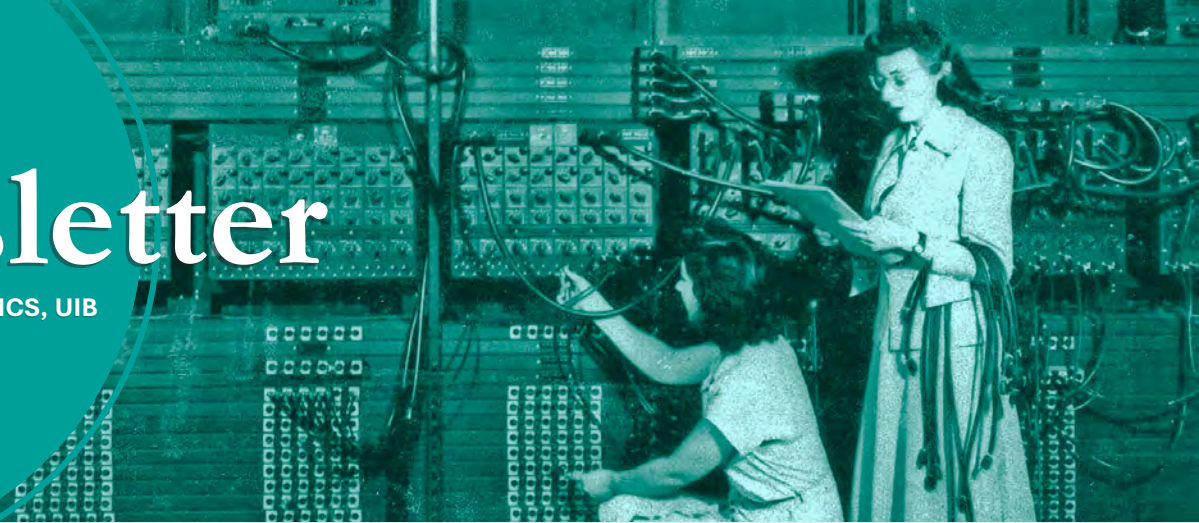


# Newsletter

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Contributions or comments to the newsletter are very welcome.  
Old newsletters can be found [here](#).

## Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter is not a long one, as many – including myself – have taken this Friday off to get a nice long weekend. I hope you all enjoyed the celebration of the Norwegian National day – May 17<sup>th</sup>!

May is a month with lots of public holidays, and since it is also often a month with good weather, I hope you have the opportunity to take some time off work and re-charge your batteries before the final busy period this side of summer!

This week, I partook in a science seminar organized with Stortinget, the Norwegian parliament. The topic was artificial intelligence within health, and around 20 members of parliament took part. There is a lot of attention on artificial intelligence these days – after ChatGPT, Dall-E and an avalanche of other apps have been made available to the general public. People in the street, and members of parliament, have a limited understanding of the technology. There is also need for a public debate on AI, the possibilities it creates and the threats it poses. Europe is developing regulations around AI, and Norway is taking some steps as well.

Because the technology and applications are developing so quickly, there is a need for some urgency. Hence, I was happy when we could use NORA to put together a “fagseminar” (scientific seminar) with the Norwegian parliament. I do hope we will have a knowledge-based and productive process to put in place the appropriate regulations and to strengthen Norway’s possibilities to develop and use AI in a good way in the coming years and decades. Several people among our staff have already contributed to spreading knowledge around AI through media etc., and I do hope several more will engage going forward. This is also an opportunity for us to bring more attention to informatics and the importance of our research and educational activities.

I wish you all a nice weekend!

Inge



## The Dean’s Blog - Gunn Mangerud



The Dean’s blog aims to inform us of ongoing work and processes at The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

Her latest posts:

- [Viktig steg fremover for Nygårdshøyden sør](#)
- [Hva har vi lært av Havuken og hvordan bruker vi det videre?](#)
- [Tiden flyr når en jobber med høyere utdanning](#)

# *Late spring cleaning!*

1st of June, 13:00-15:30

Save the date: We are organising the second annual late spring cleaning! On Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, you will have the chance to get rid of that old stuff that has been festering in your office since the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June last year.

For the official cleaning day, we will have some bonus ways to get rid of things, but if you want a head start: Here are some of the facilities that are (always) available for you if you want to tidy your office:

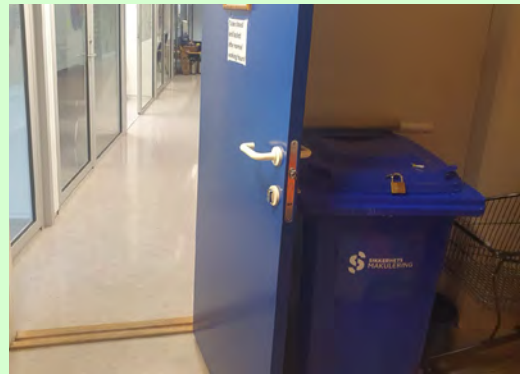


## General rubbish

Normal waste can be put into these chutes, including paper.

Make sure to only throw away a small amount at once, or the chute will get clogged up.

Location: On every floor.



## Confidential papers

Anything put in this blue bin will be safely shredded, turned into new paper, and sold for a good cause.

Location: 4th floor office supply room.

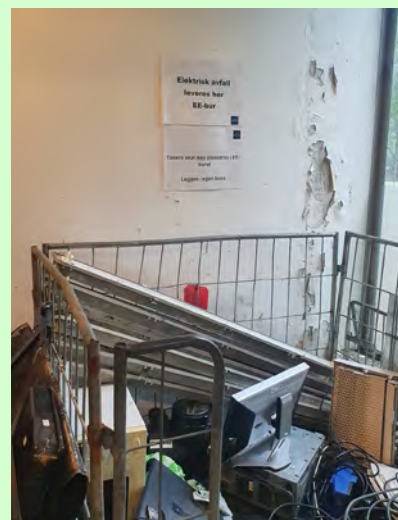
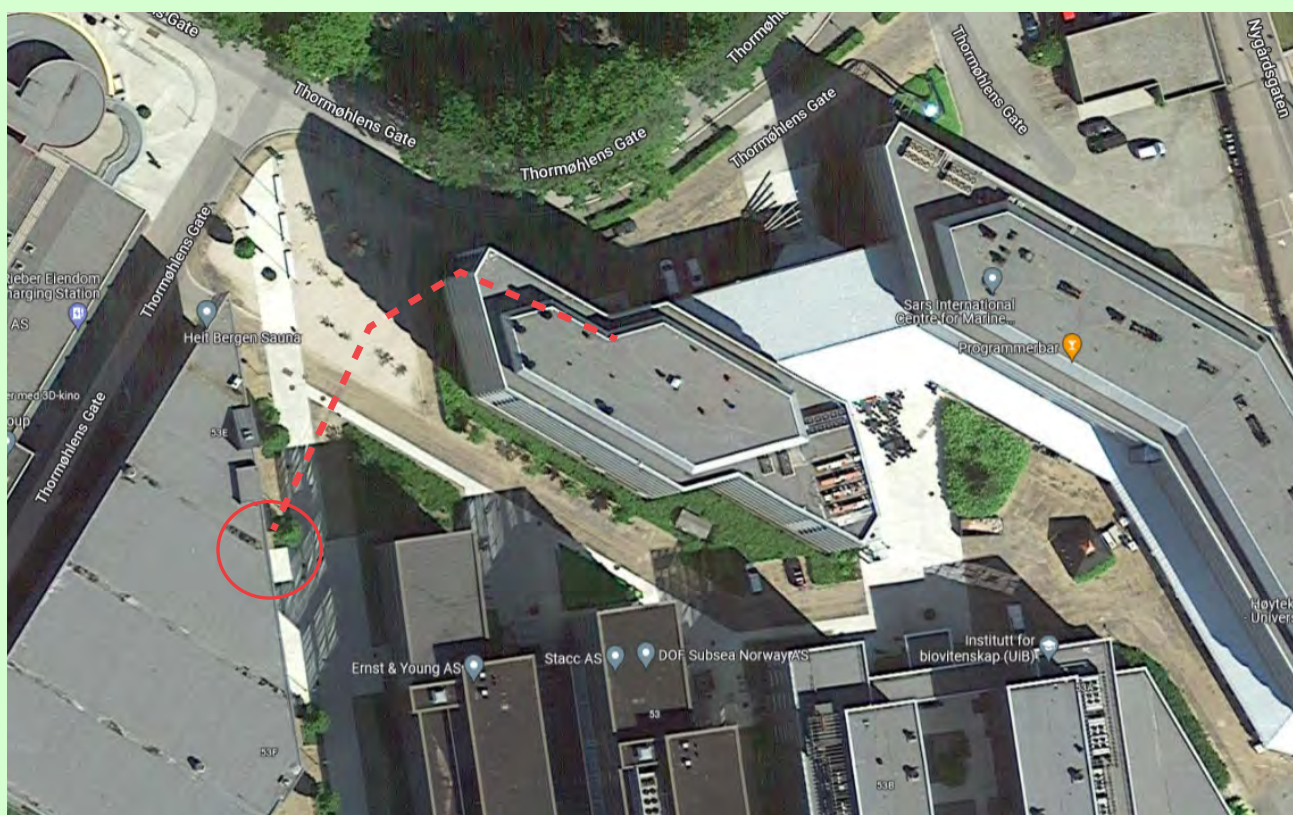


# Miljøstasjon: Recycling centre

At this location, you can get rid of things that you can't put anywhere else.

This includes:

- Paper or cardboard in large quantities
- Plastic
- Electronic waste
- Empty toner cartridges
- Lightbulbs





# Current Issues



## FPT Fest 2023 – in honour of Mike Fellows

June 12 to June 16, 2023, you are cordially invited to attend FPT Fest in the honour of Mike Fellows. The symposium will happen in [Grand Hotel Terminus, Bergen](#).

The symposium will consist of a number of invited talks, minisymposia, and one full day (Wednesday) devoted to Mike and his contributions to computer science.

[Read more about the FPT Fest here.](#)



### Poster workshop

6<sup>th</sup> of June 09:00 to 12:00 in Høyteknologisenteret - 209N1

This informal workshop will give you the opportunity to:

- Get an introduction to the basics of effective visual communication.
- Learn about useful practical tools for graphic design.
- Rethink your approach to scientific posters.
- Receive feedback on your work in a friendly environment.

The workshop will be limited to 12 participants, so please sign up soon if you want to secure a spot.

The workshop will be held in English, and is open to all department members who are either in the process of making or planning to make a research poster.

[Sign up for the poster workshop here.](#)



## Department Council Election

This spring, new members are being elected for the department council in group B (temporary staff in teaching and research positions) and D (students).

These are the candidates up for election:

B: Sondre Sæther Bolland, Rikke Aas and Kenneth Langedal.

D: Emma Gustavsen Rolfsnes, Steinar Simonnes, Torger Bocianowski and Henrik Eide.

If you are in group B or D, you will be able to vote for your representatives 23.05 09:00 to 25.05 12:00.

[Read more about the candidates and election here.](#)



## Department Discord

We have a department discord channel, in which you can find notices about events, alerts about leftover cake, and generally great banter.

[Join our discord here.](#)



## Forskningsdagene 2023

Forskningsdagene (National science week) is a national yearly science festival, which this year will be 20.09 – 01.10. The purpose of the festival is to spread understanding and excitement around science, and this year's main theme is "Energy".

Read about the festival and ways you can participate [here](#).

## Reminder: Guest routine

Inviting and hosting guest researchers is a natural and welcomed part of our academic work. It is still crucial to act according to our routines and procedures when planning to invite a guest.

If you are inviting a guest researcher to our department, you must now follow the new guest routine found [here](#).

## International Newsletter

UiB has a newsletter made especially for internationals, where you can find useful tips and news about upcoming events.

If you have moved to Bergen from a different country, we highly recommend subscribing to the newsletter [here](#).

You can also follow the International Centre calendar to find events that are of particular interest to international staff and students. Here are some of the Centre's upcoming events:

- [Working with Norwegians \(Seminar\)](#) – 23.05
- [Introduction course for new employees \(Course\)](#) – 25.05
- [Guided city walk \(Guided tour\)](#) – 25.05
- [Paying tax in Norway \(Seminar\)](#) – 25.05
- [From Pitch to Profit: Communication Skills And Technical Strategies to Raise Capital for Your Startup \(Presentation\)](#) (01.06)



## UiB Ferd

“UiB Ferd supports early stage researchers in their career development”

UiB Ferd Career Centre supports doctoral candidates, postdoctoral fellows, researchers and associate professors. We offer a range of services designed to help you develop your career within or beyond the university.

[You can sign up for the UiB Ferd newsletter here.](#)

## Final Spring 2023 Open Science Webinar:

26.05.2023 [How to make your data open & FAIR \(in Norwegian\)](#)

## Vacant positions

- [Researcher within Machine Learning](#)
- [MSCA SEAS postdoctoral research fellow in informatics for marine sustainability](#)
- [Researcher in Informatics – \(SAT-Solving\)](#)
- [PhD Research Fellow in Informatics: Visual Data Science to Master Complex Simulation Ensembles](#)

[See all open positions at UiB](#)