



IGP's research programmes to be reviewed

During the spring, the Scientific Council has resumed their work and one of their tasks is to look into the organisation of IGP's research programmes. A potential re-organisation will be based on requests and suggestions from the Department.

In a survey among the research group leaders, almost all responding PI:s were in favour of a review. The Scientific Council has subsequently appointed a working group that will organise the review. This will be a bottom-up process where suggestions and opinions on how the department should be organised will be collected, to make sure that potential changes are well anchored at the Department.

The work is guided by the results from the survey and instructions from the Scientific Council. These include that research topic should be the primary basis for belonging to a specific research programme, that four to ten research groups are the preferred programme size and that the programmes should have joint internal activities such as scientific meetings or retreats. There is also a wish for more meeting opportunities across programmes and that the research groups' meetings and journal clubs should allow for a wider participation.

Going forward, the working group will identify the research groups where there is a need or wish for transformation, and develop one or several proposals for future research programmes, to be discussed by the Scientific Council and eventually by all group leaders.



From the Head of Department

The pandemic is slowly loosening its grip on our society and we are now planning the return to on-campus teaching from August 30. Current guidelines from Folkhälsomyndigheten are to continue working from home as much as possible until Sept 15. The guidelines from the University management are that we should return to working primarily at the workplace as soon as possible, but at the discretion of the Head of Department. Therefore, based on the development of the pandemic over summer, I will issue a decision in mid-August concerning the date for return to working on the premises and the terms for working at home beyond that date.

I wish you a Happy Midsummer and restful summer holidays!



New IGP professors

Anna Dimberg has been promoted to professor in cancer and vascular biology and Gustav Ullenhag has been promoted to professor in cancer immunotherapy.

The President of Latvia visits IGP

On 21 June, the Latvian president visited Uppsala, Uppsala University and IGP. The president was on an official visit in Sweden and spent one day in Uppsala. In the afternoon the president's delegation visited IGP to discuss research and education collaboration and sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Latvia and Uppsala University.

New funding for brain research

Lars Feuk, Åsa Johansson, Tobias Sjöblom and Fredrik Swartling have received research grants from the Swedish Brain Foundation.

Jan Dumanski awarded Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation grant

The grant was awarded for a project about acquired loss of chromosome Y in blood cells and pre-disposition for COVID-19.

Clinical Genomics Uppsala receives ALF funding

Lucia Cavelier and collaborators at Clinical Genomics Uppsala have been granted ALF funding of MSEK 1.9 to strengthen precision medicine research.