



KTH Fysik

## Department of Physics Management Group meeting

Monday 24th Apr 2023, 12.00 – 14.00, A5:1003 + Zoom

**Participants:** Pär O, Jens B, Daniel Q, Mats P replacing Mats D, Tommy O, Sevostian B, Jonas S, Pavel K, Mattias B

**Apologies:** Bo C, Mats D, Josefin L, Jennie E

Introducing Sajidh Persson, who will work alongside Sefora and Sofia, [sajidhp@kth.se](mailto:sajidhp@kth.se)

### Agenda

- **News**
  - Rektor has decided on investigation on optimization of campus usage. Should not affect the Physics Department locally.
  - Call for QTH centre director has been sent out. Deadline 27/4.
  - We can nominate candidates to the Global Young Scientists Summit, 2024. Event on 8-12 Jan 2024 in Singapore. Nomination deadline 15/6 noon; 10 lines cv for candidate+name and SCI/Physics. Email: [tina@kth.se](mailto:tina@kth.se), [www.nrf.gov.sg/gyss/about/about-gyss](http://www.nrf.gov.sg/gyss/about/about-gyss)
  
- **Rektor visit**
  - Anders will visit us next week, May 3, 9.00 – 10.30 in FA32
  - Proposed agenda
    - Meet in FA32. All staff invited to come.
      - Welcome (Pär): 5 mins
      - Intro by rektor: 10 mins
      - Department overview (Pär): 20 mins – Pär presented a draft and will send out for further comments.
      - Staff presentations: 3x5 mins
        - Faculty: Ayse (coordinating new EU project) will be asked.

- Researcher: Two suggestions: Christian Ohm or Dmitry Grishchenko
  - Student: David Aceituno will be asked.
- General discussion: 40 mins
  - Items to bring up (suggestions):
    - Conditions for different types of research at KTH: fundamental and applied – how can we optimize resources and impact? – PhD students/Jens will raise the question.
    - Career path for researchers important for us – possibility and timeline? Pavel will raise the question.
    - Support for specialized laboratories? - Sevostian will raise the question.
    - Time for open questions
    - *If time left*- Simplification as key administrative concept for cost control and for staff focus – how can we promote it?
  
- **Economy**
  - Sandra has decided to enforce the (old) rektor decision on where FoFU MK can be stored.
  - Department has to move it to central level. Will check with other departments how they solve it before decision.
  
- **New management structure**
  - Established as of 5/4 – mandates for 2 years. Decision to be formalized and signed.
    - Josefin Larsson (proprefekt), vice prefekt for research, infrastructure, outreach and impact
    - Tommy Ohlsson, vice prefekt for education
    - Edwin Langmann, vice prefekt for faculty renewal
  
- **Development discussions 2023**
  - Faculty discussion ongoing
  
- **Administration overhaul process GVS → VS**
  - Next meeting this week - Infrastructure support: premises and IT
  - If you have immediate input on what improvements we would like to see, please tell me asap.
  
- **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: discussion of conditions (PO and BC need to talk)
- **SCI re-organisation process**
    - New structure in place. Further discussion can now start.
- **Outreach (Josefin)**
    - Summer students selected. From 45 applicants to 7 projects, we suggest to offer positions to
      - 1. Gianluca Mariani
      - 2. William Nguyen
      - 3. Truls Tralla
      - 4. Jinhao Ruan
      - 5. Iolene Bouzdine
    - Mix of levels (BSc, MSc), gender (1+4) and projects.
    - Backup of 4 good students if any of these decline.
- **JML (Pär)**
    - Nothing to report for now.
- **Undergraduate education (Tommy)**
    - Tommy is back after 6 weeks of sick leave and will be on sick leave again during fall.
    - Discussion with all faculty regarding staffing for the fall semester 2023. Tommy asked if staffing discussion meetings with PhD students and postdocs should be individually or in groups. The division head agreed on group meetings if it is more convenient for Tommy.
    - Still one course missing a lecturer for the fall.
- **PhD programme (Mattias)**
    - Two upcoming dissertations: Albert Samoilenka on May 15<sup>th</sup> and Diogo Ribeiro Costa on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - PhD conference June 7<sup>th</sup>, everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Ph.D. student representative (Daniel/Elina)**
    - Mattias asked Daniel to investigate the relationship between students and supervisors and contemplate whether to execute it through anonymous survey format or interviews.

- Elina will print posters with information on the Phd student council.
  
- **Physics administration** (Jennie)
  - Jennie forwarded following information:
    - Sajidh Persson will work alongside with Sefora until Sefora will go on study leave in August.
    - Ongoing recruitment for new agreement coordinator (Jonna's previous position).  
Meanwhile Jennie will take care of all errands sent to [avtal@sci.kth.se](mailto:avtal@sci.kth.se).
  
- **News or issues from Divisions**
  - Nothing to report.
  
- **Personnel news**