

Dear fellow PhD candidates and PostDocs,

As spring transides into summer, UiO is slowly opening its gates again. Some of you may have already resumed work in laboratories and returned to your offices. The past 11 weeks held many challenges ready for all of us and people worldwide. Even now, COVID-19 and the consequences of the containment measures are life threatening. While we are slowly drifting towards an island of normality, we may never be able to turn the tides and sail back to from where we've started.

While we are assembling this newsletter, the debate on how COVID-19 related extensions and **contract prolongations for temporary staff** shall be handled is still ongoing. It is not an issue for PhD students and PostDocs at UiO alone. Therefore, we in UiODoc are collaborating across universities through the Association of Doctoral Organisations in Norway (SiN - Stipendiatororganisasjoner i Norge) to **bring our matter forward on the national level**.

Current **general guidelines regarding prolongations** from university leadership of UiO can be found [here](#).

In a nutshell, for **PhD students** it shall be a **case by case** decision made by the department and supervisors involved. But to facilitate your point, there is a need of documentation about your loss of time and work due to the corona pandemic.

The universities are still working together with the Ministry of Research and Education to present a **feasible solution for other temporary staff**.

Please also refer to [this important information from UDI](#) regarding **travel from and to Norway** if you're an **EU citizen**.

Onto more pleasant news.

We would like to thank **Mathew Stiller-Reeve** (PhD) and **Åsmund H. Eikenes** (PhD) for their eminent work inspiring the first UiODoc Virtual Writing Seminar. For all of you who enjoyed it and those who missed it, there will be a second chance. We will resume the **UiODoc Virtual Writing Seminar 2020** in week 26 (June 22nd - 26th). More information will come soon! So please check [our website](#) and on [facebook](#) regularly for updates.

Finally, it is time to revive the popular **PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club** in these corona-times. Join us and our speaker **Koyote Millar on** June 9th from 9 to 10. Just grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and enjoy an insightful talk about **Self-insight in collaboration**. Please register if you want to learn how to efficiently explore and expand your awareness of your current skills in order to collaborate better in teams. You can find more info and the [link to the registration](#) on [our website](#) and on [facebook](#).

We are **still working on bringing back** our other well received **Kappe Writing Workshop** in a digital format. We will keep you posted.

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](#).

Last but not least regarding our **Annual General Assembly (AGM)**:

With respect to the current corona situation and regulations in place, it would not be a responsible course of action to call-in a physical meeting. Earlier, we have informed about this on our website and through our regular newsletter which was sent in April. We have evaluated a purely virtual gathering using the zoom platform, but this will unfortunately not be suitable for us.

*We're working hard on setting up a **physical General Assembly in week 37 - second week of September.***

Stay tuned!

PhD and PostDoc breakfast club (PPBC)

In cooperation with MatNat faculty, we are finally picking up the popular PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club again. This series of talks will continue on **June 9th** (09.00 - 10:00 h on zoom) with **“Self-insight in collaboration”**. Join us by registering if you want to learn how to efficiently explore and expand your awareness of your current skills in order to collaborate better in teams.

Our speaker: *Koyote Millar* works as a Senior Adviser for the University of Oslo's Department of Administrative Support, these days mostly with project management, process facilitation and various forms of coaching. They have a background in social anthropology, philosophy and gender studies, a long involvement with yoga and meditation, and a love of learning. In addition to working for UiO, Koyote is a practicing Gestalt Therapist and singer-songwriter. They occasionally subject willing listeners to their songs, poems and stories, and the use of gender neutral pronouns. You need not fear singing, group hugs or embarrassing collective rituals during this presentation.

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 - Self-insight in collaboration**
June 9th, 09.00-10.00 h
Place: zoom
[Sign-up](#), grab a cup of coffee and enjoy your breakfast with us!

- **The UiODOC Virtual Writing Seminar II 2020**
June 22nd - 26th, 09:00 h - 14:30 h (Monday-Wednesday, Friday)
Place: zoom
*UiODOC will put on a week-long online writing seminar in collaboration with **Mathew Stiller-Reeve (PhD)** and **Åsmund H. Eikenses (PhD)**. The seminar will provide a virtual space for PhDs and postdocs to meet up, learn and discuss writing.*
- **The UiODOC Virtual Writing Seminar II 2020: Writing workshop**
June 25th, 09:00 h - 11:00 h (Thursday)
Place: zoom
*"**Post-it bonanza - How to create a good flow**". Bring a pen, a blank piece of paper, and coffee to this interactive writing workshop with science writer **Åsmund H. Eikenes**.*
- **Kappe Writing Workshop**
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Place: zoom

Save the date:

Annual General Assembly - week 37

Other upcoming events:

- **Data management | Seminars** Arranged by University Library
[Data management plans](#) - June 2nd, 2020 - 10:00 -11:30 am @ zoom
[Data classification and storage selection](#) - June 4th, 2020 - 10:00 - 11:30 am @ zoom
[Organising your research data](#) - June 9th, 2020 - 01:00 - 02:30 pm @ zoom
Please sign-up by following the above links!
- **Individual career counseling for PhD students | Individual guidance** Powered by Karrieresenteret
until June 30th, 2020
Please [sign-up!](#)
- **Karriere hjemmefra for stipendiater | Søknadskurs** Arranged by Karrieresenteret
June 3rd, 2020 - 12:00-01:00 pm @ zoom
Please [sign-up!](#)
- **The Science Gong Show | Outreach event** Arranged by [Project Bridge](#) and Pint of Science Norway
June 22nd, 2020 - 6 pm @ Pint of Science Youtube channel
Interested speakers please [sign up!](#)
- **[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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-> <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

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

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