

Dear fellow PhD candidates and Postdocs,

Do you smell it? That sweet, sweet smell. You have experienced it before, now but a faint memory in the back of your mind. Almost forgotten, yet easily recognizable. Yes, you guessed correctly - it is the smell of society slowly but surely returning to life. With infection numbers now steady at a low level and the number of vaccinations going up at an accelerating pace, people are taking to the streets. To the stores. To the parks. You will be hard pressed to pass a patch of grass and not be met by a horde of youth now drunk (on life?), grilling, and chilling under the celestial canopy. A very welcome sight indeed.

Another welcome sight is the return of UiODoc events and monthly newsletter in May - the latter fashionably delayed this month to stand in solidarity with all the temporary staff who had their projects delayed due to the ongoing pandemic. So jump on and let us ride straight into the news and events!

Signature petition: Crisis funding for project extensions of young researchers

As the first thing today, we would like to bring attention to an incredibly important case. **A recent signature petition** is gathering digital signatures in order to **demand that this year's state budget should contain emergency funding to finance two months of contract extensions for all PhDs and postdocs across Norway** due to pandemic related delays. The revised state budget should also include an extra pool of resources dedicated to the ones impacted the most by the pandemic in terms of delays. If nothing is done, the campaign argues, we stand to lose most of a generation of young Norwegian researchers. **If you agree with this sentiment, please [sign the petition](#) immediately!** The state budget will be presented in the Norwegian Parliament on **May 11th 2021 - which is tomorrow - so time is of utmost importance.**

Upcoming UiODoc exclusive events: Grant writing

In May, UiODoc will host two separate events centered around grant writing. **The first of the two events, which is held on May 19th from 01:00-02:00 PM on Zoom, will focus on EU grants.** The EU Office of UiO will be present to enlighten us on which EU grants exist, and how you apply for them.

The second event will be the **next edition of the PhD & postdoc breakfast club (PPBC), which is held on May 27th from 09:00 - 10:00 AM** on Zoom. This time around, Folmer Bokma is set to speak to us on the intricacies of grant proposal writing, and specifically planning of writing and choosing which grants to apply for.

Incredibly cool stuff! Stay tuned on our [Event](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for details on both events coming soon and keep yourself updated with the [PPBC calendar](#).

Akademikerne/UiODoc event: How to make it as a PhD candidate/Postdoc at UiO

Are you having trouble with life as a PhD candidate and how to balance everything? Then this collaborative event between Akademikerne and UiODoc called **How to make it as a PhD candidate/postdoc at UiO** might be for you! The event is **hosted by Union Representative Sarah Younes and postdoc Helle Baalsrud of Akademikerne** and will take place on **Zoom on May 20th 2021 at 12:15 PM - 02:00 PM**. The union will start out detailing what they can do for you as a temporary employee at UiO. Then follows a talk by Helle Baalsrud, a postdoc at the Department of Biosciences, with some tips/tricks for PhDs/postdocs, and finally Professor Svend Davanger will enlighten us on the dynamics of the candidate/supervisor relationship and how to utilize your supervisor.

The event is open for all at UiO, so go and [sign up](#) right now.

Help a research project on Open Science and research integrity - answer this survey!

Open science is the concept that science, and specifically research papers and data, should be free and accessible to everyone. Open science is becoming more and more prevalent both internationally and nationally in Norway in the previous couple of years, which in the eyes of scientists is seen as a positive trend. With open science comes also a focus on research integrity, and to what extent certain papers can be trusted due to lack of transparency and/or proper peer reviewing.

In an ongoing multi-institutional research project called **Research Integrity and Open Science: Knowledge, Norms, and Attitudes Among PhD Candidates in Norway**, the authors seek to assess the knowledge, norms and attitudes toward the concepts in question across Norway, with an intention of improving teaching, supervision, and other relevant support services for PhD Candidates. The project, which is a collaboration between 7 norwegian universities and university colleges, started last year with qualitative interviews, and now they wish to gather quantitative data.

So please - for the benefit of us all - participate in the [study survey](#), and read more details about the initiative on their [website](#). The deadline for answering is this coming Friday, May 14th!

NIFU calls for interview candidates for career path project

The Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU) is conducting a research project (financed by Forskerforbundet) to examine researchers' careers and career conditions, where the purpose is to contribute to a better knowledge base related to career paths for researchers. **The project will shed light on both significant changes in framework conditions and individual experiences of the research career, including the diversity of employment conditions, working environment, mobility, collaborative relationships and other key conditions that are part of the possibilities for an academic career.**

NIFU would like to interview researchers who are in different phases of their careers, including PhD students in the start-up phase. **Group interviews will be conducted in groups of up to six people on Teams / Zoom.** Findings from interviews will be analyzed and form the basis for a report to be published in the autumn of 2021. **Interested parties can contact thea.eide@nifu.no.**

Pint of Science Festival 2021

The Pint of Science festival is a yearly event which aims to deliver interesting and relevant talks on the latest science research in an accessible format to the public – mainly across bars, pubs, cafes, and other public places. The festival provides a platform to enable discussions on research between scientists and the Norwegian community without requiring previous knowledge.

This year's norwegian edition of Pint of Science takes place over three days from May 19th through the 21st at different times each day, with various events spread throughout the country. With most events being online due to the still ongoing pandemic, it is possible to attend the events hosted in other places in Norway - you have to look on the positive side of things!

So see the event details, book a spot on the various events on their [website](#), and have a pint of "science".

Whew, lots of stuff to process this month. We hope you found it all relevant to you. We also hope to see you at our events, and that you are looking as much forward to the return of physical events as we are. Stay healthy and enjoy the sun these coming couple of days!

UiODoc upcoming events:

Event: How to write an EU grant proposal

19th of May, 01:00-02:00 PM @ Zoom

Akademikerne/UiODoc: How to make it as a PhD candidate/Postdoc at UiO

20th of May, 12:15-02:00 PM @ Zoom

Sign up for the event [here](#)

PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club (PPBC): Grant writing by Folmer Bokma

27th of May, 9:00-10:00 AM @ Zoom

Stay tuned on our [Event](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for details on both UiODoc exclusive events coming soon and keep yourself updated with the [PPBC calendar](#)!

Other upcoming events/courses:

- **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 the institution recently to a welcome and orientation meeting.
See event and register [here](#).
- **NorRen Interdisciplinary Summer School 2021**
Arranged by UiB, NTNU, and UiO
August 16th-20th 2021 @ Bergen
This year's NorRen summer school will take place in the Bergen region. The overall focus will be energy production and consumption with contributions from lectures with background from natural science, law and social science. All students working in the field of energy are encouraged to apply.
See course details and register [here](#).

>>Spread the word!<<

Do you have questions or problems?

If you are facing any trouble at work or have questions/concerns regarding your working conditions, please contact us at UiODoc at info@uiodoc.no. UiODoc is here to represent you, the temporary staff of UiO, and we can either help you ourselves or guide you to who to talk to.

UiODoc:

For the **latest news** regarding our activities, please check-out our **website**:

<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/>

Kind Regards

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on behalf of UiODoc

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