

IEA- and deputy head of dept info – 23 November 2015

Latest previous info on 9 November 2015.

Important dates

Nov. 30, E:1147, 13.15-15: Workshop on the new study plant contents.
Dec. 4, Biskopshuset, 13.00-16.00: Seminar and celebration of professor Olof Samuelsson.
Dec. 8, Grand Hotel (Lucassalen), 12.30: IEA's X-mas lunch.
Dec. 10, E:1406, 10.15: Licentiate presentation by Sebastian Hall.
Dec. 10, M:IEA, 15.30?: MSc thesis presentation by Alexander Holmström.
Dec. 11: deadline for IEA's budget 2016.

Staff

Mats: 60% leave of absence for work at Volvo AB. Normally at IEA during even weeks.
Erik: parental leave Sept. 2015 – March 2016.
Finn: parental leave 50% spring 2016 and 100% fall 2016.
Rasmus: parental leave Jan. – Aug. or Sept. 2016.
Evrpidis: leave of absence Sept. 2015 – Feb. 2016.

Travels/vacation:

Nov. 28 – Dec. 1: IEA Electrical Engineering research group in England.
Dec. 2-3 Ulf in Stockholm; Dec. 14 Ulf in Stockholm; Jan. 11 Ulf at DTU; Jan. 14 Ulf in Stockholm.

New EU project to IEA

A new EU-project called Baltic InterGrid has just been approved. It includes partners from Germany, Poland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and the three Baltic states. From IEA it is Jörgen Svensson who has worked on the application and he will be the senior IEA representative involved in it. The funding for IEA is about 3 Mkr. Congratulations to Jörgen.

Jonas Johansson to leave IEA

Jonas has after careful consideration decided that his research field is best developed with another department. He has therefore asked that his position be transferred to the Centre of Societal Resilience with the division of Risk Management and Societal Safety. The paper work is in progress and IEA wishes Jonas all the best. We expect the transfer to be completed by January 1 2016. Jonas will still continue as co-supervisor for Finn and we hope there will be several opportunities in the future to work together with Jonas and his new group.

Sebastian Hall to present his licentiate thesis

On December 10 at 10.15 in hall E:1406 Sebastian will present and defend his licentiate thesis. We expect all of IEA to be there and cheer him on. Official announcement soon to appear.

Alexander Holmström to present his MSc thesis work

On December 10 at 15.30 in M:IEA Alexander will present his master thesis work on "Benefits and drawbacks with an inverter with low harmonic content". The work has been performed at IEA and supervisor is Hans Bångtsson and Mats Alaküla is the examiner. Opponent will be Filip Johansson. Official announcement soon to appear.

Anders Wikström to assist IEA at Campus Hbg in 2016

Our former colleague Anders Wikström will have a part time position at IEA during 2016 to assist in the teaching needs at Campus Hbg. Details are not yet defined but he will focus on calculation exercises and laboratory exercises for some of the IEA Hbg courses.

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IEA's Xmas lunch

It appears that Xmas lunch will be on December 8 at 12.30 at Grand Hotel. If you have not yet signed up then please contact Carina as soon as possible. As usual we will have our own dining room for IEA (Lucassalen).

Tough IEA budget for 2016

The work on the budget for 2016 has started. It is not fun. IEA did not get any LTH strategic funding for the Elab development. Moreover we receive about 250 kkr less direct state funding for education and 650 kkr less direct state funding for research than in 2015. Several PhD students are currently also without external funding. The deadline for the budget is Dec. 11.

Updating study plans for all PhD students

It is time for all PhD students and their supervisors to start working on updating the individual study plans. Deadline not known yet but normally beginning of January. Note that a number of new fields to fill in has been added to the plan (compared to the one used before the summer, which was also partly new). Many of the questions are very difficult! But everything **MUST** be filled in with high quality since the text in the study plans will be one very important criteria for the national evaluation of doctoral research studies in Sweden performed during 2016.

Workshop on how to write a good study plan

Due to the above item, the BME department is arranging a two-hour workshop/seminar about the new study plan contents for senior staff members. Head Johan Nilsson has invited Anders Ahlgren from LTH's pedagogic centre to inform us. The workshop will be on November 30 at 13.15–15.00 in hall E:1147. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all staff members who are supervisors or co-supervisors (or ever plan to become that) attend this seminar.

Very long waiting time for updating residence permits

Due to extreme situation in Sweden with regard to the number of refugees arriving the Immigration authority has announced that the waiting time for residence permits is also extreme. A new permit can take 2-5 months to process (and the university needs another 1-2 months to deal with a new position once the permit has arrived) and the time to process an application for extension of an existing permit may take 3-9 months. It is consequently **ESSENTIAL** for IEA members that need temporary residence permits to continue to work in Sweden apply a long time before the current permit expires (for current IEA staff this means Ramesh, Kim, Evripidis, Reza).

The new BME board

The results of the voting will soon be announced (in principle the pre-suggested persons were elected). A pretty decent number of votes were cast (about 60% of all BME staff voted, 68% of IEA staff). A constitutive meeting will be called early December.

The new organisation for education

The new education organization for LTH will spring into action on May 1. For this reason there is an information seminar about the new organization on Tuesday Dec. 15 at 15.15 – 16.30 in Kårhusets hörsal. More info in the coffee room.

The new organisation for research

The work on the new organization for research and research education is still ongoing. A proposal has been prepared and sent out. All departments etc should give their views on the proposal not later than Dec. 18. BME will submit one joint answer. Olof is keeping track of this for IEA. The proposal (in Swedish) is available in the coffee room for everyone to read and then provide comments and views on it to Olof as soon as possible.

New LU data base for publications and research

The existing data base for university publications LUP is being replaced by a new system called LUCRIS. In the new data base also much information on all types of different on going research projects can be included. The existing info in LUP will be automatically transferred to the new system. If you look at

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statistics in current LUP you can for example see that Gustaf Olsson (173 publications) is number 26 among the most published researchers at LTH and Ulf Jeppsson (163) is number 33 – thanks to the work by Finn who updated the list of all IEA publications last year. The most published person at LTH is professor Bengt Sundén (466) and professor Thomas Laurell (261) at BME is number 6. These numbers do not say anything about quality of the publications but is still a strong indicator of scientific activity.

PhD student course on SIM

SIM is a 3 credits course for PhD students at LTH, which focuses on methods for Scientific information management and scholarly communication. A new course will be given in March 2016. For more info and application see <http://libguides.lub.lu.se/SIM>

Numerous workshops and seminars

- Half-day workshop on “Addressing impact in grant applications” on November 26. Maximize the impact on your future applications! More info in the coffee room.
- Countdown “party” for Lund University’s 350-year anniversary in 2016. Dec. 11 at 15:00 in Lund cathedral. More info in the coffee room.
- Come and discuss LU’s new strategic plan. Nov. 25 at 14:45 in Palestra’s auditorium. More info in the coffee room.
- and more ... Check the information on the white board in the coffee room!

Seminars and info meetings

A number of seminars and information meetings on various topics are announced in the coffee room.

CED workshops

CED is offering a number of interesting workshops during the fall. Get information at lararmotesplatsen.lu.se, a new web site for all of us teaching at Lund University.

Pedagogic and research courses for IEA staff

It is time to sign up for this spring’s numerous courses provided by the faculty and university for its co-workers via CED (Centre for Educational Development). Check the link

www.lth.se/genombrottet/hoegskolepedagogisk_utbildning_kursutbud/

for faculty of engineering courses and

www.ced.lu.se/list/omradesgemensamma-kurser.aspx

for general Lund university courses.

Also check <http://kompetensportalen.lu.se> for different internal LU staff courses.

For faculty courses related to research and research education check out

www.lth.se/omlth/kompetensutveckling/gemensamma_forskarutbildningskurser/

The new general data base for all specific PhD student related courses at LTH is found at

http://www.lth.se/forskning/forskarutbildning_lth/kurser/kursutbud/

Leadership courses can be found at

http://www5.lu.se/images/Kompetensutveckling/Ledartrappan_121128.jpg and at KompetensportalenLU.

Also check out the PhD student courses arranged by the department of Automatic Control. They often have several highly interesting courses in the pipeline.

<http://www.control.lth.se/Education/DoctorateProgram.html>

There is always something useful for everyone to learn.

Scholarships, travel grants etc

Always keep an eye on the university web page for scholarships and travel grants:

<http://www.lu.se/forskningsbidrag> and [Lund University Scholarship portal](http://www.lu.se/scholarship).

You also apply for grants through this page. Also remember to look for grants from Kungliga

Fysiografiska Sällskapet via their web site:

<http://www.fysiografen.se/stipendier/default.asp>