



## Monday meeting | Department of Geological Sciences

Held by Viktoria Arwinge on September 29, 2025

1. The latest news about the university collaboration with ScLlifeLab related to the recruitment of assistant professors to potentially 5 departments within the Science area.
  - LFN offered an assistant professor employment placed at IGV to the candidate who was ranked on top – Martin Qvarnström. Last week the IGV management met with Martin and offered him an employment package. He expressed that he was happy about this employment offer but needed time to think about it, since UU has offered him an attractive counter employment offer. We agreed that he would let us know about his decision during this week.
2. IGV will have the next teacher forum this Tuesday at 13.00 in U13. We encourage all teachers and teaching administration staff to join. Main topics; introduction of our teaching program setup – this will be especially good info to those teachers who are somewhat new into teaching. Helen and Agatha will also reflect upon the findings from the teaching survey that was conducted during the spring.
3. SU will switch to the CANVAS learning platform in autumn 2026. ATHENA will continue into 2027 but will then be discontinued. The MOODLE platform will remain for our DISTANCE programs.
  - This transition to CANVAS will be implemented with support from IGV colleagues involved with teaching, including local “Canvas coaches” and other contact persons for the project on an SU level. All teachers as a community will need to switch our web-based student interactions to this new platform.
  - A migration process regarding our webb-sites is currently going on at SU/at all departments. The process means that the webb-sites in the current SU content management system Polopoly will be migrated to the new system SiteVision. At IGV, this migration process is managed by Ines. Deadline 31 of October.
4. A new instrument is arriving to IGV tomorrow. IGV will inherit a Gamma Counter from NHM since the museum has decided to close down some labs and equipment. This instrument is useful for lead-caesium geological dating.
  - This instrument will be set up in lab R236, 2nd floor. For anyone interested in using this instrument, talk to Matt O'Regan.
5. Emelie Ståhl is approaching her defense and will be nailing her thesis on Thursday 9 of October at 13.00.
6. The IGV Work Environment Counsel (AMR = Arbetsmiljörådet) had its last meeting the 17 of September. The current members of the AMR are; Antonia Schell (phd), Wei-Li (lecturers/researchers), Haoyi (TA) and Viktoria (management – and the chair of this counsel).
  - Since our PhD representative is a new member of this counsel starting from this autumn, Viktoria began the meeting by giving a background presentation about this counsel and reminded everyone about the purpose of having a local Work Environment Council (AMR) at each department. In short the background is;
  - Since 2015, all departments must have a local work environment counsel according to SU guidelines. The SU guidelines further stipulates that;
  - All staff categories, including management should have a member representative in the counsel and the counsel shall be led by a formal line manager. If possible the departments should also invite a student representative on bachelor/master level.
  - The main purpose of the counsel is to discuss work environment matters that could be improved on a general level - related to the department's organizational, social, and physical



working environment. This means that the counsel has no mandate to address matters on an individual level.

- The counsel has an advisory function to the department's management. This means that the counsel proposes measures for improvement to the management for decision making.
- Matters addressed at our last AMR meeting were;
  - Review of the existing AMR action plan (IGV webb).

7. We concluded that all points in the action plan are still relevant and reasonable and should therefore remain.

- Examples of these points are;
  - Routines making sure risk assessments are made before field trips/excursions
  - Routines making sure that all new employees, guests, students gets an introduction in lab-safety before entering our labs.

8. At the meeting it was also addressed that since the 4th floor does not have a dedicated research engineer support like the 3rd and 2nd floor, the management needs to address this resource matter in order to make sure all guests, students and new employees also on the 4th floor are getting the same mandatory introduction in the IGV safety guidelines.

- The proposal, in agreement with Haoyi, to the management is that Haoyi will take on this responsibility also on the 4th floor.

9. The last point that was addressed during the meeting is the need of a clean up in our storage space on the first floor.

- Magnus, Haoyi, Krister and Julia have already started this challenge - with good support from many of our colleagues – and the main challenge is - to figure out ...what stuff needs to be kept and what can be thrown away.

## 10. Ongoing recruitments

- Iain is about to recruit a Phd student in Geology, funded by his own external funding. Soon to be announced.
- Sascha is about to recruit a Phd student in structural geology – fully funded by IGV.
- Malin is recruiting a Phd student. Deadline for application was the 15 of August 2025. Malin has offered the position to a final candidate.
- Agatha has recruited a postdoc – fully funded by external funding. The final candidate has been selected and probable starting date will be during this autumn.
- Helen has recruited a postdoc – fully funded by her own grant. Final candidate has been selected and probable starting date will be during the autumn.
- Helen has also recruited a Phd student, funded by her external grant – will start the 1 of Nov.
- Ina Kirchner, prof at Physical geography, has recruited a postdoc, fully funded by Helens external KAW project. The final candidate will start in December.

11. The last department board meeting took place the 24 of September. Matters addressed at the meeting was mostly teaching related, some minor adjustments were made in course plans and some previous per capsulam decisions was formally brought in to the protocol. You will soon find the protocol on the IGV webb.

12. According to Swedish law all fixed assets within every organization must be inventoried on a yearly basis. A fixed asset can for instance be a phone, a computer, an instrument, a machine, a component to a machine, and a furniture. At SU this inventory process will take place at all departments during Oct. Christina and Joakim will manage this inventory process at IGV – and the process means that they will investigate if the assets in our fixed asset register still exists in reality and if they are still functioning. If the conclusion from their investigation is that some of



the assets are broken and no longer possible to use - then these assets needs to be removed from our asset register and thrown away (according to SU guidelines).

- All staff can expect to soon receive an email from Christina or Joakim where they ask us to confirm the existence and functionality of a computer and phone that are within our use.