

Dear MBlers,

Nearly July, and I realise that MBI never rests. Many of you are already well into your summer vacation, while others will keep the wheels running through summer. Yesterday, we had a most worthy end of a semester, with Linda defending her PhD Thesis with calm and full control. Congratulations.

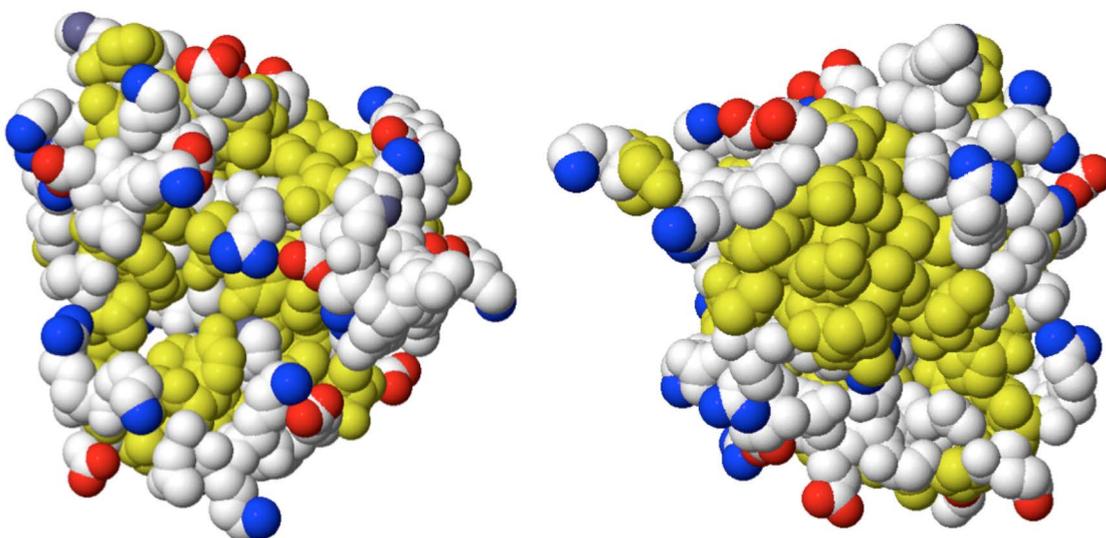
Last week, the Research Council Awarded ca 1300 MNOK to 29 new national infrastructure projects: research facilities, laboratories, equipment and databases covering a wide range of topics and technologies, with costs ranging from 10 to 150 MNOK. Of most relevance to us is funding for the Norwegian Macromolecular Crystallography Consortium organised by University of Tromsø, but also with UiB as partner, represented by the new crystallographers at Department of Biomedicine. Also of interest would be NOR-OPENSREEN (for chemical biology) and NALMIN (for advanced light microscopy imaging). Funds were also given for biobanks and sequencing for personalized medicine. UiB coordinates two of the new infrastructures and is partner in 9 others. Never before has the Research Council given so much funding to research infrastructures in one go. While this is very good and important, I argue anywhere and whenever I can for similar amounts of funding for medium size (2-20 MNOK) instruments that is so crucial for e.g. molecular life science.

With this, I wish you all a wonderful summer



Molecular quiz of the month

In lack of a Molecule of the Month story for this issue, a molecular mono-quiz is presented here. Shown here is a 3D representation (front and back views) of a protein which is studied in our of our labs. Which protein is it? Answers to Rein per e-mail, with a little prize to the first correct answer.



New master degrees

We congratulate the following candidates who all accomplished their master degrees in molecular biology this semester:

Ina Blindheim Johansen
Karina Dale
Hulda María Harðardóttir
Sukarna kar
Henriette Wangen
Alba Kaci

Nytt fra Heliks

Denne våren har vi i Heliks arrangert ulike eventer for studentene som vi har fått gode tilbakemeldinger på. Blandt annet har vi arrangert fjelltur til Fløien, holdt MOL100 krasjkurs, samt det populærvitenskapelig foredrag holdt av Roger Strand: Is life science a threat against human rights? Alle tilbakemeldinger og erfaringer vi får ved de ulike arrangementene tar vi med oss til senere. Heliks ønsker å få med enda flere studenter på alt vi arrangerer og vi stiller derfor i fadderuken i august for å ta imot de nye studentene med åpne armer.

I mai har Heliks hatt Allmøte. Det var godt oppmøte, og mange nye fjes som var tilstede. Heliks består nå av studenter på alle trinn fra første år på bachelor til og med siste år på master. Dette er vi veldig fornøyd med!

Heliksstyret høst 2015:



Eline Mejlænder-Larsen (leder), Anny Gravdal (nestleder), Siri Goksøyr (økonomi), Lorentze Hope Hornnes (Info), Silje Kjølle (praktisk ansvarlig), Sofya Romanyuk (sosial gruppe), Inga Elisabeth N. Rødahl (sosial gruppe), Elise Wanderås (RU), Martha Eimstad Haugstøyl (programstyret, master), Marita Torrisen Mårli (progrmstyret, bachelor), Nikolai Isak Honorat (institutttrådet, master), Håkon Moland Sæbø (institutttrådet, bachelor), Camila Cimadamore-Werthein (RU, vara), Regine Åsen Jersin (programstyret, vara) og May Karoline Wedel (institutttrådet, vara).

Takk til hele det gamle styret, og særlig Helene Torkildsen og Kristina Strand for deres flotte arbeid som leder og nestleder.

MBI Summer outing!



Photos: Fedor Kryuchkov

Rannveig Knudsen retires



Rannveig retires from her position after nearly 44 years as an employee at the University of Bergen. She started her career here in 1971 as engineer at the former Department of Biochemistry located in the Preclinical Institutes (PKI) at Årstadvollen. For many years, she was a key person when the department expanded into Fellesbygget (now) and the F-lab. There she was a colleague of former MBers: Bernt Walther, Arnt Raae, Oddvard Garatun Tjeldstø, and Anders Goksøyr, and managed the lab and a number of projects in the emerging field of fish and marine molecular biology. In 1992 she joined her colleagues forming the Laboratory of Marine Molecular Biology (LMM) which, in 1997, became part of our Department of Molecular Biology. During her many years at MBI she worked primarily with student affairs, and had a key role in introducing student counselling at MBI. In the recent years, Rannveig has used her skills and experiences as coach and leader of the program for competence building for study advisors at UiB. It is with sincere gratitude for excellence and dedication that we wish Rannveig all the best as an MBI and UiB alumnus.

New PhDs

We congratulate **Linda Veka Hjørnevik** and **Gunasekaran Subramaniam** who both defended their PhD-theses in June!

MBI poster presentations at FEBS/EMBO Advanced Course

MBI and the NAT-group were well represented at the FEBS/EMBO Advanced Lecture Course, Biomembranes: Molecular Architecture, Dynamics and Function? June 15-25, 2015, Cargèse-Corsica-France with the following poster presentations:

Sylvia Varland: METABOLIC REGULATION OF PROTEIN N-TERMINAL ACETYLTATION.

Camilla Osberg: Targeting of membrane proteins by means of N-terminal acetylation

Marianne Goris: N-terminal acetylation meets the organelles



God sommer!