



## Establishing IGP and IFOM as friendship departments

One of the defined strategies at IGP is to facilitate international collaboration, e.g. by establishing contacts with friendship departments. One initiative to this end is the interactions with the IFOM research institute in Milan, Italy.

On 26-27 April the first joint meeting between IGP and IFOM researchers was held at the Rudbeck Lab. PIs from the Vascular biology, Molecular tools and Neuro-oncology programmes met with their Italian colleagues under friendly and interactive arrangements, sharing experiences on both research and administrative levels. Research such as membrane trafficking, tumour biology, brain barrier, neural stem cells, vascular biology, genome integrity, DNA damage and exciting cytoskeletal organisation was described by the respective department's invited researchers and several nodes of common interest were found. IFOM has impressive scientific programs that were presented in this workshop, and a follow-up conference will be held in Milan.



## From the Head of Department: KoF panel visit

On May 16-18 we welcome the international Quality and Renewal (KoF17) evaluation panel to IGP. Our research programs will present their important work on molecular technologies, basic biology, and specific diseases. We will highlight the collaboration between experimentally and clinically active researchers, which bridges our experimental research to health care. IGP researchers have strong national and international networks, and more than half our scientific publications have international co-authorship. Researchers at IGP have excellent track records as recipients of external grants. Recruitment of young investigators with externally funded positions and young PIs already at IGP promise a future faculty with the capacity to further advance our successful work.

IGP has an important mission to train the next generation of scientists. Undergraduate education at IGP includes three Master's programs with the highest score in a national evaluation. We also train more than 100 PhD students for future careers in academy, hospitals, industry or government.

In addition, IGP hosts eight service infrastructures and we played a central role in establishing SciLifeLab as a national resource in molecular biosciences. Many researchers at IGP start companies and collaborate with partners in the business community. Several are also involved in clinical trials.

We are proud of our achievements and will discuss with the evaluation panel how to further develop IGP in all these areas.

## Department Board election

On 30 May IGP will elect new members for the Department Board. In the process leading up to the election anyone who is present on the electoral registers can nominate him or herself, or a colleague in the same staff category. Deadline for nominations is 22 May.

More information can be found on the [IGP web](#) and on notice boards in IGP premises.

## PhD student conference

This year's conference will be held on 31 May – 1 June in Vaxholm. Approximately 50 PhD students are registered to attend.

## IGP researchers granted post doc positions

Sonja Hutter in Fredrik Swartling's group and Mohanraj Ramachandran in Anna Dimberg's group have received two-year post doc positions from the Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation.

## Richard Rosenquist Brandell selected as Wallenberg Clinical Scholar

The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation has selected Richard Rosenquist Brandell as Wallenberg Clinical Scholar and will support him with a research grant of 15 million SEK.

