of Department can view an estimation of the department's carbon footprint in different categories. It was decided that the AMG will have a look at the statistics in Svalna at the next meeting.

Neus raised a question of whether MBW should have two environmental representatives (as we previously have had). It was decided that Neus and Monika will make sure that there are no rules regulating who can be a representative, whereafter an email can be sent out to the department to see if there is an interest for someone to engage in the role. Van will also ask ECF if they have someone who is interested.

6. Work environment

Following up on the meetings and workshops held after SU's employee survey 2022, Neus asked whether there is any work remaining. It was concluded that we might need to summarize our efforts (workshops, meetings, updating of the introduction course etc) in a report.

7. Fire safety

Maria informed about the upcoming evacuation drill on the 15th of June. Akademiska hus is testing the fire alarms on the very same day, but this test will be soundless. Information about the evacuation drill will be shared on the MBW Day on the 31st of May.

8. Gender equality and equality

Nothing to report.

9. SAMIR reports

Nothing to report.

10. Information from the lab safety network at SU

During the last LSN-meeting, there was a discussion about the use of the central hydrogen gas – and Maria inquired whether someone at MBW utilizes this. It was concluded that we probably are not connected to the system.

Other information points:

- The liquid nitrogen will have an emergency tap installed, which means that it may be used even if electricity/pressure fails.
- There has been a lot of critique regarding the blue waste containers provided by SU-butiken, since you cannot see whether they are full. It was pointed out that it is important to file a report in SAMIR, if there are incidents relating to this.
- Hanna has put together a course for those working with allergenics. The course is aimed at both supervisors and those working with the allergenic substances. It was decided that Munira shall retrieve a list from KLARA over the allergenic substances handled at MBW, and send it to Neus and Maria. The groups concerned can thereafter be contacted directly.

11. Safety representative reports

Nothing to report.

12. Other

The discussion regarding the blue waste containers (discussed in point 10 in this protocol), continued. It was decided that we should aim to purchase the white containers, which should still be available through VWR. If they are not, it should be okay to go beyond the framework agreement if it is motivated properly.

It was decided that the next meeting, on the 26th of June, should only be held if there is something specific that needs to be discussed.

13. The meeting was closed.

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