



KTH Fysik

## Department of Physics Management Group meeting

Monday 31st August 2020, 13.00-(15.00). Zoom

**Participants:** Pär O, Mattias B, Pavel K, Mats W, Bengt L-J, Yulia M, Sevostian B, Mats P, Nina K, Josefin L, Bo C, Sefora D

**Apologies:** Mats D

### Information

**Guest:** Sofia Vigren, new department administrator. Warmly welcome to KTH, AlbaNova and Physics!

**New member of MG:** Pavel Kudinov, Head of Nuclear Engineering, since 2020-07-01.

### SCI / KTH

- **Corona situation**
  - There have been a recent change in the guidelines by The President of KTH. SCI response/interpretation is essentially to maintain the position announced before vacations. It is important to allow staff to work at KTH while still avoiding crowding. Read more on KTH's website: [kth.se/corona](http://kth.se/corona)
  - Economic risk analysis for department underway (short- and long term). Pär O informed the Manage Group he will need some input.
  - **Working environment**
    - Pär O asked the Management group how the divisions look after the summer. The Division Heads gave a quick update on their office situation.
- **KAW Fellows**
  - Both internal and external candidates can be nominated (with PhD from 2012 or later) for [KAW fellowship](#). [Pre-proposal deadline 2/10 for KTH](#).

- Anna Delin will organise a workshop to discuss application on 11/9 at 15h on Zoom.
- **RAE 2020/2021**
  - A Panel meeting held with Anders Forsgren (dekanus) and others went well. The focus of discussion was about quality in research. Notes and feedback will be sent out soon.
  - Dialogue seminar with all Heads related mostly to culture in the academic environment. Awaiting notes from group discussions.
  - For 2021 – RAE will start again with the full process, proceeding where it left off 2020. A Deputy Panel coordinator from Aphys to be defined. Pär O also lifted the importance to incorporate wider discussion at the department.
- **Head of school ad out from EECS**
  - New procedure to announce the Dean position openly. May be how our next will be handled as well (but it's too soon to say now).

### **AlbaNova**

- From December 1<sup>st</sup> the organization of Albanova will change and the future new Director of Albanova will play an important role as a representative for both schools. Pär O will attend a reference group meeting will take place August 31<sup>st</sup> 14:00 for more information on how the schools will be affected.

### **Department**

- **Management meetings**
  - Notes from the Management Group meetings will be put on internal web, accessible for all staff. Sefora D is currently setting it up.
- **Outreach**
  - Due to the pandemic, some events got put on hold until further notice. Vetenskapens Hus is working on a program and will release more information. Josefine L will keep track of the event planning and through her discuss the physics department activities for the event.
- **Information**
  - Pär O reminded the Management group of the routine for contracts and Applications that need the attention of the Head of School have to fill in.
    - When a signature from the Head of School is needed, an “Institutionens bekräftelse” (IB) needs to be submitted when a grant or project application that needs an approval

from the Head of School, or when you have a contract that needs her (or RSO) signature.

- The form (IB) needs the signature of the Head of division and the Head of Division.
- Budget templates to use for future applications:  
<https://intra.kth.se/sci/lokalt/ekonomi/budget/kalkylmallar>
- **Undergraduate education** (Torbjörn)
  - Torbjörn B reported that the courses are very active both on campus and online.  
  
Re-examination for a higher grade is now an option for students, however it is up to the examiner if it should apply for the course.  
  
The *salstentamen* approval is finalized only for period 1. A supplementary application for period 2 may have to be done.
- **Ph.D. programme** (Mattias)  
Nothing new to report.
- **Ph.D. student representative** (Yulia)  
Yulia M asked the Ph.D students how they have been during the summer and working from home. The majority of the Ph.D student found it more difficult working from home and wish to work more from the office. With the new guideline, they will have to discuss the matter further with their supervisor to agree on a reasonable schedule.
- **Physics administration** (Nina)
  - A new service email [service@physics.kth.se](mailto:service@physics.kth.se) to reach physics administration for non-specific department questions will be in function from September 1<sup>st</sup>. An e-mail with more information regarding the management will be sent out.
  - The administration have a new financial officer named Sandra Stenman who will work for Applied Physics.
- **Personnel news**
  - Postdoc, space- and atmospheric physics (Fuglesang). S-2020-0350. Karl Bolmgren starting 2020-09-15.
  - Postdoc, experimental nuclear physics (Cederwall). S-2020-0473. Interviews held.
  - Ph.D. student, experimental nuclear physics (Bäck + UU). S-2020-0338. Ebba Ahlgren Cederlöf starting 2020-09-01.

- Ph.D. students (3 positions), nuclear engineering (Grishchenko and Kudinov). S-2020-0527. Interviews held, selection under way.
- Ph.D. students (2 positions), nuclear power safety and thermal hydraulics (Ma). S-2020-0800. Interviews.
- Postdocs (2 positions), nuclear power safety (Villanueva). S-2020-0814. Interviews.
  - Ph.D. positions are advertised in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June:
  - <https://intra.kth.se/administration/rekrytering/doktorandanstallning-1.730937>
- Docent applications in preparation:
  - Torbjörn Bäck, Nuclear Physics
  - Christian Ohm, Particle- and Astroparticle physics
  - Dmitry Grishchenko, Nuclear Engineering
- Affiliated faculty applications:
  - Nuclear Engineering: Denise Adorno Lopes, Westinghouse Electric. Waiting for KTH signatures.
  - Nuclear Physics: Jan Lillhök, SSM. In initiation stage.
- **AOB / News from Divisions**
  - Anything else?
- **Next meetings (13-15, Zoom until further notice)**
  - 28/9
  - 19/10
  - 23/11
  - 14/12