

Dear fellow PhD candidates and Postdocs,

The dark nights are returning, temperatures are decreasing, rain is the main dish on most days, and the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic is slowly creeping its way back into our lives. This is the time to huddle up and take care of each other. In a figurative way, of course - keep your distance. The new measures to contain the pandemic have made it even more challenging to meet with others for any purpose. **But worry not!** We at UiODoc as well as other hosts have a range of interesting events lined up for you over the next coming month, both physical and (mostly) online. Faculty elections are also coming up soon, so buckle up and start reading, because this will all be fleshed out in the following sections!

MN faculty and Faculty of Medicine Faculty board elections

Starting where we left off, the Faculty boards are the faculties' highest decision-making bodies for everything including future strategies, and as such their decisions - and who sits on the boards - can be of great importance to you as an employee. **Election of new faculty board representatives for the upcoming 2021 season is starting soon**, and we would like to bring your attention to two of them which might be relevant to you - the [MN Faculty](#) and the [Faculty of Medicine](#). Candidates can be nominated until early November, with the actual elections taking place later in November. If you belong to another faculty, check out their website(s). Most Departments also have their local elections in the coming month, so check out your Department's website, too. Finally, do as the Americans say: VOTE!

PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club (PPBC, Zoom)

As has become custom, the October edition of the PPBC will once again be **hosted online using Zoom, on October 29th 2020, 09:00-10:00 AM**. This month, **Alan Louis Belardinelli**, Executive Officer at the Central UiO Department of Student and Academic Affairs, is lined up to enlighten us on the topic of Pitching in his talk **How to Pitch Yourself to Employers**. The talk will focus on how to recognize your strengths/skills and how to communicate them effectively when meeting potential employers. Get ready to practice your elevator speech!

See more details and sign up on the event page [here](#) (be quick, it is tomorrow!).

WRI/UiODoc event: Preparation for Academic Jobs after PhD (Zoom)

On November 4th 2020, 01:00 - 02:40 PM, Women Researchers in Informatics (WRI) in collaboration with UiODoc are hosting the webinar **Preparation for Academic Jobs after PhD**. The webinar will be an informative series of talks providing attending PhDs and Postdocs with the means to prepare themselves for interviews for the next positions within academia and beyond. You will also learn about the evaluation process for postdoc and faculty positions, including the interview phase. The webinar consists of two talks and a panel discussion with space for the audience to ask questions.

Stay tuned on UiODoc's [Facebook](#) and [Event website](#) for signup and more info soon.

Welcome breakfast for new internationals (physical meet-up)

[ISMO](#) is hosting this physical orientation meeting **for all newly arrived international researchers and employees on November 13th 2020, 08:45 - 11:30 AM**. After breakfast and coffee, there will be talks about UiO as a University, getting started in Oslo/culture shock, an

introduction to the Occupational Health Service Unit as well as UiODoc, and more about the practicalities of getting established in Norway as an expatriate.

Read more and register to the event [here](#).

Meet McKinsey - Nordic PhD Special (Online)

Have you ever wondered how your expertise from doing a PhD might be utilized at a consulting firm, specifically at their Scandinavian offices? Then you should join McKinsey for their 1,5-hour virtual session **Meet KcKinsey - Nordic PhD Special**, which is held on **November 12th 2020, 05:00 - 06:30 PM!** At this event, you will hear about working at McKinsey, how a postdoc career at their offices could look, as well as getting to meet some of their employees with a PhD background.

If this sounds interesting to you, read more and sign up [here](#).

With all of that out of the way, only thing left to say: thanks for your time and attention. Stay together, stay safe, and stay out of trouble!

How to Pitch Yourself to Employers (Zoom edition)

PhD and PostDoc breakfast club (PPBC)

Date: October 29th

Time: 09.00-10.00 AM

Place: Zoom (details provided in registration)

See event details and register [here](#).

For all future PPBC arrangements please visit:

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

Other upcoming events:

- **How to understand Norway's Working Culture?**
Arranged by The University of Oslo
November 3rd 2020, 10:00-11:30 AM @ Online
See event details and sign up [here](#).

- **Expertise and democracy: what can we learn from the coronavirus crisis?**
Arranged by the Centre for Philosophy and the Sciences (CPS)
October 29th 2020, 02:15-04:00 PM @ Zoom
See event and Zoom details [here](#).

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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/>

Kind Regards,

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on behalf of UiODoc

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