

## Minutes from departmental meeting 10 October 2014

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The following employees were absent with prior notice:

Lone Seidler Petterson, Marco Chiarandini, Jørgen Bang-Jensen, Wagner Hugo Bonat, Bent Jørgensen, Yuri Goegebeur, Charlotte Sun Clausen-Jørgensen, Mikael Escobar-Bach, Jarno Rantaharju, Hans Chr. Petersen, Morten Rask Petersen, Jan Baumbach, Linda Ahrenkiel, Kasper Grud Skat Madsen, Lasse René Pedersen, Richa Batra, Lena Lykke Jønch-Clausen, Fernando Colchero, Per Jannsen.

The following employees were absent without prior notice:

Ahmed Khan Leghari, Andrea Bussone, Christian Wiwie.

### Ad 1) Short messages by the head of department

- a) Fabio Vandin was awarded the price for being the lecturer of the year at the faculty of science at the annual party last week.
- b) Christian Kudahl has received a travel grant from the Stibo Foundation. Read more on the homepage: [http://www.sdu.dk/en/Om\\_SDU/Institutter\\_centre/Imada\\_matematik\\_og\\_datalogi/Nyt\\_fra\\_IMADA/S\\_TIBO](http://www.sdu.dk/en/Om_SDU/Institutter_centre/Imada_matematik_og_datalogi/Nyt_fra_IMADA/S_TIBO)
- c) The new postdoc Bartosz Kwasniewski was welcomed. Bartosz is financed by an EU Marie Curie project, and will work with a.o. Wojciech Szymanski in the operator algebra group.
- d) An update on the budget was given. Among other things it was mentioned that a dialogue is going on with the ministry regarding the dimensioning plans.
- e) A meeting with the IMADA advisory board will take place 18 December.
- f) The SDU executive board will visit IMADA 22 October 2015.
- g) Remember to book your annual MUS conversation, if this has not already been done.
- h) Please make sure to keep your SDU homepage up-to-date.
- i) An IMADA homepage calendar is on its way. An update of the web presentation of the research units is also on its way.
- j) Next week many of you will have the autumn holiday.

### Ad 2) Mutual information

- a) Bjarne Toft presented some of the results of the questionnaire survey about the mathematical library which took place recently. One third of the staff does not use the library. The journal section is only used by 20% of the staff, whereas the book section is used by 60-65%. The journals on display in the coffee room are used by around 25%. The recommendation based on the survey will probably be that the journal section is moved to the main library.
- b) Bjarne Toft mentioned that 21 October will be the 100th anniversary of the mathematician Martin Gardner. This will be celebrated at SDU with an arrangement in the area around O100.
- c) Katrine L. Stæhr reminded that the "matalogi" party will take place on 21 November, and everybody is welcome to participate.

### **Ad 3) Prerequisites for participating in the exam (forudsætningsprøver) by Joan Boyar**

It was discussed how to deal with the “studiefremdriftsreform” and which consequences it will have. MS suggested asking Hans Chr. Petersen to discuss this in the study board. MS also announced that there will be a meeting for all the departmental teaching committees at the faculty of science 31 October where it will be discussed which consequences the “studiefremdriftsreform” will have.

Regarding the “forudsætningsprøver” Lene Monrad Favrhøldt mentioned that it would be more sensible if both project and exam take place in the same period, avoiding the risk that a student comes back several years after the exam to make the project. MS answered that he would look into this.

### **Ad 4) Any other business**

Uffe Thorsen and Rolf Fagerberg reminded that the Friday bar takes place today.

The meeting ended at 11.30AM.

Martin Svensson, Head of Department  
Svend Kiilerich, Academic Administrative Officer

