

Info Breakfast 2018-01-30

New guests: Visiting PhD student from China 18 months, Xinyi Zhang. Visiting PhD student from India 3 months, Neeraj Tripathi. Visiting student from Japan 3 months, Ami Onoue. Visiting student from Japan 3 months, Yuki Shigematsu. Per-Olof Rosenkvist is working 10% for us, mainly with Shokufeh and work 50% as our Technician from June 1.

Email policy: Our Department has unofficially agreed upon an email policy. People can feel free to send emails outside office hours, but cannot expect to receive an answer until the other person is back in the office. For more urgent requests, we should send an SMS informing that there is an email waiting to be answered. In really serious situations we should make phone calls.

Language policy: The Department Board has just adopted a language policy. One aspect here is which language should be used at various meetings, which in our case obviously is English. The other aspect is that we should adopt a policy for non-Swedish employees, how they should learn Swedish, in what speed, how it will affect their career plan if they do or don't etc. The policy is attached to this email.

Hedda Andersson: TVRL has submitted an application for the Hedda Andersson guest professorship. Cintia informed.

MFS studies: Kamshat informs about the possibilities to apply for funding through SIDA's MFS program to send your MSc students abroad to selected countries. Students need to be Swedish citizens or to have permanent residency in Sweden. They have 3 calls per year. For more info, talk to Kamshat or Magnus L. Right now we have 2 students going to Kazakhstan, 1 to Jordan, and 2 to Vietnam.

Research calls: Magnus L informed that FORMAS has an upcoming call on "Syntheses and research projects for a sustainable spatial planning". Last day of application: 28/02/2018. Day of decision: 26/09/2018. In this call, researchers at universities and research institutes can apply for funding. The call consists of two parts, where the first focuses on syntheses and the second focuses on research projects. More info at:

<http://www.formas.se/en/financing/calls-for-proposals/syntheses-and-research-projects-for-a-sustainable-spatial-planning>

- Cintia informed about project possibilities through the Swedish Energy Agency. One call on "Human, Energy Systems and Society" and another about "Sustainable Hydropower". For more info talk to Cintia or go to <http://www.energimyndigheten.se/en/news/>
- Catherine informed about ÅF "asking" us to send in applications to them. For more info, talk to Catherine.
- Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research has calls for Industrial (deadline 18 April), exchange program with Japan through JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) (deadline 28 February), and Development of Instruments, Techniques and Measuring Methodologies (deadline 21 March). Magnus L and Kenneth are working on an application to the last call.

Almedalen: Caroline and Hans are arranging a seminar during the Almedalen week on Gotland this summer. About coastal management and climate change adaptation. Lund University has a 'slot' from which you can send in an application to be a part of. For this summer it is too late now, but maybe for next year it is something worth trying for others at TVRL?

Swedish Universities of the Built Environment (SBU): Magnus L is the Group Leader of the Head of the Theme Group "Water and Environmental Technology. He reports from their latest meeting.

New health course at Gerdahallen: Gerdahallen starts a new course “Active “LU employee”, which is a course where LU employees for three months work together and receive lectures on diet, sleep and stress. Various tests are included to measure their development. More info at <http://www.gerdahallen.lu.se/aktiv-lu-anstald.aspx>

Visit from Australia on Friday: A professor Peter Nielsen from Univ of Queensland, Australia, is visiting on Friday. He will give a seminar at 10.15 in our small coffee room on morphological time scales in the coastal environment. Everyone is welcome.

Photo-posters in corridor: We will put up a series of photo-posters in our corridor to make the view a bit more pleasant.

My resignation: As announced previously, I am resigning as Head of Division as of 1 Febuary. Cintia Uvo will take over with Magnus Persson as Deputy Head. I will move out of my office Friday and Cintia will move into mine early next week. As a result I will only work half time from now on.

New leadership: Cintia and Magnus P introduced themselves as the new Division leaders.

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