

Dear fellow PhD candidates and PostDocs,

Welcome back! We hope that many of you could spend the past weeks for recreation and are eager to start in 2020. A new decade full of opportunities lies ahead of us! Make a change, grab your chances!

The [Oslo Life Science Conference](#) which is co-organized by **UiODoc**, SoDoc, UiO:Life Science and NMBU, is just around the corner. The event was organized for the first time in 2018. The response was overwhelming and it was fully booked in a short time - both in 2018 and 2019. Make sure you'll get your place in 2020!

The [registration for Young talents – career opportunities beyond academia](#) (Networking / Seminar) **opens on January 15th 08.00h sharp.**

To continue in any field of academia, it is important to attract funding for your research ideas. In January's **PPBC** you will take the first step towards a bright future and learn **How to plan a grant proposal**. At the same time the MatNat faculty offers a workshop on application for a **FRIPRO - Young Research Talents** grant.

Your executive board is not hibernating and busy setting up a special **introductory course** into **cross country skiing** for PhD candidates and PostDocs at UiO **if snow conditions permit**. We will come back to you with more information in the beginning of February.

Lastly, our last newsletter before Christmas got quite some attention. We would like to **rectify** that **Forskerforbundet and Tekna are not the only unions for researchers**, and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused. For all of you who consider becoming a member of a **trade union**, a **comprehensive list** and information regarding trade unions associated to UiO can be found [here](#). To clarify the **benefits and differences** between the **unions** that exist, we are planning an **event later in Spring** where representatives of each will present themselves and answer questions.

One of the **benefits of union membership**, is that you can submit an **individual claim for promotion** - which we **encourage all PhD students who were duped by the PhD wage gap** to do on grounds of the higher salary level of newly employed PhD students after May 1st 2019. The next opportunity to do this will be for the annual *2.5.1 negotiations* after Summer (deadline: August). However you can already submit a claim **this week** for the so-called *2.5.3 salary negotiations* in February, based on *an extraordinary work effort or change in work circumstances*. Please refer to your union (or become a member if you aren't yet!) for more information.

If you are eager to know more about what unions are doing about the wage gap, you can attend an **information session** with **Forskerforbundet** hosted by the **IBV Grad Forum** on **January 28th**. In the meantime, negotiations with Departmental and University administration about the wage gap are continuing, and we will keep you posted with updates.

Stay tuned!

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 **January 30th** (08.30 h at HumSam biblioteket) with “**How to plan a grant proposal**”.

This presentation will give you insight in procedures that may help you in writing your grant application.

Our speaker: *Jørgen Kirksæther* is a Senior Advisor at MN Faculty and administers EU projects in ceramic fuel cell and ion battery development (e.g. EFFIPRO, MAHEATT).

Free breakfast upon [registration](#).

Visit uiodoc.no for latest updates on registration.

For all future PPBC arrangements please visit:

uiodoc.no/events/PBC/ or facebook.com/uiodoc/

Upcoming UiODoc events in 2020:

- **PPBC - How to plan a grant proposal**
January 30th, 08.30-10.00 h
Place: HumSam biblioteket
(Free breakfast - not open for registration)
- [Oslo Life Science Conference](#) | Conference and Workshops
February 10th-13th
Please register!
- [Young talents – career opportunities beyond academia](#) | Networking / Seminar
February 11th, 13.00-17.30h
Place: [Stallen, Professorboligen, Karl Johans gate 47](#)
(REGISTRATION OPENS January 15th @ 08.00h)
- **PPBC - How to successfully write a grant proposal**
February 27th, 08.30-10.00 h
Place: HumSam biblioteket
(Free breakfast - not open for registration)
- **Save the date: AGM 2020**
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Other upcoming events:

- [Slik får du jobben](#) | CV- og søknadskurs (in Norwegian) Arranged by Karrieresenter

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 @ 12.15-14.00h, [SiO kursrom, 2.et. Frederikke](#)

Please register!

- [Life Science Writing Club](#) | **Workshop** Arranged by The University Library
Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 @ 15.00-18.00h, [The Science Library - Informatics](#)
- [Dette kan du tilby arbeidsgiver](#) | **Workshop** (in Norwegian) Arranged by
Karrieresenter
Thursday, January 16th, 2020 @ 12.15-14.00h, [SiO kursrom, Frederikke \(andre etasje\)](#)
Please register!
- [FRIPRO Young Research Talent](#) | **Workshop** Arranged by MatNat Faculty
Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 @ 12.00-15.00h, [Georg Sverdrups hus: undervisningsrom 1](#)
Please register!
- **IBV GradForum | Information session with Forskerforbundet about pay grades**
Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 @ 12:15-14:00h, Kristine Bonnevie's hus: auditorium 2
- [Cross-country skiing course](#) | **Introduction** Arranged by ISMO and OSI
Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 @ 16.00-18.00h, Helga Eng's hus, Auditorium 1
Please sign up for the **practical exercise** (group 1: February 1st-2nd; group 2: February 8th-9th)!
- [Welcome breakfast for new international researchers](#) | **Orientation seminar**
Arranged by ISMO
Friday, January 31st, 2020 @ 08.45-11.30h, [Stort Møterom \(Room 2531\), Georg Sverdrups Hus](#)
Register until **Monday, January 27th, 11.30h**

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Or our **facebook** page

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

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

-> PhD/Postdoc events: www.mn.uio.no/phdevents

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

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