

Dear fellow PhD candidates and PostDocs,

soon, the long, dark winter nights will peak on the winter solstice and another year will come to its end. It is the time to gather your kin and muse about your accomplishments in the past year. Where do you stand? Where do you like to go?

There are many such [crossroads](#) ahead.

We hope that the **seminars** and **workshops** that we offered you throughout the year helped you to cast a light onto your **future career** path.

**We thank all our speakers and all participants in 2019.**

*If there is any topic or any speaker you would like, that would be beneficial to your fellow PhD students and PostDocs, please let us know.*

As many of you might have heard, the **salary for PhD students** starting their contract on **1st May** this year has been **raised** considerably, leading to a situation in which those **earn more than** their **seniors**. Some universities have agreed to compensate PhD students with contracts prior to this date. In behalf of all PhD students, the labor unions went into negotiation with the university leadership at UiO, but the request was declined.

We are currently evaluating to start a **petition** to bring the university back to the negotiation table.

You aren't part of a union ([Tekna/Forskerforbundet](#)) yet?

- *Strengthening their position means strengthening your own position.*

Thanks to all eager participants, our very first edition of a workshop in **Norwegian Folk Dance for PhDs and PostDocs** was much more successful than we would have anticipated.

Therefore, we are planning to **repeat the workshop in April** in due time to get ready for the **celebration of the 17th of May** (usually folk dance on Universitetsplassen @ 18.14h).

We are also getting in touch with a dancing instructor and a musician for a **workshop in Greek folk dance** (mid-end of **February**).

We apologize for any confusion during the past workshop and promise a more smooth organization next time.

*How to find a grant at the end of the rainbow? You may learn after new years.*

In collaboration with the university's library, we will resume the **PhD and PostDoc breakfast club (PPBC)** in **2020**. We will reprise the most popular topics of this year and present you new goodies.

If negotiations go well, we will be able to reprise also **lectures and workshops in Kappe writing** in **2020**.

Last but not least, your UiODoc executive committee will also muse about the past and coming year as part of writing our **annual report**. If you or any of your colleagues wants to learn more about our work, come to our **Annual General Assembly** (week 20 in 2020).

*UiODoc wishes everybody a happy winter solstice and a happy new year.*

Stay tuned!

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### **PhD and PostDoc breakfast club (PPBC)**

In cooperation with UiO library and MatNat faculty, we are organizing the popular PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club. This series of talks will continue on **December 12th** (08.30 h at HumSam biblioteket) with “**Pitch yourself**”.

*This presentation will concentrate on recognizing your strengths and learning how to deliver them when meeting prospective employers.*

Our speaker: *Alan Louis Belardinelli* has been an American expatriate living in Norway since 2002. His professional presentation experience stems from his time working as a corporate spokesperson for Nintendo of America during the 90's while his organizational experience comes from his work as a software project manager, construction manager and board member for Nowhere (the European Burning Man Regional event), and his day job at the UiO Department of Academic Administration.

*Free breakfast upon [registration](#).*

Visit [uiodoc.no](http://uiodoc.no) for latest updates on registration.

**For all future PPBC arrangements please visit:**  
[uiodoc.no/events/PBC/](http://uiodoc.no/events/PBC/) or [facebook.com/uiodoc/](https://facebook.com/uiodoc/)

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### **Upcoming UiODoc events in 2019:**

- **PPBC - Pitch yourself!**  
December 12th, 08.30-10.00 h  
Place: HumSam biblioteket  
(Free breakfast - Please [register](#))
  
- **[Research Bazaar](#) | Workshops**  
January 8th-10th  
Place: [Domus Juridica, UiO](#)

- **PPBC - How to plan a grant proposal**  
January 30th, 08.30-10.00 h  
Place: HumSam biblioteket  
(Free breakfast - not open for registration)
- **Save the date: AGM 2020**  
Week 20

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**Other upcoming events:**

- **[Managing transitions](#) | Workshop** Arranged by Karrieresenter  
Monday, December 16th @ 08.30-12.00h, [Georg Sverdrups hus \(grupperom 1\)](#)  
(Please register!)
- **REAL teaching | Seminar** Arranged by MatNat faculty  
**In Norwegian**, Thursday, 09.01.2020 @ 09.00-12.30h, [Aud Simula, Ole-Johan Dahls hus](#)  
**In English**, Friday, 10.01.2020 @ 09.15-12.00h, [Rom Ø465, CCSE](#)
- **[Young talents – career opportunities beyond academia](#) | Seminar** Arranged by Oslo Life Science Conference  
Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 @ 1.00-17:30h, TBA

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-> <https://foreninger.uio.no/uiodoc/>

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-> <https://www.facebook.com/uiodoc>

**Information from MatNat faculty (open to all PhD candidates and PostDocs):**

-> PhD/Postdoc events: [www.mn.uio.no/phdevents](http://www.mn.uio.no/phdevents)

-> PhD/Postdoc message board: <https://www.mn.uio.no/english/research/phd/messages/>

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