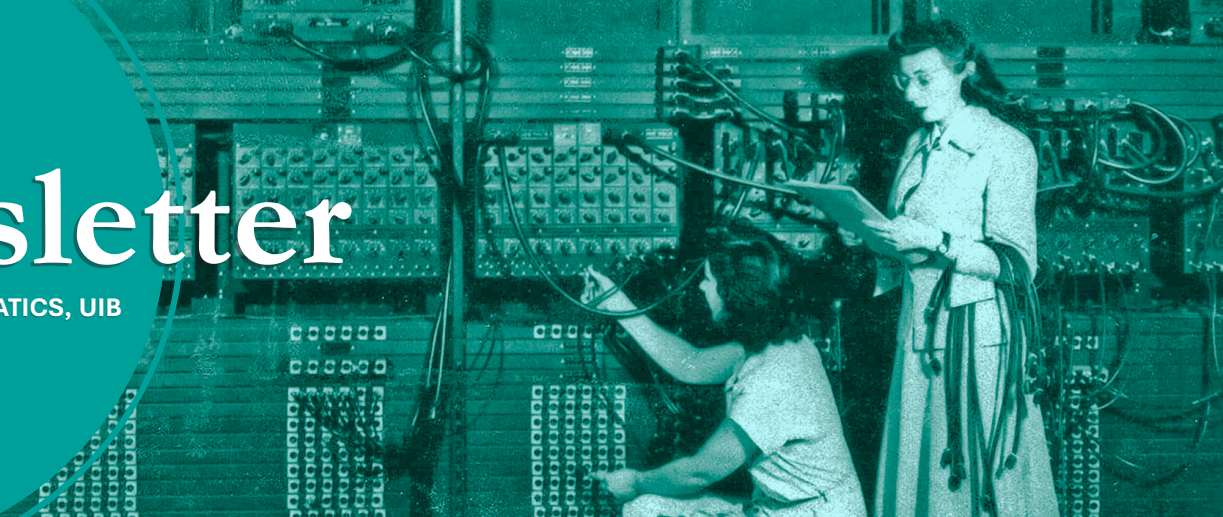


Newsletter

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

Dear Colleagues,

The last couple of days we had really nice weather – although a bit chilly. I hope everybody is using the opportunity to spend some time outside!

I just started the yearly round of “medarbeidersamtaler” (assessment interviews – or coworker conversations) where I have the pleasure of meeting individually with all associate and full professors at the department (and a few more). It is nice to sit down and have a chat, and update each other, talk about experiences, challenges and think about priorities and strategies for the coming year(s). Often there are ideas or issues that come up in these meetings, that are useful also on a more general level – and that I try to follow up as well as I can. Of course, anybody at the department is welcome to come to me (or to Linda) at any point during the year, but the annual coworker conversations are useful to ensure some regularity and routine.

One question that came up in a medarbeidersamtale was about what offerings the department or university has when it comes to leisure or sports activities. On the department level, our offering is limited but includes a weekly Yoga session. I’ve been told that all that is needed to take part is a yoga mat (there may also be some available) and that you have clothes that allows you to move easily. More people are welcome to join! In addition, the university has a swimming pool at the student centre which is open for us to use most of the time, some

organized gym classes etc. The university also has a “sports club”, [UBIL](#), that is open for UiB employees and spouses – including football, curling, handball and so on. You can find more information [here](#).

Employees, like the students, can also buy Sammen gym membership with a very good discount. With Sammen gym membership you have access to all of Sammens sports facilities and can take advantage of all the services and classes.

Please look into these offers and try them out if you see anything you find interesting! It is important to have meaningful and fun activities after working hours – and this can also be a good way to meet new people and make new friends!

Most of the teaching has now ended for the fall semester. I want to thank all teachers, teaching assistants and group leaders for all the efforts during the semester. And I wish all lecturers and students good luck with the exams (please prepare well in advance!)

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:

- [Fakultetet får et nytt sivilingeniørprogram innen data science](#)
- [Har studenter tid til å være fulltidsstudenter lenger?](#)
- [Strategi 2023-2030](#)



New Elixir infrastructure project launched this week

Thursday marked the launch of the [the European Genomic Data Infrastructure \(GDI\) project](#). The new €40 million GDI project, coordinated by ELIXIR, is jointly funded by the European Commission under the [Digital Europe Programme](#) and through co-funding from participating Member States. In the area of health, the Digital Europe Programme aims to support the creation of elements of the European Health Data Space.

[Read more here.](#) (Norwegian)



Completely Texas

Greetings from Magne (here with Brad Richardson) who has represented our department, and more specifically Bergen Language Design Laboratory, in Dallas this week, at the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis!

Welcome, new colleagues!



Anandhu Dileep

Anandhu has started as a PhD candidate in the optimization group. Anandhu is from India, where he did a 5-year integrated master's programme in mathematics at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.

Welcome, Anandhu!

PhD Updates



PhD Defense: Thomas Bernhard Trautner

Thomas Bernhard Trautner will be defending his thesis "Visualization Hybridization with Spatialization Cues" on the 24th of November at 13:00. The defence will take place in the VilVite auditorium.

[Read the announcement here.](#)

Current Issues



Christmas party – Last chance to register!

There are still a few open spots left for the annual Christmas party, but registration closes on the 21st of November, or when there are no more spots. So if you still haven't registered, you must do so as soon as you can in order to secure your place at the feast and reap your rewards at the buffet.

[Sign up here.](#)

Illustration: An actual stock photo that shows up if you search for "party" on Unsplash. Hat added for the purpose of relevancy.



Rent a cabin

Welfare cabins are available for hire for employees at Ustaoset in Hol municipality and at Utne in Hardanger, Tingviken.

For the 2023 winter period, the application deadline is this Sunday, on the 20th of November.

[Read more and apply here.](#)

CBDC Hackaton: Welcome, students!

Simula-UiB with Norges bank and University of Bergen are organising a hackathon on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)

The event is part of Norges Bank's ongoing CBDC project and consists of a conference on Friday, 21 Oct 2022, with talks by experts from industry, the central bank and academia, followed by a hackathon, targeting the development of an open platform for central bank digital currencies. These events have the purpose to engage with the community, enhance learning on financial technologies and the role of CBDCs in the economy, as well as provide a common platform for sharing experiences and reflections on the future of CBDCs.

If you know (or are) a student who could be interested in this, please go to cbdc-hack.no to learn more.



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“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.](#)

Upcoming UiB Ferd events include:

23.11.22: [How to write a competitive CV for non-academic audience?](#)

25.11.22: [Introduction to Data Management Plans \(DMP\)](#)

29.11.22: [Lecture about accessibility in data visualization \(Lecture\)](#)

05.12.22: [Software Carpentry course in research computing skills: Shell, R for reproducible analysis, Git \(Course\)](#)

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 upcoming events:

[Meet and greet for international staff](#)

[Paying tax in Norway \(Seminar\)](#)

[Introduction course for new employees \(Course\)](#)

[Paying tax in Norway \(Seminar\)](#)

[See the full calendar here.](#)



Vacant positions

- [Tenure Track Associate Professor in Informatics – Visualization / Visual Data Science](#)
- [Researcher within machine learning](#)
- [PhD Research Fellow in Informatics – Didactics](#)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities



Young CAS Fellow: “The Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) in Oslo is now accepting applications for the [Young CAS Fellow programme](#) for the period of August 2023 to June 2025. CAS’ mission is to further excellent, fundamental research. By providing our scholars with optimal working facilities and uninterrupted time for research, we pave the way for groundbreaking scientific results.”

Application deadline: 9 December 2022



Meltzer funds: This year, there will be a delay in launching this call as UiB will set up a new technical solution for submitting applications. It is expected that the new system will open on 2 January 2023, and that the application deadline will be later in January. You can follow future updates on the following websites:

- [Project stipends for PhD cand. and students](#)
- [Support for travel and sabbaticals for research staff](#)

Application deadline: January 2023



Forskningsrådet

Researcher projects: The Research Council of Norway is planning to announce thematic priority calls for researcher projects ([renewal](#) & [young](#) & [New large-scale interdisciplinary researcher project](#)). Even though free, groundbreaking research will not be among the topics for those calls, several other areas may be relevant.

Application deadline: 8 February 2023 (tentative date)



Forskningsrådet

Knowledge-building projects: The Research Council of Norway is planning to announce a call for [Knowledge-building Projects for Industry](#) targeting pre-defined focus areas, incl. energy and transport.

Application deadline: 15 February 2023 (tentative date)



Forskningsrådet

Collaborative projects: The Research Council of Norway is planning to announce a call for [Collaborative Projects to Meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges](#) targeting pre-defined focus areas, incl. energy, transport, enabling technologies and more.

Application deadline: 15 February 2023 (tentative date)

King Olav Vs Cancer Research Fund's prize 2023 Deadline: 05.01.2023 13:00

CALL INFO

The fund awards a prize to a cancer researcher, or a group of researchers, who have contributed to furthering the quality and scope of cancer research in Norway.

[Nomination](#) deadline: 5 January 2023, 13:00

The Norwegian Cancer Society's Prize for Young Cancer Reserachers 2023 Deadline: 05.01.2023 13:00

CALL INFO

The Norwegian Cancer Society's awards a prize to a young cancer researcher who has contributed to furthering the quality and scope of cancer research in Norway. The candidate to be nominated must be under 40 years old by the nomination deadline, hold a PhD, be associated with a Norwegian university, university college, hospital, any other institution with research as part of its noncommercial activities, and have documented talent (shown extraordinary effort and achieved results of high quality for cancer research in Norway).

[Nomination](#) deadline: 5 January 2023, 13:00



Forskningsrådet

News from the Research Council of Norway

From 2023 onwards, **open research will be part of the assessment criteria** under the Impact criterion. This is currently implemented in the upcoming calls for Researcher Projects and Collaborative and Knowledge-building Projects. The evaluation experts will be asked to assess the extent to which open research is an integral part of the project, and whether planned results will be made openly available.

Updated info about Open Access to publications: [click here](#)

Updated info about Data Management Plans: [click here](#)

Please contact research coordinator [Stefanie Meyer](#) if you plan to apply. All applications need to be approved by the department leadership. An overview over our [research support services](#) is also available online.

NORBIS activities

Modern methods for analyzing survival and time to event data (IMB9335)

Dates: 5-9 December, 2022. **Location:** University of Oslo. **Organizer:** Morten Valberg. **Lecturers:** Morten Valberg, Håkon K. Gjessing, Ørnulf Borgan, Odd O. Aalen. **Credits:** 4 ECTS. **Evaluation:** The exam will be a home exam in the form of project work. The students should deliver their written project report within a month after the end of the course. The exam paper will be provided in English and should be answered in English.

Short course description: The analysis of survival data and other types of time-to-event data are central in modern medical research and a number of other fields. A large number of methods for analysing time-to-event data have been developed, but many researchers have no knowledge of survival analysis, or they only know the most basic methods. The aim of the course is to give PhD-students and other researchers in biostatistics, bioinformatics, epidemiology, and related fields an up-to-date overview of statistical methodology for analysing time-to-event data. The course is given over five days and computer exercises will be an integrated part of the course. [More information and link to registration here.](#)

