

Dear fellow PhD candidates and PostDocs,

The nights are short, the days are long.
Corona seems a distant memory long gone.
Over mountains high serpent roads run.
On crowded beaches folk enjoy the sun.

How are you doing? Have you already decided on your summer vacations in these corona times or are you the hard working PhD candidate or postdoc who does not emerge from his lab before the sun sets?

Your executive board has been working hard to bring some delight and useful seminars and workshops to you in these times of unrest. We will continue so also after the summer break. But before we bid you farewell for now, heed the latest tidings.

A pending issue which is affecting many of us is the COVID-19 related delays in our work - be it through inaccessible labs or other facilities, childcare, or other circumstances. The latest official statement by UiO can be found [here](#). Mental health issues are not listed among these points. Handling of the applicability of each case is handed down to the lowermost level (department/institute). In a recent interview with [khrono](#) rector, Svein Stølen, was found saying that it obliges the RCN, the EU, and health authorities to make money available for covering expenses of contract prolongations. He further suggests that money should be redirected from postponed calls for recruitment of permanent staff. We in UiODoc are collaborating with the Association of Doctoral Organisations in Norway (SiN - Stipendiatororganisasjoner i Norge) to **bring our matter forward on the national level**.

While we are compiling this newsletter the second **UiODoc Virtual Writing Seminar 2020** is coming to its end. We thank our fantastic speakers **Mathew Stiller-Reeve** and **Åsmund H. Eikenes** once more and hope it was beneficial for you. If so, recommend it to your peers if not come back to us with suggestions for improvement.

The first zoom edition of the **PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club** was well received. We are currently planning to keep the digital format for the start of the Autumn semester until we can ensure a safe feasibility in line with the effective infection control measures. We are **still working on bringing back** our well received **Kappe Writing Workshop** in a digital format. We will keep you posted.

Later this year, the **European Commission** will launch '**Open Research Europe**' (**ORE**), an Open Access publishing platform for Horizon 2020 beneficiaries. ORE will offer rapid publication of a wide range of article types without editorial bias. All articles will benefit from transparent peer review and will be published under an open license.

In order to contribute to the ORE Project and formulate recommendations from early career researchers' point of view, Eurodoc is launching a [Survey on Publishing in Open Science](#).

If you are interested in **contributing** to gradually improve things and **make UiO a better place for temporary staff**, you are **welcome to join our board**. We meet monthly on zoom, and at events in between. If you'd like to have a peek into the work of our executive board, just drop us a line **styret(at)uiodoc.no** or on [facebook](#).

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

The date for the AGM is set now to **September 8th**. As already mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are looking forward to meeting you there in person, and will let you know in due time whether we have to switch to a digital platform!

If you want to join our ranks or know of somebody who is interested, do not hesitate to contact us. There is several positions in the executive board available this year:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Event officer
- PR officer

See the description of the roles and tasks on our [webpage](#).

Here is the [preliminary agenda](#) for the AGM. Please have a look, and if you want to add a point to discuss, you can let us know by email until September 1st.

Stay tuned!

PhD and PostDoc breakfast club (PPBC)

I'll be back...

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:

- **Kappe Writing Workshop**
tba, tba
Place: zoom

Save the date:

Annual General Assembly

Date: September 8th

Time: from 16:15 h

Place: tba

Other upcoming events:

- **Individual career counseling for PhD students | Individual guidance** Powered by Karrieresenteret
until June 30th, 2020
Please [sign-up!](#)
- **Karriere hjemmefra | Seminar CV og søknad på 1-2-3 (in Norwegian)** Powered by Karrieresenteret
July 2nd, 2020 - 12:00-01:00 pm @ zoom
Please [sign-up!](#)
- **Karriere hjemmefra | Workshop Jobbintervju (08.07.; in Norwegian)** Powered by Karrieresenteret
July 8th, 2020 - 12:00-01:00 pm @ zoom
Please [sign-up!](#)
- **[NorRen Summer School 2020](#) | Summer school** Arranged by UiB, NTNU, and UiO
August 17th-21st, 2020 @ Bergen

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

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

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