

Dear fellow PhD candidates and PostDocs,

We are back with our regular newsletter!

Despite all the corona-comotion, **we wish that you could enjoy these unusual Easter holidays in a creative way.**

We have used the Easter break to reorganize our internal workflow and to adapt to the situation. As, of course, many of you have as well.

We hope that you are **all fine and in good health, both mentally and physically**, despite the strains inflicted by the general lock-down of UiO on your personal and professional lives. The governmental actions to contain the spread of the Corona virus have started in March and are going to affect us throughout the rest of the year and probably beyond.

The machinery was brought to a sudden stop and we, your executive committee in UiODoc, are no exception. We had been working hard to offer you exiting courses, workshops, and events throughout spring - which all had to be cancelled or postponed.

As the spring semester soon comes to its closure, it is usually the time for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. However, everything will be different this year.

**Due to the current restrictions on assemblies, we decided to postpone the AGM until later and are currently assessing the possibility of a virtual AGM using the zoom platform.**

You will receive **further notification** about the rescheduling in due time, both via our **regular newsletter** and an **email** which shall go out to all PhD candidates and PostDocs at UiO in May. We will also keep you posted on [facebook](#).

Until the AGM can be held, the **current board declared its willingness to continue to act as executives.**

In the meanwhile, our [annual report](#) is available from our webpage. Please have a look!

If you are interested in **contributing** to gradually improve things and **make UiO a better place for temporary staff**, you are **welcome to join us anytime.**

We meet now on zoom at least once a month. If you'd like to have a peek into the work of our executive board, just drop us a line [styret\(at\)uiodoc.no](mailto:styret@uiodoc.no) or on [facebook](#).

As you may have noticed, the past weeks saw the rise of a growing number of **digital or virtual events**, e.g., seminars, lectures, workshops, and much more.

We in UiODoc are currently working on **porting our usual formats** of seminars and workshops into the **fully-digitized post-corona times**. We hope to be soon able to take up the **PPBC series** of breakfast seminars again in a digital version. We are also positive about presenting you with a **digital version of the popular Kappe workshop** with David Burke which had to be postponed earlier.

As access to university facilities is restricted and will be still limited in the near future, it is a good time to polish your (academic) writing skills. UiODoc is pleased to present you with an opportunity to retreat from your home offices and focus on writing alone. In collaboration with **Mathew Stiller-Reeve** (PhD), who runs writing workshops for early career scientists, and science writer **Åsmund H. Eikenes** (PhD), we will launch a one week **Writing Seminar** in the beginning of May (4th - 8th). Take a look at [our website](#) and [facebook](#) page for more information and registration!

More digital events are planned and in negotiation.

Stay tuned!

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### PhD and PostDoc breakfast club (PPBC)

“I’ll be back...”

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 2020:

- **The UiODOC Virtual Writing Seminar 2020**  
May 4th - 8th, 09:00 h - 14:30 h (Monday-Tuesday, Friday)  
Place: zoom  
*From Monday, May 4th, UiODOC will put on a week-long (except Thursday) online writing seminar in collaboration with **Mathew Stiller-Reeve** (PhD) and **Åsmund H. Eikenes** (PhD). The seminar will provide a virtual space for PhDs and postdocs to meet up, learn and discuss writing. Take a look at [our website](#) and [facebook](#) page for more information and registration!*
- **The UiODOC Virtual Writing Seminar 2020: Writing workshop**  
May 6th, 09:00 h - 10:00 h (Wednesday)  
Place: zoom  
*"Master academic storytelling with three magic words". Bring a pen, a blank piece of paper, and coffee to this interactive writing workshop with science writer **Åsmund H. Eikenes**.*
- **Kappe Writing Workshop**  
tba, tba  
Place: zoom
- **PPBC - topic to be announced**  
tba, 08.30-10.00 h  
Place: zoom

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### Other upcoming events:

- [NorRen Summer School 2020](#) | Summer school Arranged by UiB, NTNU, and UiO

August 17th-21st, 2020 @ Bergen  
**Application deadline 2020, June 1st**

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>>Spread the word!<<

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

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](http://www.mn.uio.no/phdevents)

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

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