

Monday meeting Department of Geological Sciences (IGV) 16th February 2026

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General SU, Geo-section

- **Prefekt meeting 3rd February:**
 - SU Butiken closure announced. Surprise for all. Fast.Avdeln. pressed it, Director of the University made a quick decision. Break in the communication to the departments. All trying to find a solution. Säkerhets sammordnare communicating? IGV lab engineers will send out a 'what does this mean for IGV staff' summary soon.
 - **Revision of SU's academic employment/promotion regulations:** SU board adopted a revised Anställningsordning för anställning som och befordran till lärare (AOSU) (Employment and Promotion to Teachers) in October 2024, which entered into force on 1 Nov 2024 but has only loosely been applied. **The AOSU governs all recruitment and promotion of teachers at SU, including appointment and promotion to professor, with clearer requirements for merit-based assessment, suitability, and documented procedures. Promotion to professor is not a natural progression.** From 2026, the regulation is expected to be applied fully and consistently across the university in both hiring and professor promotion cases.
 - **Departments work with information security/data protection** – especially of personal data. A new cyber protection directive will come in March 2026. Article 30 work on going.
 - SU 150 years jubilee 2028: celebratory activities will take place throughout 2028
- **Increased focus on research infrastructure:** Henrik Cederquist takes on the new role of Vice-Chancellor's Advisor for Research Infrastructure. He is supported by the recently established Research Infrastructure Council (RFF). Interface with Carl Sandberg.
- **Unhealthy workload linked to academia – webinar central SU.** Date: Thursday 19 February 2026. Time: 11:00 - 12:00 Via Zoom. How do we achieve balance in our work when we have to keep up with qualifications, research, teaching, and all other work? Åsa Burman will lead the seminar, which is primarily aimed at academic staff and will be held in English.
- **For more information on SU leadership updates - Panorama** webcast(SU communications Office).

IGV Administration/new staff

- IGV board meeting '2025 bokslut' and 'budget' 2026 presentation: March 11th. Viktoria will comment on the budget process to this audience in a future Monday meeting.
- Welcome Dr Hanno Kinkel joining as ECORD 'Science coordinator', started 1st January 2026. This is connected with IGV hosting the ECORD office for a period of 3 years and Prof. Matt O'Regan taking on the role of chair of ECORD.
- Lab Engineer meeting last week. Discussed closure of SU Butiken. What does it mean to IGV?
- Marine Group floor meeting today. PhD student Jan Matwiejczuk will present his work.

Teaching

- **The learning platform Canvas has now opened**, and all employees can access it. In order for all courses from autumn 2026 to be implemented in Canvas, each department needs to move courses and learning materials from Athena to Canvas during the spring. Athena will be phased

out over the coming year. Aim to start using CANVAS not ATHENA by Autumn 2026. We MUST be using CANVAS by spring 2027.

- Thanks to Madeline Bohlin, Pete Heinzman and Elisabeth Däcker who have taken the CANVAS administrator training and will be 'Canvas coaches'. Madeline is our official CANVAS administrator. Note that a course-page has been created in CANVAS for all Autumn 2026 courses. **It is now the teacher's responsibility to move things on to that page, and save anything currently in ATHENA.** Contact the canvas coaches for more information and/or sign up for an online user course via the SU pages.
- **"The Award for Good Teaching 2026"**: nominate your colleagues Submit nomination via our online form. The deadline for nominations is 1 March 2026.

Research and seminars

- Major renovations planned for Askö Laboratory in 2026: April-October 2026, the Laboratory's main building will undergo a major renovation to address fire safety requirements.
- Seminar, ING: Professor Yusuke Yokoyama: Beryllium isotopes to understand ice sheet dynamics. Date: Friday 6 March 2026, Time: 10:00 - 11:00, Location: Högbomsalen (Geosciences building)
- IGV seminar Thur 19 February, 15:00 - 16:00: Dr. Allie Smith, *Microbial Degradation of 35S-labeled Dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP)* Microbial Degradation of 35S-labeled Dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP). William-Olsson lecture hall, Geohuset

PhD students

- Belated congratulations to Laurens Tromp - recognised for his master's thesis "Metasomatically Induced Hydrothermal REE Mineralisation in the Olserum–Djupedal Area, SE" at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. 2025 Janne Kempes Scholarship Awards (awarded in December 2025).
- Two first author papers by IGV PhD students Sophie the Hietbrink and Flore Wijndands) published already in 2026
- Sophie ten Hietbrink PhD defense sceduled 2026-03-25: The Arctic's subsurface waterworld- Submarine groundwater flows and their link to cryosphere dynamics
- Robert Dunst PhD defense sceduled 2026-05-04: The mobility of metals during hydrothermal alteration in the Bergslagen ore province, Sweden

Reminders

- **Introduction to MS365** in March, exact dates, time and. This will consist of 2-3 opportunities for information a few days apart, the first one by Zoom with a possibility of having a later meeting on premises if needs be. After the last session licenses will be handed out.

Other

- Krista: Akademiskahus renovations news: R-hus (IGV) is the next on the list for renovations of the ventilation and lighting systems, starting with laboratories.