Monday meeting held by Magnus Mörh
19 April 2021

• **It is still a limitation of 8 people/room** when gathering and be observant when entering common areas like for example our lunch room about this limit. It is worrisome to read that the double mutation that starts to spread now seems to be resistant to anti-bodies.

Everybody is asked to be aware of symptoms consistent with covid-19 and contact 1177.se and follow instructions for ordering sampling if you experience symptoms. If you receive a positive test result and have been at the workplace, I want you to let me know and of course stay at home.

More information on how to book a test for covid-19 in Stockholm can be found at 1177.se

Teaching and examinations at Stockholm University will primarily be conducted online during the first part of the autumn semester until 31 October 2021, in line with previous decisions by our head of university. This means that teaching that requires physical attendance must not gather together more than eight people and that no hall-based exams shall be conducted.

Each department shall prepare more detailed plans for teaching during the first half of the term. These plans should be communicated to students via the department website as soon as possible, and by 15 May 2021 at the latest.

• **Research communication at distance** – we reach more than ever. This is an event that our head of university has started and can be seen at www.su.se medarbetartraff. There was recently one published on our web that includes greetings from our principal (rektor), conversations and reports on current topics. It is mostly in Swedish but some parts in English, direct link;

• **There is a board meeting tomorrow**, where one of the agenda items are about the program council that is going to be formed with physical geography and us. This is something formed to handle the education on geovetenskap. We will also have our internal program council to take care of our own educations and courses. Please look at the agenda items for the upcoming board meeting tomorrow that was sent out last week.

Nominated from physical geography is:
Sarah Cousins
Margareta Hansson
Peter Jansson
Gustav Hugelius
There will be an extra board meeting in May that will handle course plan changes and new directions for our education.

- **This week, our parliament will vote on the new research proposition** from the government. The proposition has been criticised in media for that it wants to safeguard academic freedom but also emphasising the role of research in facilitating innovation and national growth. This is contradictory and may lead to less academic freedom. I think this is problematic.

- **Last day to apply for FORMAS** and VR has passed. We have handed in 5 FORMAS and 8 VR applications this year. Good luck to everybody with your applications.

- **The organising committee for the Geological Society**'s anniversary meeting had a meeting recently to postpone the meeting for a year i.e., to 2022. The committee wants to conduct the meeting physically and believe that many geoscientists in Sweden share this view.

- **Our planet orbits the sun**; it goes through clouds of extra-terrestrial dust – and several thousand metric tons of that material actually reaches Earth’s surface every year. From a study published in Earth and Planetary Science Letters (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0012821X21000534) done in Antarctica the amount of meteorites reaching earth is estimated to 5 200 tons per year. An astonishing number I find.

- **Environmental policy**

  Field work and excursions must be reported and risk assessed via our website, [https://www.su.se/geo/svenska/om-oss/f%C3%B6r-medarbetare/riskanalys](https://www.su.se/geo/svenska/om-oss/f%C3%B6r-medarbetare/riskanalys)

  To ensure that SU complies with the law on the transport of dangerous goods, the university's safety adviser for dangerous goods (Daniel Sellberg, SEKA Miljöteknik AB) must be contacted before chemicals are transported outside the university area, [https://www.su.se/medarbetare/organisation-styrning/milj%C3%B6arbete/s%C3%A5-g%C3%B6r-du/kemikaliehantering/transport-av-kemikalier](https://www.su.se/medarbetare/organisation-styrning/milj%C3%B6arbete/s%C3%A5-g%C3%B6r-du/kemikaliehantering/transport-av-kemikalier).

- **Next Monday meeting** is April 26, I can't make it that day because of Bolin centre board meeting the whole morning but I hope Iain or Viktoria can take this meeting.