

Monday meeting | Department of Geological Sciences

Monday IGV notes by Magnus Mörth, May 6, 2024

1. **Congratulations** to Petter Hällberg that defended his thesis last week, well done Petter.
2. There is an **upcoming board meeting**, may 7, on the agenda is a phd admission and next prefekt at IGV, for the period 2024-2027.
3. **Single courses debate.** Our prorektor in education came with a response to the minister of education's view on courses. The percentage of students in Sweden who study independent courses has fallen from 63 percent to 34 percent. Regarding distance courses, there has been a clear increase, but this coincides with the pandemic. It is now a few weeks since Education Minister Mats Persson came out in a debate article in Svenska Dagbladet and in Sveriges Radio's Saturday interview and explained that the government will now "... reduce the flora of independent and distance courses ...". Resources must be taken from these courses and redistributed to engineering courses. The reactions were not long in coming. It is perhaps not unexpected that criticism comes from representatives of the universities that, like Stockholm University, lack engineering training, but it is striking that the criticism has been at least as strong from the departments/universities that have such training.
4. The Head of University decided on 25 April 2024 to announce the ninth round of funds for the quality development of education. The call focuses on projects within three themes: educational collaborations – local, national, international, digitisation and AI, and one other category.

<https://medarbetare.su.se/vart-su/styrning/kvalitetsarbete/kvalitetsarbete-utbildning/utlysning-av-rektors-medel-for-kvalitetsutveckling-av-utbildning---omgang-9>

5. **KVA has a book series about scientists in history.** This time it is published a book by Walter Isaacson's which is a biography of one of history's most significant scientific figures, Albert Einstein. It takes readers through Einstein's life and his groundbreaking contributions to science and humanity.

See more at, <https://www.kva.se/nyheter/biografi-om-einstein-blir-senaste-tillskottet-av-vetenskapliga-klassiker/>

6. **Stockholm University have signed a declaration on open metadata**, 'Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information'.

Stockholm University works actively for an open science system. As part of this, the university has recently signed the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information. The declaration aims to make research information as metadata open. Over 50 universities, research funders and organisations in the world have so far signed.

Research information refers to information, or metadata, that is needed to carry out, evaluate or communicate research. For example, it may be about metadata for scientific articles and other research publications, for individual researchers or for research data and research software. Today, there are many research information infrastructures that are completely closed, meaning that metadata from them is only available upon payment of subscription fees.

7. Reporting secondary employment again looks now much better, go to, <https://hr.su.se/primula/> and report your status if you have not done it yet.

8. **Visualising data with Python.** Stockholm Trio Software Carpentry Workshop - Learn how to code with Python.

Date: 2024-05-20

End date: 2024-05-21

Time: 09:00-15:00

Location: KTH

More info:

<https://medarbetare.su.se/vart-su/medarbetarinformation/kalender-for-medarbetare/kalender/2024-04-13-visualizing-data-with-python>

Register at <https://matves29.github.io/2024-05-20-StockholmTrio/>

9. Spring lunch will be 4th of June. Remember to reply before may 20.

<https://survey.su.se/Survey/53784>