

Monday meeting Department of Geological Sciences (IGV) 8th June 2026

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General SU, Geo-section

- **Funding decision by the SU Rector (026-04-30)** The Rector, Hans Adolfsson, decided to allocate a total of 1.5 million SEK to support Vinnova/VR excellence cluster applications, in accordance with the Board's authorization. Funding is distributed as follows
 - 600,000 SEK to the Department of Chemistry
 - 300,000 SEK each to the Departments of
 - **Geological Sciences (IGV) ('Technology cluster')**
 - Archaeology and Ancient Culture
 - Physical Geography

IGV news

- **Archiving work progress:** new routines are being developed and implement. Thank you to Viktoria, Joakim and Christina.
- **Data security work routines progress-** Thanks to Viktoria, Joakim, Björn and other staff
- **IGV Board meeting this week:** Wednesday 13th May, on Zoom
- **Successful SFOs relevant to IGV:**
 - **SCIPolar – Polar (KTH, Luleå, Umeå, Lund, Stockholm)** SFO: 44 mSEK per year- including investments in new assistant professor positions within the following framework: *focus on integrative, data-driven polar Earth system science linking observations, processes, and predictive modelling*. Time line: a strategy for allocating funding/positions to departments will be concluded by the end of 2026.
- **Climate SFO:** more on the humanities side (not competing with the Bolin Centre)

Teaching

- **CANVAS training:** During the spring, there will be 29 Canvas training sessions available, and there is also extensive self-study material. <https://medarbetare.su.se/en/support-and-service/internal-training/education/canvas-training>.
- **CANVAS has reported a cybersecurity incident** affecting multiple universities, including SU. Some user data (names, emails, student IDs & messages) may have been exposed, though the extent is still unclear and under investigation. SU has reported this to IMY (Integritetsskyddsmyndigheten), secured access, and is working with the provider. Staff should be aware that this comes during our transition to Canvas. At this stage, there is no evidence that systems are compromised in ongoing use, but we should reinforce vigilance around phishing and continue monitoring developments closely.

Research and seminars

- Seminar: **May 22nd 16:30, in Baltica (time change- due to clash with Ernst Johnsson's PhD defense):** AI for Geoscience: Cross-Domain AI Transfer from Structural Engineering to Marine Geology and Geophysics: Speaker: Associate Professor Seunghye Lee, Sejong University, Seoul, South Korea

PhD students

- **Blanda's PhD Half-term Presentation:** May 29, 2026, 13.00, William Olssonsalen, Zoom: <https://stockholmuniversitet.zoom.us/j/65072601352>
- Ernst Johnsson PhD defense (CPG, Anna Linderholm), May 22nd 2026, William Olsson, 13.00.

- Charles Downie Award for your paper, “Aberrant coiling signatures reveal the specialised reproductive strategy of the planktonic foraminifera *Neoglobobulimina pachyderma* under Central Arctic perennial sea ice”.
- **Tirza Weitkamp** who completed her PhD in December 2025 has been awarded the Charles Downie Award by international The Micropalaeontological Society. This is presented annually to an early career researcher for the most significant publication based on postgraduate research that includes micropalaeontology. The Awards Committee were extremely impressed by Tirza’s paper and felt that it represented an outstanding and highly significant contribution to the field. Congratulations Tirza.

Other

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