

#### IGP NEWSLETTER



#### Important dates for grant applications

During the spring several grant agencies have their major calls for applications.

The following deadlines apply for some of these: Swedish Research Council, consolidator grant – 27 February Hjärnfonden, project grants – 1 March Swedish Research Council (MH), project grants – 20 March Swedish Research Council (NE), project grants – 10 April Swedish Cancer Society, project grants – 26 April Swedish Research Council, proof of concept grants – 8 May Heart-Lung Foundation, project grants – 15 May

Some calls are specifically for young researchers: Swedish Research Council (MH), starting grants – 20 March Swedish Research Council (NE), starting grants – 10 April Swedish Society for Medical Research, start-up grants – 15 May Ragnar Söderberg Fellowship in Medicine – 23 May

Keep an eye out for calls by checking the IGP web, where also smaller foundations and more specified calls are presented.

#### From the Head of Department

Medical research in Sweden is funded by a multitude of different sources, and finances at IGP certainly reflect that. Out of our financial turnover, approximately 60 % of our funding is external, and the department therefore heavily depend on its researchers' abilities to attract quality-assessed grant applications. Research groups at IGP indeed show an excellent track record as recipients of prestigious grants, nationally and internationally.

The large share of external funding shows that IGP scientists are successful in attracting competitive funding, but it also makes the economy dependent on continuous achievements. To strengthen applications from IGP beyond the current approval rates, we have discussed how internal peer review could be

further developed. A dilemma with external grants is that many funding organizations do not allow full overhead costs, and the department therefore has to co-fund external grants. It is a challenge to budget these costs, but so far, we have not been forced to decline external grants, and I sincerely hope that we can avoid that also in the future.

In this newsletter, we highlight the deadlines for several funding bodies, and I encourage everyone to start early when writing your proposals, so that you have time to discuss with colleagues and get their feedback. I wish everyone good luck with your applications!

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### Louis-Jeantet prize to Christer Betsholtz

Christer Betsholtz is awarded the Swiss Louis-Jeantet prize in medicine for his research on how blood vessels are formed and function.

## Patrick Micke funded by Sjöbergstiftelsen

Patrick Micke at IGP has together with Klas Kärre at Karolinska Institutet been awarded a research grant of SEK 4 million from the foundation Sjöbergstiftelsen.

# Marcel den Hoed receives fellowship and research grant

Marcel den Hoed has been awarded a three-year fellowship by the Heart-Lung Foundation. In addition, he is co-applicant in a project that was recently awarded a grant from the American NIH.

## Kaska Koltowska selected Wallenberg Academy Fellow

The programme Wallenberg Academy Fellow aims to support the most prominent young researchers. As Wallenberg Academy Fellow Kaska Koltowska, receives research funding for five years, with a possibility to get an extension for five more years.

