

Monday meeting | Department of Geological Sciences

Monday IGV notes by Helen Coxall, September 16, 2024

SU and general IGV matters

Prefekt meeting 17th September. The results of the SU-wide 'localities optimization project' investigation were presented. The aim of the project was to explore possibilities to reduce costs by improving space utilization across SU, including co-locating operations to the Frescati area, if economically viable. The expected savings, mainly from terminating leases at some satellite campuses, amount to ca. SEK 54 mSEK annually. Detailed plans and implications for institutions will be managed through separate, business-specific projects in the future. The time schedule for this is currently uncertain .

1. **IGV personal development talks** are now underway form employees. Invitation for others will follow soon. When you have the invitation, email you contact person if you would like to have a development talk.
2. **SU Rektors Blog.** There has been a change in the Swedish Minister for Education. Swedish government promises a large investment in research and innovation by 2028, involving a shift in focus from "knowledge" to "technology". The shift could redirect funding at SU, favoring applied over theoretical science, which could impact funding for pure natural science. However, increased investment in research infrastructure may still benefit natural sciences by improving facilities and resources.

IGV teaching

3. **Teaching Review of IGV's programs and main subject areas.** The start-up meeting was held on 12/9. With the help of Elisabeth and Alasdair we have identified certain old teaching programs that need to be closed down and that process will happen. It will require a board decision which will likely come as a per capsulum beslut.

IGV Recruitment

4. The recruitment of a **biträdande lektor in Structural Geology** (4th floor). The application period has now closed. There were 26 applicants. 6 female 20 male. The next step is selection of external evaluators who will make the short list together with the lärarförslagsnämnd (LFN) (teacher recruitment board).
5. Information on the recruitment of a **technician position at SIL**. Application period closed. There are 23 applications, 6 female, 17 male. The selection committee: H. Yaoi, M. Mörth, H. Coxall have now all ranked the applicants and will meet on 18th Sept to finalize the shortlist for interviews. We aim for the recruitment to be completed by the end of Sept 2024.

Research

6. **Bolin Center Board meeting** 10th Sept where we were represented by the sft prefekt Agatha: Discussions on the budget. The emphasized the need to raise the profile of the Bolin Centre at IGV again. We have plans to refocus the funding we get from the BC into supporting PhD projects where there is a focus on climate research.

7. **Oden GEOEO expedition** coming to an end. Big success. They managed to navigate into the North Greenland Viktoria Fjord, which is the first time any ship has been there. ODEN arrives back to Puttifik (old name Thule) Monday morning. The participants are scheduled to arrive back in Stockholm sometime early on Wednesday 18th. ODEN will then travel back to its base in Helsingborg over the following weeks.

Other information

8. The boats at the Askö laboratory are now fueled with biodiesel
9. Ny prioriteringsordning för studentbostäder: survey Survey about priority for student housing (Elisabeth)
10. Krister: announced that the large plants sitting in the R-house foyer will be removed this week after instructions from SU's Fastighetsavdelningen. Employees may take plants to new localities in offices or private homes.