

Monday meeting Department of Geological Sciences (IGV) 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 By Helen Coxall 2025

# General SU, geo-section and the Bolin Centre for Climate Research

 Prefekt Internat (end of May): focuss on IT security, both personal data security and data (research security). Large scale surveys of our routines and renewed classifications are being requested centrally by SU. Increased EU and national level security concerns.

### **IGV Administration**

- Recruitment of an assistant head of administration. 3 interviews took place (Viktoria, Christina, Martin, Helen): Joakim Gidmark has accepted the position and will start in September.
- Spring lunch tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Postdoc/PhD room preparations**: R220 and T corridor (3 rooms). Furniture has arrived and being installed.
- Welcome Dr Madeline Bohlin, new geochemistry Assistant professor.

### Research

- Interviews for 6 postdocs and a PhD student on the THAWING project, and an additional postdoc on his KAW project.
- "Shaping the Future of AI for Research at SU: A Faculty-Wide Dialogue", collaborative discussion, 4<sup>th</sup> June. This was attended by Martin, Björn, Richard. A dialogue on how AI is shaping research now and in the future, and how the SU Science Faculty can best respond to emerging needs through shared infrastructure, training, and interdisciplinary exchange.
- Tarfala Research Station anniversary conference (80 years). All are welcome! Part 1 (lunch to lunch conference at SU Frescati, 25-26 August), and / or part 2 (field trip to Tarfala, 28-29 August). More information: <a href="https://www.su.se/tarfala-research-station/news/tarfala-research-station-trs-anniversary-conference-1.806051">https://www.su.se/tarfala-research-station-trs-anniversary-conference-1.806051</a>
- Core cold storage room clean up and transfer, Monday 16th June. IGV has rented
  additional cold storage (a container). Cores are going to be transferred to this container,
  located at Frescati. There will be new rules for what can be stored in there. I urge any of
  you that use sediment cores to please help with this activity.

## **PhD students**

• **PhD course run by ACES**: Paul Zeigler, 'Open and Reproducable Science'. 7.5 hp. Teachers interested in contributing should contact ACES. Students. Roll out: Fall 2026.

### **Teaching**

- There will be no compensation for over production in the coming fiscal year (2025–2026). This is because SU will likely reach the teaching budget limit (tak beloppet), which they have not done in past years, thus the HÅP predictions will likely be met, leaving no excess funds for any over production by us. Implications: IGV must carefully plan our course offerings and student admissions to align with our requested/allocated HÅP.
- CANVAS new web teaching and learning platform to be launched in 2025-2026. This will replace Athena/It's Learning. The agreement should last 10 years. More information to come.

- **IGV's education Programs 6- year review**: evaluations back from the review boards. Mostly good. Some reccomendations/requirements to implement new routines, to be followed up in a response report. One consequence is that the faculty is reviewing the scale of the review process which feedback highlighted is overly time consuming.
- Centre for Paleogenetics: Meetings with the CPG steering group have been underway to arrive at a new collective agreement on how the centre is financed and managed. IGV is one of 3 institutions, together with the NRM who are steakholders in the CPG.
- **Sci Life Lab** Assistant Professor(s) in Biodiversity Recruitment process. LFN-1 meeting is taking place today (16th June). IGV at this stage has 2 strong candidates (of 165 applicants) in the top 6. This is very good news.

### Other

- Akademiska hus will be performing fire alarm tests in Geohuset on Tuesday, June 17th between 09.00-11.00.
- Geohuset closes for summer. It will be closed between 19th of June from 17.00 until 25th
  of August 07.30. During this period you will need your key card to enter the building.
  There will be no milk deliveries.
- Mail handling and janitorial services during summer 2025 in Geohuset: June 16th August 29th, SU'central goods reception will handle franking of outgoing mail.
- Floor cleaning in Geohuset 21st 27th of July: concerns labs, corridors, kitchens etc <u>but</u> <u>not the offices</u>. The work will be carried out in afternoons and evenings and one cannot use those spaces while the cleaning is underway.
- **Kitchen renovations**. 4<sup>th</sup> floor: June 23rd end of July. Apologies for the inconvenience.
  - The kitchen cabinet doors and microwaves will be replaced, the kitchen floor will be renovated and polished.
  - MOST IMPORTANT: The kitchen will be completely unavilable July 19th-31st. No access to coffee/tea, refrigerators, sinks, microwave ovens etc. This is for the polish trement and hardening.
  - o Plan to bring coffee/tea elsewhere and have lunch without lunch room access.
- **IGV's train travel support offer.** As decided by the IGV board, and is part of our environmental plan, IGV will continue to cover train travel expenses during 2025. This applies to distances >700 km and includes support for extra accommodation needed on the way to/from the destination.
  - o It's recommended that when planning for new courses or reviewing existing ones, think about the carbon footprint of the excursion travel.
  - A geographically closer excursion location is preferred, as long as high quality teaching is maintained.
- Environmental accident/incident reporting, e.g. chemicals handled wrongly, improper waste sorting, breaking of environmental laws/rules etc should be reported in the 'IA system'. This is the same system as for reporting work environment accidents/incidents. In this case choose "Environment" under What? If you have suggestions for environmental improvements these can also be filed in the IA system. Contact Carina Johansson (IGV environmental representative) for more information.