

Monday meeting

7 February 2022

held by Magnus Mörth

- Big news about restrictions related to COVID last week. All restrictions will be taken away on Wednesday this week but what I have heard is that Stockholm university will come out this week with a document how a gradual back to work should work.
- After 5 weeks trying to get the new economy system to work as we want it work it looks that we have finally got it to work. It is probably several other problems that we have not seen yet but it is start at least. As you probably know, orders and paying invoices have been on hold for some time but as I understand this is now functioning again.
We knew that serviceportalen was not great but in the process, we have found that the platform serviceportalen is a construction that distance us from the support functions when need a direct response. Now simple questions can take a week to solve, this is unacceptable and we need a change. This has been lifted to the faculty deans.
- Last week the new postdoctoral agreement came into force which makes it possible to employ postdocs for a total of three years. The “new LAS” enters will be in force at the end of the first half of the year (1st of July), this means that we can only employ a person one year without hiring him/her permanently.
- Because of COVID the installation and promotion ceremonies have been moved.
 - 2020’s installation and promotion ceremony | New date is 31 May 2022
 - 2021’s advanced installation and promotion ceremony | New date is 29 September 2022
 - 2022 regular installation and promotion ceremony | September 30, 2022.
- There is a workshop today about the Tarfala Research Station, TRS. TRS is hosted by the Dept. of Physical Geography at Stockholm University and is Sweden’s only research station located right next to glaciers in an Arctic alpine environment.
 - Date: måndag 7 februari 2022
 - Tid: 10.00–13.30
- There is a lecture with Ilona Riipinen, at the Royal Academy of Sciences this week. Time 9th of February 18–19 on Zoom, read more at <https://www.kva.se/sv/kalendarium/den-livsviktiga-luften>. The lecture introduces the physics and chemistry of aerosols and discusses the current research issues in atmospheric and aerosol research.

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- There is an interesting DN article about climate scepticism. Three percent of the researchers who do not agree that our emissions heat the earth have skills and merits in climate research. Most of these people are over 65 years old or graduated before 1985. Climate deniers are mainly in the older generation and in the right wing. There are some differences between countries where Russia stands out.

Of the three percent as many as 82 percent were affiliated with companies and organizations in the climate sceptic movement, such as the fossil fuel industry or conservative think tanks. But only three percent of these had a PhD in any climate-related research area or at least 20 published and reviewed research studies in climate science. The vast majority are not experts in climate science. Read the whole article at <https://www.dn.se/vetenskap/darfor-vill-manniskor-inte-tro-pa-klimatforandringarna> (in Swedish).

- Next Monday meeting is February 14.