

By Agatha de Boer, 17th February 2025

General SU and geo-section

- On Monday, February 3, Hans Adolfsson began his new job as rector at Stockholm University. Hans Adolfsson is a professor of organometallic chemistry, and the last 8 years, he has been rector at Umeå University.

IGV Administration

- IGV board meeting 14th March. Items for the board in advance to Helen Coxall.

IGV Recruitment

- Biträdande lektor i struktural geologi. LFN-2 was held on Monday 3rd February. I am pleased to announce that the LFN, supported by IGV, selected Dr Sascha Zertani, as the top candidate after the public presentation and closed interview. Sascha has accepted the position. There is now a period of 3 weeks where the other candidates have the option to appeal the outcome, however, we see this as an unlikely occurrence and expect to welcome Sascha starting on the 1st September 2025 in the Geology group. Sascha is currently at postdoc in Oslo and will move to Stockholm with his wife and 5 year old son.
- Kasun Gayantha, started at IGV, February 1st 2025. He is the new permanent SIL lab engineer. Kasun formerly worked for the company THERMO as a product specialist.

Research

- Bolin Centre and Polar research focus. Start-up discussions about the process of establishing a new 'Polar Research Centre' at Stockholm University in response to the government's prioritization of polar research—separate from climate research. Many from IGV were there. This is the beginning of a process.
- The Vetenskapsrådet calls for Starting Grants and regular project grants in Natural Sciences opens next week with a closing date of 1 April. Please let Viktoria and Cristina know well in advance if you plan to submit a proposal.

PhD students

- If you have not already, please make sure that your PhD student's ISP are signed (disp.su.se).

Teaching

- We had our first teachers Forum 5th Feb: It was great to come together for constructive discussions around our teaching programs. A main topic of this first forum was recognizing the importance of our distance teaching program and discussing how to optimise the student learning experience, keep up quality, while

also supporting our teachers. An outcome of the meeting was that a working group was formed, lead by Sarah Greenwood who is our distance program director, to come up with suggesting of how to put works into action.

- It was also suggested to at least two such forums per term to start with, but perhaps somewhat shorter. To follow up from that, our next teacher's forum will be the afternoon of Wednesday 23 April. More information on that to come soon.

Seminars

- IGV seminar. Date: Thursday 27 February 2025. Time: 15.00 – 16.00. William-Olsson lecture hall, Geohuset, Thomas Ulrich, Institute of Geotechnology and Mineral Resources, Clausthal University of Technology, Germany: "*The mineralization potential and ore-forming processes in magma chambers in Greenland*"

Other

- Next Monday meeting 3rd March (VA)