

Minutes from the Dissemination Committee

Meeting 18 January 2021, 13.00-14.00 Dissemination Committee - Department of Biology.

Chair: Jesper Givskov

Dissemination Committee representatives: Ian Marshall, Tomas Cedhagen, Maria Blach Nielsen, Benita nordentoft Hyldgaard, Alejandro Ordonez Gloria, Emil Ellegaard (BFU representative)

Secretary Louise Kruse Have.

Absent: Signe Brokjær

Non-appearance: Erik Baatrup and Karoline Bruun Degn

Agenda:

- 1. Info from Nat-Tech Recruitment Forum**
- 2. Welcome to Benita Nordentoft Hyldgaard and Alejandro Ordonez Gloria**
- 3. Press course in research communication** – Peter Bondo has held a two-day communication course for the academic staff at Biosciences with success, where several of the participants got their articles in the media. Could this be relevant for us at Biology? Anyone who wants to help put it to work?
- 4. Guided tours videos** – We need input to the content of the videos. Chosen a coordinator/contact person (preferably with creative qualities). Perhaps a small ' video committee ' needs to be set up?
- 5. Festival of Research from 23-29 April** - invitation to book a researcher 2021, where they need researchers as they would like to have covered all fields, courses and disciplines in the programme.
Output: conduct a webinar as a thank you for the time spent on Book a Researcher. The webinar is based on good digital communication, where researcher and communications expert Sabrina Vitting-Seerup will provide good advice. Does anyone has the time and want to participate?
- 6. Evaluation of study trials 2020** – What can we bring with us from here, and what *should* and can we get better at?
- 7. Upper secondary school news from NAT and TECH** – access to recordings of upper-secondary-school streamings that are a success.
- 8. Appointments Committee for Bio-communication:** should it continue as before or is there anyone else who wants to contribute?
- 9. Follow-up on two activities for the BioOl semifinal 2022**– the event has been cancelled in 2021 but we still have to decide which two activities we want? Are the sections into play (has the topic been brought up at section meetings)? Which two activities do we decide on?
- 10. Any other business**

1. Info from Nat-Tech Recruitment Forum Jesper Givskov

The Nat Tech Recruitment forum has now been divided into two after the faculty has been divided, and is only an advantage as topics and discussions become more specific and targeted. The minutes from the previous meeting in NAT's recruitment forum have been shared with the members of the Dissemination Committee.



2. Welcome to Benita Nordentoft Hyldgaard and Alejandro Ordonez Gloria.

Benita will take over the Dissemination Committee from Maya Jepsen and take on the role of TAP representative. Alejandro will also take over from Anders Sanchez. It has therefore been decided that the meetings and the meeting material will be in English in the future, as Alejandro does not speak Danish (yet).

3. Press course in research communication

Peter Bondo has held a successful two-day communication course for the academic staff at Biosciences, where several of the participants got their articles in the media. There is consensus in the committee that it is a good idea to get started, and Ian Marshall suggests that it should be a course across the faculty and other departments, as it is nice to exchange knowledge in a wider professional network. The idea is that all workshop participants will have tools for good written communication.

Maria Blach Nielsen is offering to continue with this and will investigate the opportunities available and be responsible for the content and programme. It has also been proposed that Peter Bondo or another good communicator could be responsible for the teaching.

4. Guided Tour Videos

In connection with the virtual U-days, it has been decided by the faculty that we must produce a tour video. Birgit Olesen, Jesper Givskov and Benita Hyldgaard talk about the Department of Biology and present the facilities. The idea is that future students will have a virtual guided tour at the department without people, as it gives an objective picture of everyday life as it is right now due to the Corona restrictions.

Benita is responsible for coordinating the video content in collaboration with the production company, and the video will be public at the end of February.

5. Festival of Research from 23-29 April - an invitation to book a researcher 2021, where researchers are needed as they want to cover all fields, courses and disciplines in the programme.

The invitation has been circulated at the department and Jesper suggests to share this subject at the sections and encourages early career researchers to participate. The Festival of Research is for PhDs, postdocs and academic staff, so everyone interested may sign up.

6. Evaluation of study trials 2020 – which was held virtually this year.

Jesper set up two sessions online, where two students from the Bio-communication talked about life as a biology student. There were 40-45 participants from the upper secondary schools and more questions were asked than expected. A student representative helped answer questions about the study programme and the future if wrong decisions are made etc. All in all a positive experience, despite the fact that it was online.

7. Upper secondary school news from NAT and TECH – access to recordings of upper-secondary-school streamings that are a success.

Jesper is unsure whether this is relevant for the Department of Biology, as it shifts focus from being physically on campus and feeling the atmosphere. The idea is that we should not teach upper secondary school students in biology, which these recordings propose, but to get the students interested in visiting biology and thereby arouse their interest. It is agreed not to participate, as we participate in many other recruitment events. We let the item be and bring it up if someone is interested.

8. Appointments Committee for Bio-communication: should it continue as before or is there anyone else who wants to contribute?

Jesper would still like someone else to join the team, as he is the only one involved in the bio-communication. Bio communicators are students who are interested in communicating biology. Some of the current and former bio communicators have experience from Randers rainforest and Ree Park etc. The bio communicators can also be included in the “Rullende Universitet”, as they are employed under the same contract. We agree that the next time we need to recruit bio communicators; we will bring this item up on the agenda again.

9. Follow-up on two activities for the BioOl semi-final 2022– the event has been cancelled in 2021 but we still have to decide which two activities we want? The subject is once again brought up at the sections and at the next ordinary meeting in the Dissemination Committee.

10. Any other business

A very important thing is the virtual **U-days** where future students can participate and decide which study programme they want to apply for. Here we still need to report activities for the two periods of 45 min. that we have. Jesper suggests that we divide the 2x45 min. so that four biologists present and therefore it is not so time-consuming. From Microbiology, Kai Finn and Lars Riis Damgaard would like to participate, but we still need two biologists! It is agreed that this topic will be discussed in future section meetings and that all members of the dissemination committee follow up and take responsibility for the activity and report back to Jesper.

Benita informs that the faculty has made a study programme checker for future students, where biology also is presented with a number of relevant questions. The idea is that the person interested answers the questions and thereby check whether the degree programme is suitable.