

## Monday meeting

28 March 2022

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- The weeks go fast and the war in Ukraine continues. The consequences are devastating. It is easy to feel powerless but there are some initiatives, for example Scholars at risk (SAR, <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/sections/sar-sweden>) to invite scientist that need a safe haven, at SU this is organized by Johanna Wiklund at the Student Department.

Another initiative is by KVA, the Swedish Academy of Sciences which have announced Scholarships for Ukrainian researchers to operate in Sweden. The work must be conducted at a Swedish university or at any of the Swedish Academy Division's research institutes for a limited period. Expenses that can be covered by the scholarship are, for example, living expenses and travel and other costs associated with a temporary relocation of research activities.

- We have major challenges in the future to be able to fit all the important research and teaching in our premises. To meet the challenge, we have begun to study how offices and labs can be better fitted to our needs. Within the near future, it will be meetings within each group to plan how we should proceed and what is needed to be done.
- On Friday last week we met the internal audit. They will conduct an extensive investigation in several areas, much more than we anticipated;
  - o Economy
  - o Procurement
  - o Agreements (Avtal)
  - o IT
  - o Side jobs/bisyssla
  - o Inventory
  - o Security
  - o Examination fraud

The time table is that the written report should be finished by the end of the year and being presented next spring to the university board.

We therefore expect to have a lot of meetings during the coming months to answer their questions and giving access to our records and written documentation.

- Last week me and Helen had a meeting with the leadership at Bolin centre. They had some interesting new ideas that we discussed. Those of you that are engaged in the Bolin centre will hear very soon about that. One thing I can mention that we discussed was that the Bolin centre should be responsible for the journal Tellus and then the journal should be a more earth system science journal.
  - Again, I want to repeat that all of you must be extra observant against IT-threats. These attacks that have increased toward Swedish authorities and authorities worldwide. Don't click on any links in your mail, don't go to unsecure web sites, consider to remove java script, always run an antivirus software.
  - In the autumn of 2021, the Natural Sciences area decided to set aside funds from Stockholm University's SFO budget for SciLifeLab to announce a SciLifeLab fellow in 2022. The departments/ equivalent is therefore asked to submit proposals for suitable subject areas for this. The proposals must be received by the area no later than 19 April 2022. There are requests to receive proposals in the environmental area that are underrepresented as it looks right now. I hope that some of you have good ideas here.
  - **Some guidelines**
    - o Everyone who is to work in laboratories at IGV must read and sign the safety regulations. This also applies to students, visitors and short-term employees and it is the supervisor's responsibility that this is done.
    - o According to the university's Policy for meetings and travel/Policy for meetings and travel, travel should as far as possible be replaced by digital meeting forms. When a trip is justified, the means of transport that generates the lowest greenhouse gas emissions shall be given priority. Employees and students should, as far as possible, avoid booking flights that include stopovers. If there are no special reasons, means of transport other than air travel must be used for journeys shorter than 700 kilometers. In connection with local travel in Sweden, and also abroad, public transport must primarily be used, secondly taxis with green cars or other ground-based traffic with lower carbon dioxide emissions.
- Guideline for dissertations from the faculty**
- Suggestions for guidelines for dissertation after the pandemic:
- Requirements: The respondent and chairman must be present, and the dissertation must be open to the public. It is recommended that as many of the committee and opponent as possible to be present.
- Next Monday meeting is April 4.