

MBW Newsletter week 8

SU is switching banks

From April SU will use Danske Bank for salary payments (not Nordea as at present). To get your salary to your regular bank account, you will need to register your bank details with Danske bank using BankID or e-ID. This will be done in March, more information will follow.

If you don't have an Bank-ID or e-ID yet, you should get one.

[Read more here](#)

Run for MBW!

This year MBW participating in both Våruset och Bellmanstafetten.

Våruset May 22th - 5 km (only for women)

The Bellman Relay August 24th - 5 km (for everyone)

The Thursday lunch runs will be taken up as soon as the ice and snow is gone.

Information about the rebuilding of the ECF

During next week (week 9) the constructions workers will be laying acrylic floor at F2. It might have a strong smell, but it's not harmful.

Template for email signature

Everyone is adviced to use the official SU email signature.

Find the template for signature [here](#).

In order to use the signature, copy it into your email program and changes to your information.

MBW-fika with "semlor"

February 28th is the Swedish "semmeldagen" when you are supposed to eat cardamom bun with whipped cream and almond paste.

MBW invites everybody to have a "semmla".

Welcome to E5 lunch room at 3 pm.



New coffee machines

We have got new coffee machines installed.

Just as before, they are placed in the lunch room at E5 and in the mail room at F3.

New persons at MBW

Researcher

Lidi Xu (Öhman group)

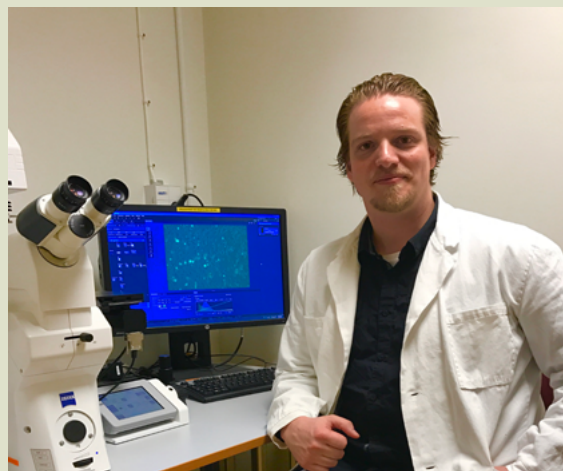
Students

Martin Endara (Visa group)

Franziska Hildebrandt (Theopold group)

Georgia Papadaki (Ljungdahl group)

Sara Yousif (Jonsson group)



Johan Ankarklev - New group leader at MBW

Johan grew up in Stockholm, but at a young age he moved to Canada where he received his high school diploma and later did his undergraduate studies in biological sciences at MacEwan University in Edmonton, AB.

In 2004 he returned to Sweden to finish his MSc in molecular biology at Uppsala University. At this point questions related to parasitic diseases had become a passion, and in 2012 Johan finished his PhD on the topic of comparative genomics of the intestinal parasite *Giardia intestinalis*. After completing his PhD in Uppsala, Johan moved to US and started a postdoc in malaria research at Harvard University, Boston, MA. Where he set out to investigate the mechanistic behind sexual stage differentiation, an event that ultimately leads to the transmission of the disease.

A year and a half later, New York City and Weill-Cornell Medical College became the stage for a second postdoc. Here, Johan continued to work on malaria sexual stage biology, but also addressed the topics of regulation of gene expression in the *Plasmodium falciparum* variable gene families. During his postdoc, Johan set up collaboration with Prof Rickard Sandberg at CMB, the Karolinska Institute, aimed at optimizing technologies for isolation and genome-wide transcriptional profiling of single parasites of rare phenotype and individual parasite-host cell complexes.

In the fall of 2016 Johan received funding from SSMF, VR and STINT to set up a lab at MBW and he is currently in the midst of recruiting students and postdocs. Johan is excited about establishing himself in a department with such a rich history in malaria research. The mosquito facility (SUMF) has with this enabled him to expand his research on elucidating genetic factors involved in malaria transmission.

If you want to get to know Johan a bit better, please check out the recent article on his "road to science" in [Curie](#).

We welcome Johan to MBW!