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| Meeting date: 19 September 2022  Meeting place: 1540-k32  Meeting subject: Meeting in the Dissemination committee, Department of Biology  Attendees: Maria Blach Nielsen (MBN); Alejandro Ordonez Gloria (AOG); Bjarke Meyer Pedersen (BMP); Brian Keith Sorrell (BKS); Jesper Givskov Sørensen (JGS).  Absent: Katja Bundgaard Last; Johannes Overgaard; Maja Viktoria Nedergaard Mikkelsen; Signe Brokjær.  Minutes: Maria Blach Nielsen (MBN) |

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# Briefing about communication activities at the department

MBN gave a briefing about the status of department communication activities.

* The department management has decided that all pure profiles should be standardised as much as possible, and this work has begun. Unfortunately, our contact person at the AU Library has resigned, and we are awaiting her replacement before we can continue.
* The dissemination strategy has been on hold, but MBN will initiate the tasks as soon as possible.
* Press releases and visibility on social media and web: MBN will allocate more time for communication activities, all researchers are welcome to contact her.
* Presentation training: The department would like to support researchers invited for an interview in connection with funding application or other important events. Contact MBN.
* Alumni: Last week we sent out a newsletter for alumni from Department of Biology. Among other things, they were invited for Alumni day on Thursday 3 November 2022. All employees are also invited.
* Nat-Tech Communications are working on 3 initiatives:
  + Recruitment video featuring different aspects of the life of a student at Nat Faculty, like lectures, Friday bar, group work, fun with friends, etc. On Friday 23 September, they will visit the Biology Fridaybar.
  + Study life photos: AU Photo will visit lectures, groupwork etc to have some general photos about the life of students at the Nat Faculty.

# Week 42 Steno Museum event update

https://sciencemuseerne.dk/steno-museet/oplevelser-paa-museet/efteraarsferie-paa-steno-museet

The department is participating in a Steno Museum event in week 42 (16-17 October 2022) giving families the opportunity to visit the department and participate in a program where they can use microscopes, learn about eDNA, visit the spider lab, etc. The event is probably of interest to many employees and their families (kids 6-12 years old). The event is free of charge but you need to sign up.

# Studiepraktik program

The program’s complete although not public, we’ll go through it and see if there are any thoughts or suggestions. Studiepraktik will happen in week 43. The committee commented on the program and minor adjustments were made.

# Discussion of what we offer in the besøgsservice – what kind of adjustments should we aim for?

1. Activities/lectures to “gymnasier”: We currently have 3 strong activities that work very well. Furthermore we offer 4 different talks. At the moment teachers from “gymasiums” contact the researcheres offering the lectures/activities and coordinate time and place.

The committee discussed the lack of diversity in the presenters regarding age and gender. Do we need a more structured approach in our line-up of presentations? It was agreed that IM will discuss this with the leadership group of the department. For now, the committee agreed that it would be appropriate to indicate that teachers can always contact a researcher for a request about an alternative lecture. IM will update the website.

1. Activities for folkeskoler – postponed

# Biology Olympiad January 16 and 17, 2023, volunteers to run activities confirmed

Representatives from the sections Ecoinformatis/Biodiversity and Aquatic biology will run the activities. Their contribution is part of the rotation plan for sections and next year other sections will be asked.

# Gymnasielærerdag likely 20/1/23

The event is run by the faculty, and the department will deliver two lectures and a number of workshops.

# EOES training

<https://eoes.dk/#aarskalender-section>

The European science Olympiad came to the department last year, and they want to repeat the success, most likely in week 15 2023.

# Any other business

No entries.