



KTH Fysik

# Department of Physics

## Management Group meeting

Monday 27th Mar 2023, 12.00 – 14.00, A5:1003

Participants: Mats D, Jonas S, Bo C, Jens B, Sevostian B, Josefin L, Mattias B, Jennie E, Daniel Q, Pär O, Pavel K

### Agenda

- **News**
  - KTH climbed in QS ranking from 99 to 64 in “Physics & Astronomy” (2022→ 2023)
    - Measured on: academic reputation, employer reputation, citations, h-index, international collaborations
  - The Euratom Work Programme 2023-2025 has been adopted and published on the Funding and Tenders Portal ([link](#))
  - VR holds a dialog meeting on 24 april (13-15) to discuss the national evaluation of physics as a subject field. If you want to attend, register by April 3 to [eval\\_physics@vr.se](mailto:eval_physics@vr.se) The meeting will be recorded and available afterwards as well.
  - New KTH policy regarding accepting CSC students. Certain universities are sanctioned (we have been informed which candidates will not be further considered this round). Goes for all types of CSC scholarships.
  
- **Rektor visit**
  - Anders will visit us on May 3, 9.00 – 10.30
  - Proposed agenda (pending ideas from MG and divisions)
    - Meet in an auditorium. Fr4 and FD5 occupied for lectures. E.g. F2 and Kollegiesalen available. Information about location will come later. All staff invited and encouraged to come.
      - Welcome (Pär): 5 mins
      - Intro by rektor: 10 mins
      - Department overview (Pär): 15 mins

- Staff presentations: 3x5 mins
- General discussion: 45 mins
  - Suggestion of items to bring up:
    - Funding for PhD students
    - Central administration
    - Rents
    - Reduce bureaucracy and simplify administrative work.

Heads bring this back to your divisions. Send in suggestions on topics and questions. Deadline April 17. Decision is made next MGM, April 24

- **Outreach (Josefin)**
  - Summer student advert is out. Dead line is April 5.
  - Albano opening, September. So far we have one "talk" and posters from two people. Josefin will send a reminder to submit contributions.
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- **JML (Josefin)**
  - Pär takes over JML from March 31 as per new management structure plan
- **Medarbetarpulsen**
  - General actions: most important is to inform all staff about where to turn to in case of unwanted behavior – this should be crystal clear
  - Feedback from discussions in divisions.
  - Next survey is in May.
- **Future Deputy Heads**
  - Pär in discussions with interested. Will feedback in the coming days. These are short mandates of 2 years.
  - Process (due to time pressure): Pär will give a proposal via email within the next few days. MG suggests that a "hearing" be held at the next department meeting.
  - School plans kick-off for all prefekt+vice-prefekter on 16/5 12:30-17:00
- **Development discussions 2023**
  - Division heads report back at end of April
    - Division heads invite all staff, including PhD students, except faculty
  - Invitations to faculty coming out soon
- **Administration overhaul process GVS → VS**
  - From rektor: VS should slim down by 50 MSEK by 2024

- Last meeting focused on teaching support structure. PO couldn't attend. Mats Boij represented the school.
  - Several development actions were proposed by VS; prefekter feed back that only necessary and efficiency enhancing actions are ok, development for it's own sake cannot be prioritized now in the support structure.
  - We have a decision from the president that there should be a teaching economy in balance where it is currently a deficit. KTH ran under about 200 MSEK. The deficit was mainly created in the Math department linked to rents. Information from the meeting is that we can increase the intake of students for example, to get more money from the government.
  
- **Faculty renewal**
  - Yunxiang Liao starts as assistant professor in physics with specialization in condensed matter theory on 1/9 2023.
  - Experimental particle physics: Awaiting feedback from expert reviewers.
  - Nuclear Engineering: Awaiting action from division.
  - Nuclear Power Safety: Awaiting action from SSM and further feedback from division.
  - Guest professor in nuclear physics: application to be completed (PO and BC)
  - Principle discussion for April meeting
  
- **SCI re-organisation process**
  - To activate once new management structure is in place.
  
- **PhD programme (Mattias)**
  - The department has nominated Giulia Ripellino for Oséen medal.
  - Feedback from the central reading group about the new general study plan. Minor changes. Decision from our new FA about a text for all of the schools study plans.
  - Last day for dissertations this semester is June 15. The documentation needs to be in by April 6 at the latest.
  - Four new courses established. New general course, statistics course and two relativity courses.
  - Oscar sent a new cheat sheet for filling in the ISP
  - PhD conference in the beginning of June. More information to come.
  - JML workshop PhD students in May organized by applied physics department. Our PhD students are welcome. The idea is that they will offer 1,5 credits for this.
  - The initial suggestion for courses with economical support is the compulsory course and the statistic course. The compensation level needs to be discussed.

- **Ph.D. student representative (Daniel/Elina)**
  - Nothing to report.
  
- **Physics administration (Jennie)**
  - The SCI contract manager (Jonna) will move to EECS.
  - Personnel changes:
    - Sefora will be on leave for studies for two years starting August. She will be replaced by Sajidh Persson, who will start in mid-April.
    - Sandra is on sick leave and back mid-April. Planned parental leave this autumn. Will be replaced by Olga, who will start in mid-May.
  
- **News or issues from Divisions**
  - Nothing to report.