

Dear fellow PhD candidates and Postdocs,

We find ourselves now on the doorstep of spring. The signs are unmistakable. The snow is slowly but surely melting, birds are merrily chirping, and the sunlight licks the hilltops of Oslo just long enough to blind your winter-ridden eyes as you exit the office in the late afternoon. The first plants, among them Snowdrops, sprout forth, reminding us that all life that once withered away finds its way back to the surface. As with plants, life will also find its way back to all of us, even when we once again face a lockdown looming over our heads - we will make it through this once again!

And, just like life, the events of UiODoc shall also return to you with Spring in March - of course still online, but hopefully not for long. We have worked hard to bring you these events and hope they are of interest during these trying times.

So grab a quaranteeny-tiny cup of coffee/tea and enjoy this month's news and events, brought to you by yours truly, UiODoc.

Boston Consulting Group Event - How to Pitch Yourself Within Consulting

We start off in today's newsletter with an UiODoc event soon to come, where the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) are set to **enlighten us on exactly what it takes to transition from Academia as a PhD or postdoc to a career in strategy consulting**, e.g. at BCG. The event is set to air **on Zoom on the 25th of March from 05:00 - 06:00 PM** and will, among other topics, focus on how to utilize skills from academia in a business setting. We will also touch on what skills consultancy firms such as BCG look for when hiring in general and specifically when hiring PhDs and postdocs.

With us from BCG will be **two project leaders, Lise Lørup (PhD in Biomedical Engineering from The University of Oxford) and Øyvind Berle (PhD in Shipping from NTNU and MIT)**, who both look forward to meeting you for a chat about the ins and outs of the world of consulting.

Stay tuned on the UiODoc [event site](#) and our [Facebook page](#), where you will find more info and how to register for the event as soon as it's available!

PhD and Postdoc Breakfast Club (PPBC)

February concluded with this month's PPBC on the 25th, where **Koyote Millar gave a talk on feedback**. Throughout this interactive session, Koyote provided us with several strategies on how to give and receive feedback. The event ended up attracting around 60 participants, making it our most successful PPBC as of yet!

The next PPBC is coming up on March 25th from 09:00 - 10:00 AM on Zoom, as per usual. This time around, we will **go on a journey into intercultural communication delivered to us by Sølvi Haavik**, who is an Advisor at the Studies Section of the MN Faculty experienced in intercultural relations.

The details of this event will be fleshed out in the March newsletter, but until then, please check out our updated [PPBC calendar](#) and keep yourself updated on our [event page](#).

Extreme popularity - Kappe workshop

In February UiODoc launched a workshop on **how to write a "Kappe" for a PhD dissertation** fitting of the research in question. The workshop was done in collaboration with and was hosted by **David Burke, who is a writing consultant and editor specializing in English academic writing**. Due to wild popularity and a restriction on the number of participants, **two additional workshops are held on March 5th and 13th**.

Unfortunately, considering the popularity of this workshop, these two events are already fully booked. But please stay tuned in the future for additional workshops of the same or of a similar kind on our [event site](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

NIFU-webinar: How have Norwegian institutions of higher education been affected by Covid-19? (in Norwegian)

Finally, we would like to bring your attention to a **webinar on March 19th 2021 from 12:30 PM - 01:30 PM** by the Norwegian Institute for Studies on Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU). The webinar will **delve into the results from an investigation into how the institutions of higher education have handled the pandemic so far**, and is based on survey answers from around 22.000 students and 4000 staff members. The investigation seeks to address **how the pandemic has affected the quality of education and research (collaborations), and what competencies have been acquired in teaching digitally**. Performed by NIFU for the Ministry of Education, the results are to be used in the future when deciding policies on education.

Read more and sign up to the event on NIFU's event website [here](#).

Thanks for stopping by to read this month's newsletter. Keep your head up high during these trying times. We hope to see you at some of our events the next month, and otherwise we wish you a merry lockdown. Bye!

UiODoc upcoming events:

Boston Consulting Group Event - How to Pitch Yourself Within Consulting

25th of March, 05:00-06:00 PM @ Zoom

PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club (PPBC): Intercultural communication by Sølvi Haavik

25th of March, 9:00-10:00 AM @ Zoom

For both events, stay tuned for more details on our [event](#) and [Facebook](#) pages soon!

Other upcoming events:

- **Exhibition: Pharmaceutical Time Travels - From Ancient Plant Remedies to Modern Medicines**
Arranged by The convergence environment REA:Life and UiO:Life Science
February 15th - March 31st 2021, Every day 07:00 AM - 05:00 PM @ Botanical Gardens, Natural History Museum Oslo.
See exhibition details [here](#).
- **Webinar: Multilingualism through diverse voices and contexts of life**
Arranged by Yesim Sevinc and Michela Iacorossi of MultiLing, UiO
March 12th 2021, 9:30 AM - 12:10 PM @ Zoom
A webinar on Institutional, social and emotional notions of multilingualism and the use of mother tongue in different domains of society.
See event [here](#). Signup not necessary.
- **NIFU Webinar: Where does the green economy grow?**

Arranged by NIFU
March 19th 2021, 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM @ Online
See event details and sign up [here](#).

- **Information and welcome meeting for new international employees**
Arranged by the International Staff Mobility Office (ISMO)
May 11th 2021, 08:45 AM - 11:30 AM @ Zoom
The University of Oslo invites all international employees, researchers and Ph.D. candidates who have joined our institution recently to a welcome and orientation meeting.
See event and register [here](#).

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

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