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Møde i formidlingsudvalget

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1) Biology Olympiad Semifinal – shall we continue this activity? (suggestion from Zoophysiology)

Zoophysiology supports the Biology Olympiad. However, most of the participants continue to different studies than Biology (Medicine, Molecular biology) and should be reconsidered due to cost reductions.

Recruitment of new potential students is not based on the Biology Olympiad and might not be worth the preparation time. Preparations are time-consuming as they need to be accustomed each year.

The department cannot offer this anymore, but we could refer to the right people (Hovedet i Havet, Molecular Biology, Medicine).

Ian will discuss this with Hans Brix. Ian will have a dialogue with the organizers and refer to alternatives.

2) Discontinuation of respiration exercise check of overall high school activities offered (<https://bio.au.dk/samarbejde/til-gymnasier-og-folkeskolen/tilbud-til-gymnasier/besoegsservice>)

Zoophysiology has decided not to continue the respiration exercise. It should be possible to develop a similar respiration exercise with cockroaches. It is noted that it would be nice if our bioformidlere are employed for multiple years.

It is necessary to offer a selection of exercises, since set exercises can be trained to our bioformidlere.

Each section should offer a biologically relevant activity (lecture or exercise) on our homepage for high school activities – everyone brings this message back to their section.

Ian suggests the possibility of inviting high school teachers in to discuss the activities.

Current: Cable bacteria (Microbiology) and fruit fly genetics (GEE)

Suggestion: New respiration exercise (Zoophysiology)

3) Studiepraktik – changes for this year's program (2022 program attached)

Apart from lab exercises, it is possible to maintain the program from 2023:

Aquatic Biology will continue their exercise

Zoophysiology will update their exercise

Ecoinformatics and biodiversity will check on possibility for an exercise

4) Changes in our group of bioformidlere – new coordinator, new hire necessary for autumn 2023

Rebecca Fjord Jørgensen is the new coordinator. Mathias and Johanne will continue as bioformidlere.

5) Any other business

Videnskabsfestival: Ian will inform VIPs and postdocs via e-mail.

The department has a commitment to participate in Studiepraktik and U-days – everything else (like Videnskabsfestival) is nice to have, which different VIPs generally support.

DM i Science: needs help with equipment – Anders Barfod is very good at tværsnit.

Robert Buitenwerf will take Carlos' place in the committee from August.