RESEARCHERS IN MEDIA

Ulf Ellervik, from CAS, was interviewed in Skånska Dagbladet about a legal case relating to a man who stored two tons of chemicals on his land. Ellervik says that there was an enormous range of chemicals and in a quantity that is usually only found at research laboratories. Read the article (subscription required).

Ulf Ellervik was interviewed in Norra Skåne about his visit to a school in Hässleholm to talk about evil chemistry. Read the article (subscription required).

Charlotta Turner (CAS) held a lecture at the “International Conference on Recent Advanced in Chemistry” (ICRAC) in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Read the article about the conference.

DON”T MISS..

Seminar: Conjugated Polymer Nanostructures for Photocatalysis under Visible-Light, March 4
A seminar given by Dr. Hynd Remita from the Institut de Chimie Physique, Université Paris-Saclay, France.
Time and place: March 4 at 11:15, Lecture Hall F, Kemicentrum.

KILU Funding Workshop on applying to the VR and Formas Annual Calls, March 11
Are you thinking about or planning to apply to the VR or Formas annual calls? Are you a “young researcher” (“forskare”/”BUL”/”UL”)? This year KILU is organizing an afternoon of talks aimed at providing advice, tips, and answering your questions about how to write a successful application to one of these calls. There will be presentations from previous grantees and members of previous years’ evaluation committees, along with panel discussions and plenty of time to answer your questions. The seminars are open to all at KILU, and fika will be provided.

Time and place: March 11 at 13:00-16:00 in Lecture Hall F, Kemicentrum
More information and registration

KILU seminar – save the date!
Welcome to this year’s first KILU-seminar where we invite preeminent scientists to present their work in a chemistry-wide setting and exchange ideas with KILU researchers. The seminar series will provide an opportunity to learn about exciting current research at other universities and in industrial research laboratories. In addition, it is an opportunity to meet and discuss science with colleagues from all around KILU.

Speaker: Anja-Verena Mudring, Professor, Department of Materials and Environmental Chemistry, Stockholm University.

Time and place: April 3 at 14:15-15:00, Lecture Hall B, Kemicentrum
Invitation and program will be sent out soon.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial report 2019
The financial result for 2019 for the Department of Chemistry is 2,6 MSEK compared to a budget of -4,5 MSEK, i.e. 7 MSEK better than budget.

In Education the result is 4 MSEK compared to a budget of 1,5 MSEK, this improvement against budget is caused by additional income from contracted teaching and lower personnel cost than expected.

In research the department have a result of -1,5 MSEK compared to a budget of –6 MSEK, this is mainly because the department have received additional government and external founding during 2019 that wasn’t considered in the budget.

Budget 2020
The budget for 2020 shows a financial result of -9,9 MSEK for the department as a whole.

In Education the department have a budget of 3,3 MSEK.

In research the department have a budget of –13,2 MSEK, this is mainly because the department’s strategic ventures in attempt to lower the agency capital to the level approved by Lund University. It should be noted that the budget for 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.

INFORMATION FROM THE LIBRARY

Financial Times Historical Archive, 1888-2016
The Financial Times Historical Archive is an online, fully searchable facsimile of the London edition of the daily paper Financial Times. Every article, advertisement, and market listing is included - shown both individually and in the context of the full page and issue of the day. Financial Times Historical Archive is cross-searchable with The Economist Historical Archive.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Central LU Infrastructure Grants 2020
In addition to the advertisement of faculty funding for large infrastructure projects (February newsletter), the central LU administration has opened the call for this year’s LU infrastructure grants. The priority of the call is for interdisciplinary research with strategic significance for the University. Grants are worth up to 10 MSEK, and can last up to five years.

Call text (PDF, in Swedish)
Application form (Word document, in Swedish)
Application deadline: April 1

Changes to the Formas Annual Calls
The Formas annual calls opened on February 27 and will close on April 2. This year a couple of changes have been made to the calls:
• Successful projects in the call for early-career researchers can now receive up to four years of funding as opposed to the previous three years, with up to 1 MSEK per year available. This means that a grant can be used to fully fund a PhD student.
• Mobility grants for postdocs will now be offered twice a year instead of just once. The schedule of these calls will be shifted so that the dates no longer align with the other annual calls, however the first call for mobility grants in 2020 will still open sometime in Q1 (date not yet announced). A second call will be issued in Q3.

Upcoming information meetings and workshops at Research Services
LU’s Research Services department are holding three events in the coming months that researchers at KILU are welcome to register for (all in English):
• Information meeting on Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions on 18 March – register before 2 March
• Workshop on applying for ERC Advanced Grants 2020 on 21 April – register before 1 April
• Workshop on applying for MSCA Individual Fellowships, both as a postdoc or as a host of postdoc, on 27 May – register before 4 May.

Deadline reminder
• STINT Grants for Teaching Sabbaticals: Deadline 18 March
• VR Research Project Grant NT: Deadline 31 March
• VR Starting Grant NT: Deadline 31 March
• Fysiografen - Per-Eric and Ulla Schyberg's Foundation: Deadline 1 April
• LU Research Infrastructure Grant: Deadline 1 April
• LTH/Faculty of Science Research Infrastructure Grant: Deadline 1 April
• Formas Project Grant: Deadline 2 April
• Formas Project for Early-Career Researchers Grant: Deadline 2 April

MESSAGES

Update regarding the coronavirus outbreak
Lund University is continuously monitoring the situation regarding the coronavirus outbreak and following information mainly from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD) and the Swedish Public Health Agency. Advice and recommendations from these public authorities are being continuously updated online. Students and employees are therefore urged to keep themselves informed via these websites.

For updated information visit the Staff Pages.

New rules regarding entertainment
As of 1 January 2020, new rules regarding entertainment apply throughout the University. The new rules will make it easier to determine what is classified as entertainment and what is not. The maximum amount for entertainment purposes has also been adjusted.

Learn more at the LU Staff Pages

NMT-DAYS 2020
Week 12 (16-20 of March) the annual outreach days, NMT-dagarna, will take place at the Faculty of science, medicine and technology at Lund University. During these days about 6000 senior high school students visit Lund University to take part in popular science lectures.

The Department of chemistry we will give lectures on 22 occasions. This is a great opportunity to reach out to young students and hopefully interest them in chemistry.

More information about the NMT-days
Lunch-time concerts this spring at the Pufendorf Institute

The Pufendorf Institute at Lund University invites you to its monthly lunch-time concerts. Bring your non-rustling lunch and listen! Everyone is welcome.

24 March; Giovannikvartetten: This quartet plays baroque music on instruments of the period
14 April; Jidder: Folk music trio Jidder play locally-sourced music, both traditional and newly written
19 May; Vindla String Quartet: This string quartet plays music by Beethoven

Time and place: 12:15–13:00, Skulptursalen (2nd floor), Pufendorf Institute, Biskopsgatan 3, Lund.
Read the full programme at the Pufendorf web site (In Swedish)

How does Brexit affect us?

Information about the implications of Brexit is now available on the Staff Pages. There are links to the agreements and rules that apply during the transition period and you can also read about what applies for LU staff who are British citizens or work in the UK.

There is also information on how research funding, mobility support and tuition fees may be affected by Brexit.
Read more on the LU Staff Pages