Talking Heads

Dear All

The first occurrence of the term “Talking heads” that we have been able to dredge up is in Isherwood’s "A single man" from 1964. The film adaptation of the book, starring Colin Firth, appeared in 2009. If anyone can identify an earlier use of the phrase there will be an award waiting, sponsored by yours truly.

We are still very much in the process of getting our act together as prefects of KILU. It will take a while, but practice makes prefect…There are a lot of changes in the organization as a whole with a new Dean at the Faculty of Engineering and a new Vice-chancellor at the university and the boat is supposed to rock a bit.

There has been a lot of excitement in the past few weeks concerning Prisma, the new system for grant applications launched by Formas, Forte and Vetenskapsrådet. The bad news is that the system is buggy and very inconvenient and that the process of generating a CV requires literally days of (not entirely inspirational) labor. The good news is that Formas has postponed the use of Prisma for a year and that Vetenskapsrådet recently announced that it will be possible to use PDF uploads for CVs and publication lists for the general call this year while they work on streamlining the system. Unfortunately this does not apply to calls that close earlier than the general call, such as the professorship scheme (Rådsprofessorprogrammet). We strongly advise those of you who are going to apply for grants from any of the three agencies to familiarize yourselves with the system now to save you later grief. We also want to thank Tõnu Pullerits who first brought the problems to our attention and who applied pressure on VR to have the system changed.

/Viveka and Sven

Meet the new Heads of Department

Short interview with Sven and Viveka about their prospects for the coming three years. (In Swedish)

News

Chemist rewarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science

Professor Tõnu Pullerits at the Department of Chemistry has been awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science. He has received the award Lindblomsk Belöningen 2015, with the motivation "for successful research concerning photosynthetic pigments and semiconductor quantum dots".

Award for long and devoted service

Professor Staffan Nilsson from the Division of Pure and Applied Biochemistry has received the award for ‘Long and Devoted Public Service’. The award is given to those who have been in government employment for at least 30 years or who have been employed at Lund University for 25 years and have now reached retirement.

New facility for nanotechnology in Lund

A production facility for pilot products within nanotechnology may be built in the Science Village in Lund, close to ESS and MAX IV. Vinnova and Region Skåne is funding a study of the project initiated by the Nanometer Structure Consortium at Lund University. The facility, named Nanova, is supposed to be used by companies and researchers in Sweden who want to develop pilot products without having to invest in expensive equipment.

Read more (In Swedish)
535 milion SEK to new Molecular Medicine research center at Lund University

The new research center, the Wallenberg Centre of Molecular Medicine at Lund University, with a focus on regenerative medicine, is part of a new national plan to bring world leading medical research back to Sweden, and Lund. Behind the center stands the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, together with Lund University and Region Skåne. A large amount of the donation from the Wallenberg foundation will go to positions for young researchers. Read more (in Swedish)

...Interested in research news from Lund University?

Did you know that Lund University has its own international research magazine? Lund University Research Magazine with voices of researchers from Lund University sharing perspective and insight directly from the source on everything from current challenges to timeless questions. You can download the magazine to your iPad or to other tablets through app-store or iTunes. The magazine is free of charge and has three issues a year.

You can also read the magazine on www.researchmagazine.lu.se/

Lund University Magazine, LUM also publishes research news and articles concerning the university. You can read the English version on the web http://www.lum.lu.se/in-english/

At Lund University

Var de’ ljus - En vetenskaplig resa genom det internationella ljusåret

Populärvetenskapliga föredrag med tema ljus under våren 2015.
Missan bland annat inte föredraget med Villy Sundström, Ljus på gott och ont - om hur solen kan ge oss energi men även hudcancer, den 4 mars, 19.30, statvetenskapliga institutionen, Edens hörsal.
Read more

Welcome Day for English speaking staff, March 25

We are very happy that you have chosen to work here at Lund University. We want to celebrate this by inviting you to our Welcome day for English speaking staff on March 25. During the day we will present our university, vision and organization.

A mini-fair: During coffee break and lunch there will be a mini-fair where you can meet and talk to various representatives and organizations within Lund University. Take the opportunity to learn more, meet new people, and expand your network – all at the same time.

Registration is binding, please register via Kompetensportalen.lu.se
If you have questions about registration, please contact jenny.pobiega@pers.lu.se.
Last day to register is March 11

Välkomstdag för nya medarbetare, 11 mars


Anmäl dig via http://kompetensportalen.lu.se
Sök efter välkomstdagen i kurskatalogen. Sista anmälan är den 25 februari.

IRSO International Researchers and Scholars Office Introduction meeting, February 17

Program:
09.00 to 10.00 Information about IRSO (International Researchers and Scholars Office)
10.00 to 10.30 Coffee break with possibilities to learn to know other newly arrived international staff & partners
10.30-12.00 The group will be split into two groups. Group 1: Information about insurance and other important things for employees. Group 2: Information about what you get as a Holder of Scholarships.

February 17 at 9-12 in room 218 at St. Algatan 4, Lund. More information on the IRSO website

PhD information

StepUp 2015 - the annual Women IN Great Sciences (WINGS) career networking meeting for PhD-students and postdocs!
The theme this year is "what is a PhD?", with speakers from both academia and industry. The doctoral ombudsman will attend, speaking about the challenges that face PhD-students at the STEM faculties, and Lund University central administration will "lay down the law" on rules concerning a doctorate.

11 March 2015, Medicon Village, Hörsalen, Scheelevägen 2 in Lund
Registration: http://goo.gl/forms/Y4cUx0CwA1 or at http://wings.lu.se by March 5th, 2015

Seminar: Applying for a job in life sciences – a whole brain process, March 12
Why is networking and communication as important as CV content? Fredrik Wetterlundh gives his take on the importance of getting your competence across in plain language.
March 12 at 16-17.30, Belfrage Lecture Hall, BMC house D, floor 15, Klinikgatan 32
PhD students! Register for free by 8/3 at www.mentlife.se

Financial report
The actual financial result for 2014 for the Department of Chemistry as a whole, including the board of joint services at Kemicentrum (husstyrelsen), is -14 MSEK, which is 5,2 MSEK better than the result budgeted for the year 2014 and 0,9 MSEK better than forecasted in the P3, i.e. the third forecast of the year. The deviation of 5,2 MSEK against budget is corresponding to a better result for Education with 3,5 MSEK and 1,7 MSEK for Research. The actual financial result for Education ends at approximately zero, which is mainly caused by lower costs for premises and higher faculty grants. It should be noted however, that the lower costs for premises are not a saving but rather a redistribution of costs to Research. Both costs and income are in general higher than budget for Research, in large the deviation is however caused by higher external income at the Division of Physical Chemistry.

Due to the negative financial results in 2014, the equity (myndighetskapital) of the Department of Chemistry as a whole, including the board of joint services at Kemicentrum (husstyrelsen), has decreased from 100,4 MSEK at the end of 2013 to 86,4 MSEK at the end of 2014 of which 80,2 MSEK is equity on Research and the remaining 6,2 MSEK on Education. Also the unspent external grants have continued to decrease and are at the end of 2014 approximately 100 MSEK.

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

Messages

Forskningsstudie om Stress och Bakterier
Livsmedelsteknik söker män i åldern 19-35 år som antingen upplever en hög eller låg stressnivå i sin vardag, och som har gjort så de senaste sex månaderna, till en studie. Med projektet tar vi reda på om det finns något samband mellan stress och tarmens bakterieflora.
Läs mer om forskningsstudien på www.lth.se/stress-tarmflora och anmäl ditt intresse till stress-tarmflora@food.lth.se. Viss ersättning utgår till personer som deltar i hela studien.
/Caroline Linninge, tel 046-2228326
2015-02-12
**Defence of thesis in Biotechnology**
Maryam Latifian, Kemicentrum, Lecture Hall B at 10.30

2015-02-13
**Seminar: Selective C–H Functionalization Reactions**
Professor Debabrata Maiti, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay, India. Friday 13 February at 14.00, Lecture Hall G

2015-02-17
**Workshop in Structural Protein Sciences**
February 17, 15.00, BMC

2015-02-19
**Föredrag av Kemiska föreningen i Lund**
Hör berättelsen om upptäckten av ett nytt grundämne! Föredrag av Dirk Rudolph, Forskare i kärnfysik, LU. 19 feb kl 18.00, Kemicentrum, sal B

2015-02-25
**Defence of thesis in Biotechnology**
Ally Mahadhy, Kemicentrum, Lecture Hall B at 10.15

2015-03-03
**Föredrag av Kemiska föreningen i Lund**
Följ med en riktig astronaut ut i rymden! Jean-Francois Clervoy, Astronaut på European Space Agency. 3 mars kl 18.00, Kemicentrum Sal A

2015-03-04
**Ljus på gott och ont - om hur solen kan ge oss energi men även hudcancer**
Föredrag med professor Villy Sundström, 4 mars, 19.30, statvetenskapliga institutionen, Edens hörsal.

2015-03-11
**3rd Nordic Meeting on Organometallic Chemistry**
An opportunity for Nordic researchers to come together, present their results and create valuable networks. 11-12 March, 2015, Lund

2015-03-19
**Nanomedicine and Nanobiophotonics for Healthcare**
Lecture by Prof. Paras N. Prasad (University at Buffalo, The State University of New York). 19th of March, 15.00, Kemicentrum, lecture hall F

2015-03-23
**Physical Chemistry Seminar**
Monday 23 March at 14:15 in Kemicentrum, Lecture hall F