Talking heads

When you look outdoors and it feels like late October or maybe November, then you know it is soon time for Christmas and New Year celebrations. However, when you have your first sips of glögg and enjoy the gingerbread cookies, most of us feel that life after all is fine and cosy. At this very special time of year, it is essential to take a moment of break.

A year has passed and in many aspects it has been a very rewarding year. We have had a working group (Emma Sparr, Marie Gorwa-Grauslund, Susanna Horsefield, Charlotta Turner and Håkan Hansson) that has developed a new model for distributing our faculty funds. This model has been refined in several stages and last week their proposal was approved in the department board. This new model means, among other things, that we give additional faculty funding to our female teachers, provide additional support to external funding and give a platform contribution to our divisions and units. We are very impressed by the group’s efforts and we are convinced that this will strengthen the transparency of how we use our funds.

This year has also been associated with many other positive pieces of news, especially when it comes to external grants. There are some grants which have been obtained by KILU scientists that we would like to highlight. Our warmest congrats to Kimberly Dick Thelander (Wallenberg Scholar), Emma Sparr (VR-research environment), Martin Trulsson (postdoc Carl Trygger) and Tommy Nylander (Formas) for never giving up on his food application consortium. However, we have observed that many scientists struggle and have difficulties. Next year will be dedicated to supporting our “young” staff. You define yourself as being young or not. We can see that the success rates for external funding can be improved. There are various reasons but can often be related to limited experience. We will therefore organize a training program for planning and writing applications for external funds. We will also make a list of all granting agencies suitable for KILU and produce an annual wheel so you more easily can plan your writing over the year.

The formation of a purchasing unit at the department will be examined and critically evaluated early next year. The Competition Authority (Konkurrensverket) is monitoring our orders of chemicals and equipment carefully and it has been discovered that we do not always follow existing contracts. We therefore would like to support our staff and give them tools to facilitate their work.

The possible establishment at Brunnshög or Science Village Scandinavia (SVS) for parts of KILU is an ongoing hot topic. We will join forces with Department of Physics and develop a strategy for such a potential move. This will include future organization, research and teaching directions, library and administration. We will organise an open information meeting on March 19, 9.00-12.00. Please mark the date in your calendar.

Olov Sterner, our former chairman and dean, will retire in January. A department reception will be organized on January 31.

Finally, we say “thank-you” for your support and we wish you a very relaxing Christmas and New Year holiday and successful 2020. Do not forget to take a few day’s rest from chemistry. If you have any ideas on how you would like to improve the conditions here at the department please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope we can continue working with you closely next year.

/Leif and Ola
News

Lo Gorton is appointed honorary doctor

Lo Gorton, professor emeriti at the Division of Biochemistry and Structural Biology, is appointed honorary doctor at "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Don't miss..

LU Food Faculty + EIT Food KIC Workshop, February 12 - save the date!

LU Food Faculty + EIT Food KIC Workshop will take place on the 12th of February, at 13-16 in Lund.

Tentative program

1) Information from LU Food Faculty
2) EIT Food KIC – What is this, and how can researchers at LU benefit?
3) Information about current Swedish research calls (Formas, Vinnova, etc)
4) Two parallel workshops: A. Research networking (find your proposal partners); and B. Food Faculty Activity Agenda 2020.

Information from the library

New read & publish agreement with Elsevier

We now have access to read all Elsevier Journals again. Below is some more detailed information about the new read & publish agreement:

• Free Open Access publishing in more than 2000 journals from Elsevier and Cell Press as well as all pure Open Access Journals. Papers that are submitted after January 1st 2020 are included in the agreement.
• The publishing agreement does not include the Lancet, Lancet Infectious Diseases, Lancet Neurology and Lancet Oncology (but you can read them).
• Also excluded from the publishing agreement is an unknown number of society journals that are outside of the Freedom collection. If you would like to publish within a society journal published by Elsevier, ask UB (publicera@lub.lu.se) whether it is part of the agreement.
• When you publish Open Access you should use the license CC BY 4.0 or CC BY-NC-ND 4.0
• Fees that are related to the printed journal, for example page charges or color charges, are not included in the agreement.

For additional journals within the Elsevier Freedom Collection that are not included in the publishing agreement, see attached list.

Financial information

Financial report- Budget 2020

The budget for 2020 for the Department of Chemistry is now submitted to the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Engineering and was accepted by our department board last week. The budgeted financial result for the Department of Chemistry as a whole, including the board of joint services at Kemicentrum (husstyrelsen), is -11,5 MSEK, compared to the financial result forecasted for the year 2019 of -0,9 MSEK.

Education is budgeted at a financial result of -3,4 MSEK compared to the financial result forecasted for the year 2019 1,8 MSEK.
Research is budgeted at a deficit of -15.2 MSEK, i.e. 7.2 MSEK higher deficit compared to the budget 2019 and 12.5 MSEK higher deficit compared to the latest forecast for 2019 (T2 2019), this increasing deficit is mainly because the strategic venture with recruiting PhD students and postdocs towards younger researchers. For Research the government grants are decreasing by 10.5 MSEK, whereas the external income, consisting of both grants and external research assignments, is 4.5 MSEK higher, when accruals for grants paid retroactively and in advance are considered.

It should be noted that the budget 2020 only includes external financing that has already been approved, whereas historically researchers also receive new grant approvals during the year, as they submit their applications continuously. This means that there is potential for the Department of Chemistry to deliver financial results that are not fully as negative as the budget for the coming year.

If you have any questions contact Håkan Hansson, Head of Finance at the Department of Chemistry.

Research funding

On the Department of Chemistry website we have gathered information about research funding on a specific page. Here we publish calls for proposals that come to the attention of the department. Visit the page: www.kilu.lu.se/internt/forskningsfinansiering/

Messages

Opening hours during the Christmas holiday

THE INFORMATION DESK
Monday 23/12 – Wednesday 1/1: CLOSED
Thursday 2/1 - Friday 3/1: 10.00-12.00
Monday 6/1: CLOSED

Regular opening hours from the 7th of January.

THE LIBRARY
Monday 23/12 – Monday 6/1: CLOSED

Regular opening hours from the 7th of January.

THE ENTRANCES
Between 23/12-6/1 only entrance A, B and E are open for those with an entrance card, except for the 2nd and 3rd of January when entrance A and E are open from 10.00 – 12.00.
The lecture halls are locked between 23/12-6/1 (employees can open the lecture halls with an entrance card).

Regular opening hours from the 7th of January.

Message from the Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) coordinator

Observe that the use of candle- and/or tea lights are forbidden within Kemicentrum.
See website: http://www.kc.lu.se/general-safety-regulations/introduction/
The use of LED tea lights and candles are permitted within Kemicentrum (dining venues, offices etc.).

Information about ChemDraw

Since 2018, KILU has a Site Subscription for ChemDraw Professional, available for all employees and students. The Site Subscription is shared with the Department of Chemical Engineering and the Department of Food Technology, Engineering and Nutrition. Since we have a limited number of licenses, it is highly important that no one shares the program with someone outside KILU. Updated installation instructions for the latest ChemDraw
Professional version 19.0 has recently been sent out to all department administrators. **NOTE! This information is ONLY for employees at KILU. Information is sent out to all undergraduate and masters students in the beginning of a term.**

CALENDAR

More events