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**Protocol for PhD Board meeting – scheduled 2024-
02-21, 13:00-14:30, F504**

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Max Louski, Simon Prokisch-Chalas, Thomas Mazza, Patrycja
Swacha, Irene Álvarez Guerra, Elena Afanaseva, Kanwal Tariq,
Emma Block, Miren Urrutia

Chair: Isabella Badolati

Certifier: Sergei Pirogov

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1. Meet the new board

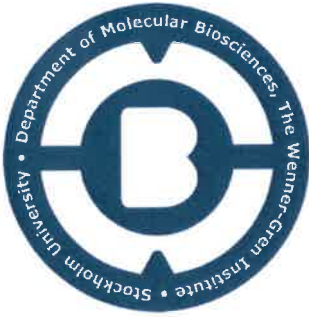
The new Board was presented.

2. Second nailing pillar

A second nailing column was finally installed, next to the first one.

3. How do you feel about teaching duties?

Teaching experiences were shared. People feel generally well prepared however they wished to have more information from the last TAs; the courses should be structured better; new TAs should be taught and instructed better. It's also the responsibility of the course coordinator to introduce new TAs to the course. Some course organizers do better than others. Is it mandatory to TAs to give seminars, or only do lab related work? Maybe creating files for every course where TAs could write suggestions.



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4. MBW travel grant

PhD students feel that it is a nice idea to have the possibility to split the money at least in two conferences.

5. Regular and upcoming events

Pubs, Interdepartmental pubs. The pub team is looking for more people in their team. MBW day might be in fall 2024.

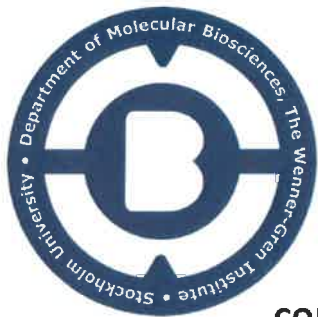
Maybe another event planned by the PhD Board: Science Slam Competition. The PhD board will apply for project funding from SUS. Maybe we could invite friends, master students, bachelor students. This event could be followed by a pub.

6. Grant writing competition

Susanne Keipert suggested to start a new course which is a “grant writing competition” course. It will give 1 credit. It is a course for PhD students from the end of their 2nd year and the two best PhD students will get a reward. The prize for the first would be 15000 SEK, for the second 10000 SEK. It would be nice to have a seminar before that teaches how to write a grant application and what to take into consideration. The money should be used in the lab, especially for the students that win the prizes. Maybe more credits would be more appropriate since the writing of a grant application is a long process.

7. Additional questions

GUG meetings should really be held in English, like all other groups. Last year it was in English but now they changed back to Swedish. We also have only few Swedish speaking PhD students. Maybe the PhD Board could ask Neus Visa to remind



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members of the GUG board that the used language should be English. Maybe the NFR representative could mention it in their next meeting. English allows all PhD students to get involved. Maybe the PhD Board could write an email to the responsible people.

Lokalgruppen asks for money from Akademiska Hus to repair things in the department; PhD students should contact Emma Block if they want something to be repaired.

Anaswara Sugathan as the NFR representative gave some information of their last meeting. NFR needs some PhD students from MBW as representatives for some groups. Miren Urrutia and Kanwal Tariq were open to take these positions.

8. Meeting closure



Chair



Certifier