

Monday meeting Department of Geological Sciences (IGV) 30 of March

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Current VR calls – deadline 14 of April

- Several researchers at IGV are working on VR applications at the moment. We have two relevant VR calls for our IGV researchers: the startup grant and the ordinary VR project grant – both with a deadline 14 of April. Christina, Joakim and Viktoria are currently reviewing 12 budget drafts related to these calls.

AMR-meeting (AMR= Arbetsmiljörådet) (work environment council) 24 of March

- The IGV AMR had a meeting last Tuesday. Current members of the council are: Antonia (phd), Wei-Li (researchers/teachers), Haoyi (TA), Matilda P (student representative), Viktoria (management + chair of the council).
- Points brought up were for example:
 - The effects at IGV of the SU decision to close down the SU-butiken. One major consequence of this SU decision is the lack of a nearby storage of lab articles that we use frequently in our labs. At the meeting we discussed the possibility of IGV using the small space within office R338 as a storage for lab articles. This proposal is now supported and decided upon by the IGV management and the plan is to start using it efficiently from the mid of May as an IGV mini lab storage.
 - Another point brought up was about temperature problems in certain offices, where some are too warm and other are too cold. This is an important issue that we have struggled with off and on for years. Please turn to Krister if you experience any problems related to temperature/ventilation in your office space and we will then register a complaint to Akademiska Hus. If still too cold, please turn to Viktoria and we figure something out.
 - We also did a general update on the Work Environment Counsel action plan that covers 2026-2027 – you find the plan on the IGV web.

SU Employee survey

- The deadline of the SU employee survey expired the 29 of March (yesterday). The result from this employee survey will be compiled by the external survey company into a report – one report for each department. The management of each department will then present their report to the staff.

Ongoing recruitments

- Christophe Dupraz is recruiting a postdoc, financed by his own grant. Deadline for application was the 31 of Jan. Interview phase.
- Christophe Dupraz is recruiting a phd student, financed by IGV. Deadline has passed, 31 of Jan. Interview phase.
- Christoph B is recruiting av phd, fully funded by IGV. Deadline for application was in Feb. Now interview phase.
- Paola has recruited a PdD student. Fully funded by IGV. Jayne will start the 1 of June.
- Sascha has recruited a Phd student, fully funded by IGV. Simon will start 1 of April (Wed).
- Iain has recruited a PhD student – Manuel - starting 4 of May, fully funded by own grant.

- Wei-Li is recruiting a postdoc, deadline for application is the 3 of April. You find the add on the SU web.

IGV economy

- **IGV Annual report 2025 – the financial outcome:** The department has at strong and stable economy. Even though we had a deficit of -1 mkr in 2025, we still have a solid surplus due profits made in previous years. The total IGV surplus in 2025 amounts to approx. 43 Msek. About 12 mkr of this IGV surplus is related to individual researchers internal projects at IGV and the rest belongs to IGV. I expect the department to have deficits on an annual basis the coming years, mostly due to investments already made in fully funded PhD employments. These investments are very positive to our department and have been possible due to our strong surplus that was mainly generated during the covid years – with low costs and high income. My expectation is that the investments already made will gradually reduce our surplus in the next coming years.
- **IGV Budget 2026,** The IGV budget for 2026 was approved by the board in March. It suggests a deficit of -8 mkr in 2026. If this turns into a reality this means our current department surplus will be reduced to 35 mkr – totally in accordance to plan.
- **SU annual report 2025:** SU has a strong and solid economy. The financial outcome at SU was positive in 2025 and ended up with 252 Mkr. This positive annual outcome contributed to the university's total financial surplus which amounts to SEK 904 million by the end of 2025, of which 467 Mkr is related to UGA (teaching area) and the rest to FUF (research).

Bisyssla – Side jobs –deadline 30 of April

- Reminder: All teachers at SU must report their side-job situation in Primula – deadline 30 of April. This reporting must be done no matter if you have/have not a side job. All side jobs reports in primula are reviewed and approved upon by the prefect. If you have any questions about this reporting, or the interpretation of a side job - please turn to Helen or Viktoria.

Meetings

- There was a Geosection meeting the 26th of March - attended by the section prefects. Main matters on the agenda: The IGV PhD program changes and SU' draft strategy document covering 2027-2030.
- Today 30 of March there is a full day joint Board and SAG (Science advisory group) meeting. According to the agenda the focus will be on the future strategy of the centre. Helen and Agatha will represent the department on the Board, and Volker and Frederik will attend as SAG members representing research areas within BC.
- ON will meet the 1 of April. One important matter on the agenda is the IGV proposal to change the IGV PhD subject and structure to Marine and Geological Sciences.

Other

- The Geosektion has it's own website (created by Ines): <https://www.su.se/om-universitetet/organisation/fakulteter/naturvetenskapliga-fakulteten/sektionen-for-geo--och-miljovetenskaper>
- Congrats to Sophie ten Hietbrink who successfully passed her PhD defense examination the 25th of March.
- Robert Dunst (Iain Pitcairn) has his PhD defence scheduled the 4th of May, 2026
- Ernst Johnsson (CPG, Anna Linderholm) has his PhD defence scheduled 22 of May, 2026

- IGV spring/summer lunch: 17 of June, at 13 (4th floor kitchen area). All staff invited. Alasdair has kindly offered to be the event planner of this lunch , so if you wish to help out, please contact Alasdair. All staff will soon receive an invitation from Alasdair via email.