

## **Protocol, Organism Biology steering committee meeting**

2018-03-12, BioC conference room A-436

Attending: Peter Bozhkov  
Christina Dixelius  
Pernilla Elander  
Panagiotis Nikolaou Moschou  
Magnus Karlsson  
Minerva Trejo  
Mattias Thelander (coordinator without right to take part in decisions)  
Lina Sjöholm (coordinator without right to take part in decisions)

Not attending: Petra Fransson  
Charles Melnyk  
Miguel Angel Redondo

### **§ 1 Meeting was opened**

- a) Lina Sjöholm was appointed secretary
- b) Peter Bozhkov was appointed adjutor
- c) Last meetings protocol was approved
- d) There were no additional questions

### **§ 2 Final reports from concluded activities**

- a) *Laser-assisted microdissection, 2 HEC*: Mattias reported that three PhD-students attended the course but in total eight people went to some of the lectures. The course evaluation showed that the participants were very pleased with the course. Mattias also reported that the budget will be kept. The steering committee accepted this end report.
- b) *Careers outside university, one-day workshop*: Lina reported that the course had 20 participants and 13 of them were from the OB research school. The evaluation was sent out rather late after the workshop, but those students who responded were very satisfied with the content, organization and invited speakers. One thing that the students felt could be improved for the next workshop is more time for networking with the invited speakers. The steering committee accepted this end report. Pernilla also mentioned it could be good to arrange web-based evaluation. Mattias and Lina will take it up on the next coordinators meeting.
- c) *Mycology –its basic and state-of-the-art applications, 3 HEC*: The end report from this course was postponed to the next meeting since Petra was absent.
- d) *Community profiling by sequencing 3 HEC*: Lina reported that the course had 15 participants (of which 3 belonged to Biocenter). The results from the evaluation showed that the participants were very pleased with the organization of the course. The scores were very high throughout with an average score of 4.5 out of 5 on the question addressing the general opinion about the course. Lina also reported that the budget of 80.000 SEK will be kept. The steering committee accepted this end report.

- e) *Introduction to Bioinformatics using NGS data*: This course was given by SciLifeLab. Two students from Biocenter participated in the course and the OB research school will cover the costs of 1800 SEK per student. It was decided that Lina and Mattias will sum up the budget and interest for this kind of course at the next meeting.
- f) *Plant Microbe Interactions*: This is a master course where PhD-students also can participate, however, this year no PhD-students signed up.

### § 3 Progress reports from ongoing and planned spring activities

- a) *How to write and publish a scientific paper, 4.5 HEC*: Mattias reported that the course has few students but it is ongoing.
- b) *Understanding and coding the R programming language, 2 HEC*: Lina reported that the course will take place the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of April and is organised by the Ecology research school.
- c) *Multivariate statistics, 4.5 HEC*: This course was organised by the research school Focus on Soils and Water. Lina reported that the course has ended but the end report is not finalised.
- d) *To communicate science*: This course is a collaboration between all the research schools at the NJ-faculty. Galia, one of the coordinators from the Focus on Food and Biomaterials research school, organises the course together with the Division of Planning. Mattias reported that the course is full and ongoing.
- e) *Visualize Your Science*: Mattias reported that the course is organised by Andreas Dahlin and filled (20 students) and 15 reserves. Maybe this is a course that should be given every year since the interest was so high. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

### § 4 Annual workshop – Focus on the academic career

The workshop will take place at Högbo brukshotell the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of June which is booked for 35 participants. This year the workshop is only intended for PhD-students, not the supervisors, since the theme is the ‘academic career’. Mattias presented the planned agenda (see attachment) and asked for suggestions for people to invite. Two suggestions that came up were Carina Knorrp and Anna Rosling. The workshop will be announced during the next two weeks.

### § 5 Course participants from other campuses (SLU): should we cover costs for travelling and lodging?

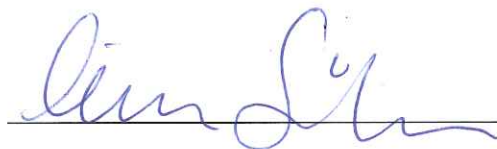
It was decided that the steering committee take case-to-case decisions about this since it is not so common.

### § 6 Additional questions

No additional questions

### § 7 Next meeting

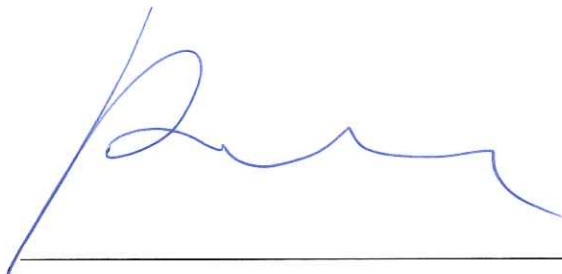
No meeting the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Lina will send out a doodle for a new meeting time.



2018-03-27

Lina Sjöholm, Secretary

Date



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Peter Bozhkov, Adjustor

Date