

IMADA
Departmental Forum

22 May 2015

About staff

- Henrik Pedersen has returned to IMADA. He will be on a special commission for 3 years.
- Evaluation committees for the assistant and associate positions are in place. Still working on the evaluation committee for the professor position.
- Didder has resigned her position. Her last working day will be at the end of June.
- A job advertisement is in preparation for Fabio Vandin's position.
- Applications for TA positions are being evaluated.

About the Big Data and Privacy degree

The first sketch of the degree has been through the Education Council and the Executive Board. From the minutes of the Education Council (24 April):

Lars Binderup forklarede, at Big Data and Privacy er en It-vest uddannelse, som er strategisk stærkt forankret i campusprofilen og solidt dækket i forhold til forskning. Samtidig har uddannelsen potentiale for at kanalisere HUM studerende ud på et arbejdsmarked, der efterspørger dem. Lars nævnte også, at Big Data og Privacy er 'store emner' pt., men spørgsmålet er, hvorvidt der blot er tale om et modefænomen. En anden bekymring, som Lars gjorde opmærksom på er, at de uddannede (HUM) kandidater ikke får programmeringsfærdigheder, hvilket er højt efterspurgt af arbejdsmarkedet. Skrues der til gengæld op for programmeringsdelen, kommer der ingen ansøgere. Henning Andersen bemærkede, at han var tvivlende over for behovet, samt om der er 'kandidatdybde' i uddannelsen. Såfremt der tale om en kandidatuddannelse for en bred række bacheloruddannelse, vil uddannelsen mangle dybde. Uddannelsesrådet drøftede hvorvidt Big Data blot er et modefænomen, samt om der overhovedet er en uddannelse i det. Ole Friis bemærkede hertil, at Big Data vil være et fokus fremadrettet, men US'en bør forholde sig lang mere til arbejdsmarkedsbehovet. HUM arbejder videre med US'en.

About the library

- The main library will soon also include the technical library. This will be placed by the 1st floor entrance closest to IMADA.
- A team of 5 librarians will service this part of the library and these will most likely also service the IMADA library.
- The discussion about a possible rebuilding of the library has been resumed, and technical service has been asked to provide us with new suggestions for turning part of the library into offices.
- Last year a survey was done over the use of the mathematical library (43 answers out of 80), according to which
 - 35% of those responding stated that they do not use the physical library at all, while
 - 20% of those responding stated that they both use the monograph and the journal collection.
- The committee designing the survey recommended - among other things - that the monograph collection is preserved.

About degrees and teaching

- Overview over delayed students on BSc:

	delayed/total	Mean	Median	Longest
Mathematics	8/42	4.3	3.6	7.6
Maths-Ec.	8/76	4.3	3.6	8.6
Comp. Sci.	13/153	5.5	3.6	13.5
A. mathematics	1/30	5.6	5.6	5.6

- Overview over delayed students on MSc:

	delayed/total	Mean	Median	Longest
Mathematics	7/21	2.5	2.6	3.1
Maths-Ec.	5/21	3.7	2.6	7.7
Comp. Sci.	18/56	3.0	2.6	6.6
A. mathematics	1/13	2.1	2.1	2.1

SDU focuses on the formal rules about expenses for work-related trips, restaurant visits and gifts

The executive board has decided, that we have to check whether all invoices for work-related trips, restaurant visits and gifts contain sufficient information about participants and purpose/occasion. The administrative employees at each faculty, department or unit are obliged to check and correct any defects back from 1st of January 2015. The review and any corrections have to be made not later than 31st of May 2015.

When travelling abroad the invitation or the program for the event as far as possible has to be attached to the invoice. These requirements apply to invoices back from 1st of January 2015 and for all future invoices and settlements/claims in the travel and expense system TEM.

Short messages

- New meeting between IMADA, MMMI and IT & Robotics companies arranged by *Udvikling Fyn* on 27 May, theme is **Big Data**;
- MatLab seminar in the BMB seminar room on 28 May, 8:30–12:15;
- DMF annual general meeting 29 May in AU;
- Summer party 4 June from 15 o'clock;
- Deadline for applications for Niels Bohr professorship 1 September 2015. If you have a suggestion for a candidate, please let me know asap;
- Executive Committee will visit IMADA 30 November;
- Research committee (*Forskningsudvalg*) closed down;
- Cases with virus/malware/spyware/ransomware infected computers;
- Deadline for *Kompetencefonden* on 1 June.