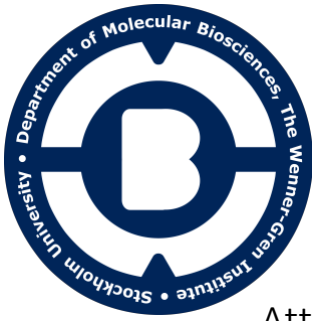




Department of Molecular Biosciences,
The Wenner-Gren Institute

Protocol for PhD Board meeting – scheduled 24-01-2025, 12:00-13:00, Room F504.

Attendees: Max Louski, Emma Block, Isabella Badolati, Akshit Jain, Ylva Alina Veith, Thomas Mazza, Miren Urrutia Iturritza.

Chair: Max Louski

Certifier: Isabella Badolati

Clerk: Emma Block

1. Next PhD Council Session

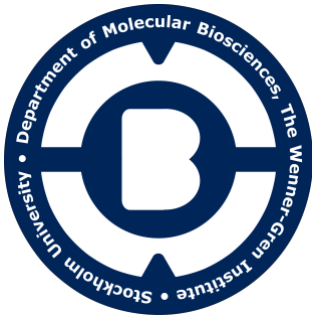
- When? Tuesday 18th from 12h to 13h in F504.
- Booking room is already done,
- Max Louski will send emails to let PhD students know.
- Pizza will be bought by Isabella Badolati and Thomas Mazza.
- Powerpoint presentation will be prepared by Max Louski, who will Chair the session.
- Emma Block will prepare flyers to communicate about the council.

2. New groups moving to MBW

- Make sure to ask the new PhD students to be added to the Whatsapp group.
- Make sure the new groups are being invited to the Pub events.
- Prepare a welcome fika to meet the new PhD students? Good idea, will talk about it next session.

3. PhD Day

- Why was the last session cancelled? Not enough people registered, but there were some problems of communication about the deadline, a lot of people were surprised when it was cancelled as they had planned to register but didn't get to do it yet. Also could be explained by the fact that we have less PhD students in the department and that they therefore have a bigger workload in terms of teaching/responsibilities. Furthermore, students report feeling less supported by the department as events being organized are not



Department of Molecular Biosciences, The Wenner-Gren Institute

met with any help in terms of budget or professors showing up to the events.

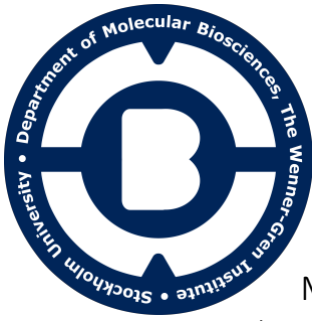
- Next PhD Day is on March 6th 2025. How to motivate people to come? Remind people with emails, remind them of the benefits (on top of experience, credits and dinner offered). Also remind people that volunteers are needed to give talks. The PhD Board can also send a message on the Whatsapp group to remind people of the deadline.
- Suggestions for the PhD day organisers: Making it a full day event with maybe some career workshops could really attract more PhD students.

4. Potential Summer Party

- Last year Summer Party was very well received, will there be one this year? Probably not as last year's party replaced the MBW Day, which happened this year.
- The PhD Board could organize a summer barbecue instead. A grant from SUS could be asked for to help organize it. Date? Before midsommar. Location? Gröna Villa could be booked again. Will talk about it a bit later during the year.

5. Seminar "Staying in Academia after your PhD"

- New seminar as the one about "Continuing out of Academia after your PhD" was well received.
- Francesca Hildebrand has offered to come talk about it when she visits next, which should be end of March. Isabella Badolati will contact her again to ask for a more precise date. If not possible, the meeting could be done on Zoom.
- Apply for "Verksamhetsbidrag": The PhD Board agreed that Max Louski would apply for the Verksamhetsbidrag. It is a 500 sek grant from SUS to buy fika/ a gift for the presenter. Deadline for the grant application is 15th March.
- We could ask for a second speaker to participate: Grant officer from SU to talk about funding? Could mention both Swedish and non - swedish grants.



Department of Molecular Biosciences, The Wenner-Gren Institute

6. MOSS Seminars

- With the lower number of PhD students, there are less MOSS seminar happening per year.
- The MOSS 2025 calendar has already been done. Isabella Badolati will send it to the rest of the PhD Board.
- Isabella explained the protocol to follow in the autumn to prepare the calendar for the next year. Aexander Malmstedt has the list of people who have to present that year. Session have to be planned to not overlap with TOPICS session. Then each PhD presenter needs to be asked if the date fit their schedule. Finally, the final calendar has to be validated by the PhD Board.
- The first PhD student to present in 2025 has not been answering any attempt to be contacted. Isabella B. will contact him again by email and add his supervisor and the administrator Alöexander Malmstedt in CC.
- The PhD Board now needs to contact the PhD student who will present two weeks in advance to ask for the title and remind them. A week before an email can be sent to the full MBW department to announce the MOSS seminar. On the Day of the MOSS seminar, one member from the PhD Board will chair the session to present the talk and organize the questions session.

7. Other seminars

- Nothing has been announced yet this year about MASS seminars or Frontiers? Nothing known, lets see if it is still the case in February.

8. Email list for the PhD Board

- The email list does not seem to work for new members , Max Louski will contact Alexander Malmstedt again about it.

9. Meeting closure



Chair



Certifier