

Info Breakfast 2015-09-22

New guests: Prof. Marat Myrzakhmet, Eurasian National University, Kazakstan. Mr. Aibek Zhupankhan, Eurasian National University, Kazakstan. (Will spend most time at CMES). Dr. Ramiro Pilco Zola, Bolivia

Student Portal: If you intend to actively pursue your PhD-studies at Lund University during the present semester/six months, you should register in the Student Portal. The last date for the registration to be entered is this coming Thursday, September 24th, 2015. If you have problems doing this, talk to Carina.

Kenneth's recent conference: Catherine gave a brief summary of the event. Overall a successful event. Malmö Live - a bit expensive but good.

New examination folders: With the new anonymous examination system, we will also get new examination folders. Please make sure you have the right kind, next time you give an exam.

New thesis format: It turns out that most MSc and some PhD theses are not published in the correct format. Lennart and Carina is working on creating a new template that hopefully will improve things.

Supervisors, make sure to inform and follow up that ALL your MSc and PhD students follow this format.

New research organization: LTH is in the process of restructuring its research organization. Among other things, we will have only one research board instead of three. Only one Research Education Board.

Evaluation of the LTH research education: As you have noticed we are busy describing, reflecting upon, summarizing, and reporting all possible information about our research education. Thank you all for your cooperation. Almost finished.

Recognizing good news: We talked about reporting or recognizing paper publications, research grant, awards, etc. The supervisors have published 334 journal articles and international conference papers over the last 5 years = 1.3 papers/week. Obviously we cannot celebrate this every time. Perhaps PhD student papers? Research grants and awards should definitely be recognized. We will also put a Thesis Shelf in the corridor where our most recent PhD theses will be displayed.

Dr. Kaveh Madani, who is working with Cintia, just recently got a Marie Curie scholarship to work at LU! It runs over 4 years. Congratulations!

IIASA: Kamshat, Cintia and Erik gave a review of the possibilities on how to get a scholarship to join the IIASA Summer School scholarships. For more info, talk to Cintia.

New stricter immigration rules for PhD students: For our latest PhD student, who is coming from Brazil on October 1st, it was not enough with the regular "Acceptance Letter" that I normally issue. This time we needed to produce 'Official Acceptance Documents', meeting protocols etc. before Migrationsverket would issue a student visa.

Department Board student representative: It is time to elect a new student representative to the Building & Environmental Technology Board. The period in question is 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. If you are interested, contact Johanna Sörensen.

SIDA course application: No news yet!

Upcoming research calls: Formas Special Call 'Sustainable Building'. Total budget 211 MSEK. Deadline Feb 2016.

Upcoming seminars (MP): This week Dr. Hu. Next week Prof. Myrzakhmet

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