



KTH Fysik

Department of Physics Management Group meeting

Monday 24th May 2021, 13.00-15.00. Zoom

Participants: Pär O, Torbjörn B, Jens B, Nina K, Mats D, Bo C, Sevostian B, Pavel K, Mattias B, Josefin L, Bengt L-J, Jana P

Agenda

Guest: Seija Liedes, Economy-responsible at SCI

The head of SCI administration and function managers visit all departments' Management Group meetings on separate occasions during the spring semester 2021.

[Appendix 1] Seija L did a presentation on how the Economy-responsible at SCI is organized and how they function.

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- **Corona and restrictions**

- Awaiting further news. The president will announce a decision on May 27th

- ***New information after meeting**

The staff will return to campus this autumn, more information on the internal web. See link below:

<https://intra.kth.se/en/aktuellt/nyheter/personalen-ater-pa-plats-i-host-1.1077693>

- **Process for nomination of new President**

- Sigbritt will not run for a second mandate period and thus a new President will be needed.
- The process for nomination has begun but is still not fully clear how.

- **Change in financial delegation limits**
 - Division heads will have increased delegation rights to 250 kSEK; Prefekt still at 1.000 kSEK, Dean unlimited.
- **Boreliusmedaljen**
 - Please see email by Gunnar Benediktsson 21/5. All can nominate staff to Boreliusmedaljen 2021 for “särskilt värdefulla personliga insatser för Teknisk Fysik på KTH”
 - Deadline to nominate 14/6.
- **GVS analysis process**
 - No further news yet.
- **[Appendix 2] RAE**
 - Final version of self-evaluation submitted.
 - Lab visit film done – waiting to get final version.
 - Bengt presented the RAE schedule for the week.
 - Everything will happen through Zoom.

Department

- **Docent lecture**
 - Dmitry Grishchenko: *Steam explosions and nuclear reactor risk analysis*, 2/6 11-12
<https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/63586220675>
- **Environment contact person**
 - Pär reminded the Division Heads to come up with suggestion for an Environment contact person.
- **APT meetings focused on return to offices**
 - Not all division have gone through the APT meetings focused on return to offices. Pär encouraged the remaining divisions to do so and contact HR for help.
- **Development discussions**
 - Prefekt takes faculty; division heads all others.
 - Please plan to conclude them before midsummer.
 - *Reminder:* Anyone seeking promotion in 2022 or Docentur in the near term has to flag this during the development discussion, so make sure to bring up this issue (docentur for division heads, promotions for prefekt).
- **JML activity**
 - A small group will be formed to look at the data and analyze the material properly

- Jens reported around 30-40 people attended the event *Picture a Scientist* and answered (anonymously) both surveys before and after the event. The topic of equality is an important discussion. A proper analysis of the event is ongoing.
- **Process for change of Head for PAP**
 - All faculty has been interviewed. Researchers and PhD rep invited today.
- **KTH Active Together**
 - Any teams formed at physics? Started 18/5. No one reported any activity.
- **Outreach (Josefin)**
 - The Lise Meitner event is planning to be held at Albanova November 19th-21st. Josefin L signed up the Physics department to take part in a circle exhibition on 19/11 where the department will have a booth to meet and discuss with the high school students. This will be further discussed during autumn.
 - Linda Eliasson, PhD student, brought the idea to have an event for the undergraduates who are interesting in taking a PhD and addressing relevant questions. The Outreach committee like the idea and will try to organize such an event during autumn with a few talks from current/previous PhD students. The committee will as well plan possibilities for informal interaction with beverages and food/snacks. If restrictions are limiting the event to be held physically, then the committee will postpone the event until next year.

The Management group approves the presented idea and stand by the decision to follow through with the planning.

- **Undergraduate education (Torbjörn)**
 - Torbjörn is currently working on the autumn staffing and been in contact with the faculty.
 - Leif Kari, vice president for education, sent out an email regarding scenarios for KTH's educational activities for autumn 2021. Link below.
<https://intra.kth.se/en/utbildning/covid-19/scenarier/introduktion-1.1067677>
- **Ph.D. programme (Mattias)**
 - Mattias reports there is just a few students who have to update their study plan.
 - Four dissertations coming up before summer:
 - Richard Edberg, May 28th
 - Dennis Alp, June 8th
 - Xiaoyu Liu, June 14th
 - Özge Aktas, June 15th

- There will be a PhD conference May 27th and May 28th.
 - Mattias informs he will be on parental leave from October 2021 to March 2022.
- **Ph.D. student representative (Jana)**
 - The student council had a meeting May 17th and discussed on organizing events for the PhD students.
- **Physics administration (Nina)**
 - Nina started by thanking Jens B for his presentation on his work to the administration May 19th.
 - There will be a financial follow-up tomorrow as of April 30th. The report will be distributed.
 - Ann Malmqvist from HR is on sick leave and will work part time from next week. Sanna Elfving Blomster and Karl Henning will back up for Physics.
 - A summer plan including the administrations' vacation days will be sent out next week.
 - Helene Rune and Lisa Johnsson will meet 5-6 candidates for the new Group leader for the Physics administration on Friday.
- **News or issues from Divisions**
 - Big congratulations to Jana, Alf and Bo:
<https://www.kth.se/en/aktuellt/nyheter/ny-teknik-bekampar-terrorism-och-karnvapenspridning-1.1076042>
- **Personnel news**
 - PhD within nuclear technology, heat hydraulic and risk analysis (Pavel K & Dmitry G) S-2020-0527. Xicheng started dec; Ibrahim in Jan; Alireza waiting for migration office.
 - Postdoc (2 positions), nuclear power safety (Walter V). S-2020-0814. Maneesh Punetha waiting for his visa.
 - Ph.D student (2 positions), nuclear power safety and thermohydraulics (Weimin M). S-2020-0800. On hold due to contract complications.
 - Postdoc, experimental particle physics (Jonas S). S-2020-1726. Alex Leopold starting? (another person have declined)
 - Postdoc in nuclear engineering (Pär O & Denise A.L). S-2020-1720. Sobhan Patnaik and Faris Sweidan to be hired, both waiting for migration office.
 - Postdoc (2-3 positions), theoretical condensed quantum matter (Jens B) S-2020-1714. Apoorv Tiwari starting October 21st & Cladua Artiano starting November 21st.
 - Ph.D student, machine learning within nuclear technology (Jan D), S-2021-0134, Yi Meng Chan waiting for migration office.
 - Researcher in X-ray polarimetry for astro physics (Bengt L-J) S-2021-0374. Deadline: 2021-03-24

- PhD student, astro physics (Josefin L) S-2021-0607. Deadline: 2021-06-14
- PhD student, condensed matter theory (Jens B) S-20210608. Deadline: 2021-06-04
- Researcher, mathematical physics (Edwin L) S-2021-0629. Deadline: 2021-05-17
- Amanuensis in space-related media management (Christer F) S-2021-05-24. Deadline: 2021-05-24
- Amanuensis to SUNRISE center (Pär O) S-2021-0638. Deadline: 2021-05-17

- **AOB**

- A discussion was held at the meeting regarding the salary revision process which was different this year than previous ones in that a fraction of the salary base increase was held centrally at KTH for “speciella satsningar”. How this was generally applied at school and department was discussed at the meeting.
 - The local process is still that the Head of Department determines the revision after detailed feedback from Division Heads. This is no change with respect to previous years.
 - Pär was asked to bring back information about how the salary revision is carried out in other departments.