Talking heads

Dear friends

Starting from January 1, we have taken over the duties of being chairmen of KILU. Let us first welcome you all back after the holiday break and to the spring season at KILU. Some of us have made New Year promises, some have already broken them, but we still stick to ours: We promise to do our very best to make KILU the best department at LU.

The coming months will involve several activities and initiatives:
1. A psycho-social survey will be carried out among our staff this spring.
2. A new version of Ladok, Ladok3, will be introduced in March. This means that our administrators and teachers need to pass some training.
3. As the name implies, Kemicentrum is a place where chemistry is put into practice. We do chemistry research and we teach students in chemistry. However, chemistry can be a dangerous activity if we do not follow safety regulations and use common sense. Early January we got a decision that Länstyrelsen has classified KILU as a dangerous working place. We have started to appeal against this decision. We discovered early in this process that several research groups have not made the compulsory inventory of their chemicals in KLARA. KLARA can be challenging and much experience is required to fully manage it. We will therefore set up a local department course in KLARA to facilitate this work.
4. The future fate of House 2 will be decided latest in June.
5. Our PhD training programs will be evaluated by the Faculty of Science this spring semester. This is a test for the upcoming UKÄ evaluation. More info will follow.
6. Do not forget to apply for the infrastructure funds available at both faculties.

We are looking forward to our new assignments and responsibilities and hope we will be able to continue the excellent work of Sven and Viveka.

/Leif and Ola

News

New member of the Electoral College

Viveka Alfredsson at The Division of Physical Chemistry was elected as a new member of the Electoral College for 1 March 2018 – 28 February 2021.

New Faculty of Science board member

Emma Sparr at the Division of Physical Chemistry was elected as a new faculty board member for 2018–2020.
Researchers in media

**Ulf Ellervik** has written an article “Spindelgeten och det gyllene riset” in Kemivärlden Biotech about why we should make the most of quick and accurate genetic modification techniques. The article was published in the December issue and is available to subscribers.

**Daniel Strand**, from CAS, was interviewed in Kemivärlden Biotech about the Swedish Chemical Society’s national meeting to be held in Lund in June. The interview was published in the December issue and is available to subscribers.

**Ulf Ellervik** was mentioned in publications including Skånska Dagbladet on the subject of a lecture he gave at the science fair at Polhem upper secondary school in Lund. Read the article (in Swedish).

**Ulf Ellervik** was interviewed in Sydsvenskan about why people who are part of a couple live longer.

**Don't miss..**

Seminar: Effect of ubiquinone-10 on the stability of lipid membranes, February 8
A seminar by Professor Katarina Edwards, Department of Chemistry-BMC, Uppsala University.
**Time and place:** February 8 at 14:15-15:00, Kemicentrum, Lecture hall F.

Financial information

**Financial report 2017**

The actual financial result for 2017 for the Department of Chemistry as a whole, including the board of joint services at Kemicentrum (husstyrelsen), is 3,7 MSEK, which is 13 MSEK better than the result budgeted for the year 2017 and 7 MSEK better than forecasted in P3, i.e. the third forecast of the year. The deviation of 13 MSEK against budget is corresponding to a better result in Education with 0,1 MSEK and a better result in Research with 12,9 MSEK. The actual financial result for Education thus ends at -1,5 MSEK, as the increase in financing is matched by an increase in costs for personnel. Both costs and income are in general higher than budget for Research, in large the deviations are caused by higher external income in more than half of our divisions and hence higher costs for personnel. There is also a shift from spending government funds to external grants which has a positive effect on the result. The financial result for the year for Research is 3,7 MSEK, i.e. significantly better than budget.

Due to the positive financial results in 2017, the equity (myndighetskapital) of the Department of Chemistry as a whole, including the board of joint services at Kemicentrum (husstyrelsen), has increased from 70,7 MSEK at the end of 2016 to 74,4 MSEK at the end of 2017 of which 69,8 MSEK is equity within Research and the remaining 4,6 MSEK within Education. It should be noted, that the equity within Education belongs entirely to the board of joint services, meaning that the divisions of the Department of Chemistry do spend all funding available.

The unspent external research grants (prepaid income) have broken the trend from the last couple of years and have increased for the second year in a row, amounting to approximately 99 MSEK at the end of the 2017. It should be noted however, that the latest increase is an effect of funding from Mistra that belongs to other partners and will be transferred in beginning of 2018.

If you have any questions contact Karolina Isaksson, Head of Finance at the Department of Chemistry.
Information from the library

Information about Open Access Credits at RSC

Researchers who have an article accepted in a Royal Society of Chemistry journal will receive a voucher code which is then used to make the article freely available via the RSC website. For 2017 there are 13 voucher codes left. Send a message to this email address if you want a voucher code for 2017: publicera@lub.lu.se

When do 2017 vouchers expire?

Vouchers for 2017 will be accepted until 31 March 2018. The vouchers will only be valid for use with articles accepted in 2017. If you have any questions please contact the library at Kemicentrum.

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

Transition of Primula system to SSC (Statens servicecenter) postponed until October 2018

During the spring, the implementation of two major, technically demanding projects was planned: the transition of LU’s salary services to Statens servicecenter, SSC, and Ladok3. As the projects have proceeded, it has become clear that there are major technical risks in implementing both projects simultaneously. The University director has therefore decided to postpone the technical switch to SSC until early October 2018.

Read more on LU Staff Pages

Ladok3 to be launched this spring

During the spring, the Ladok study administration system will be replaced by a new version called Ladok3. The transition will take place between 21 March and 9 April. During the transition phase, Ladok will be closed to all users. Read more on LU Staff Pages.
FAQ about the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

On 25 May 2018, the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will replace the old Personal Data Act (PUL). The project “Managing personal data within Lund University” has published a list on its blog with FAQs about the new regulation.

Read more

At Lund University

Introduction meeting for new staff at LTH

LTH would like to invite all new staff to an introduction meeting. You will receive inspirational and practical information from the Faculty Dean and Human Resources. There will also have a customary Swedish “fika” break, with tea and coffee. Both Swedish and international staff members are welcome to attend.

**When:** Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 13.00 -15.30  
**Where:** conference room Boklunden, Navet, Sölvegatan 22F  
Register by 22 February at the latest.

English language training for TA staff starting this spring

The nine courses listed below can now be found in the Kompetensportalen catalog. Each of these courses will be offered starting in April IF enough people are likely to register for it. Specific information on which courses can be offered, as well as on course dates and times will be set by the end of February.

- Written Correspondence for Administrative and Technical Staff  
- Communicating to the Public: Writing Webpages, Brochures, and Press Releases  
- Spoken Communication for Administrative and Technical Staff  
- Oral Presentation Skills  
- Terminology for Administrators  
- General Proficiency Course in English for Administrative and Technical Staff  
- Reading and Discussing in English for Administrative and Technical Staff  
- How to Explain Sweden to International Scholars  
- How to Explain Sweden to International Scholars

Information meeting about ERC grants

Research Services are organising an information meeting for researchers interested in applying for funding from the European Research Council, ERC.

**Time and place:** 23 March from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Lundmark Room, Astronomihuset, Sölvegatan 27.  
Registration deadline 15 March.  
Read more and register

Workshop on ERC Advanced Grants

Research Services are organising a workshop for researchers planning to apply for ERC Advanced Grants. Opportunities for individual consultations are also available. The workshop will be held on 26 April from 08:30 to 12:30 in the auditorium at the Pufendorf Institute, Biskopsgatan 3. Registration deadline is 9 April.  
Read more and register

Information meeting on Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions and online training course

Research Services are organising an information meeting in view of the following calls for applications:

- Marie Skłodowska Curie Innovative Training Networks  
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowships
Time and place: 8 March from 10:00 to 12:00 at LUX, Helgonavägen 3. Registration deadline 1 March. Read more and register

Online training course
For those planning to apply for a Marie Sklodowska Curie Individual Fellowship, an online course is also offered during the spring. The registration deadline is 28 March. Read more and register

Välkommen till 8 mars-seminariet Kvinna i politiken. Villkor och (o)möjligheter

Tid och plats: 8 mars 2018, kl. 10.00 – 16.00, SOL hörsal, Helgonabacken 12, Lund.

Mer information

CALENDAR

Dissertation
Defense of thesis in Inorganic Chemistry
Time: 2018-02-02 10:00 - 13:00

Seminar
Katarina Edwards: Effect of ubiquinone-10 on the stability of lipid membranes
Time: 2018-02-08 14:15 - 15:00

Dissertation
Defense of thesis in Physical Chemistry
Time: 2018-02-09 13:00 - 16:00

Dissertation
Defense of thesis in Pure and Applied Biochemistry
Time: 2018-02-16 13:15 - 16:00

More events