



The new General Data Protection Regulation

Probably no-one has missed the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that comes into effect on 25 May. The regulations have been developed to improve the rights of privacy for individuals but will involve many new routines for everyone who handles personal data.

At the university we will still be able to collect and process personal data but there has to be a clearly stated purpose, the process must be necessary for the purpose and a legal basis for the process must exist. All personal data have to be protected by for instance technical means.

Personal data includes any information related to a person that can be used to directly or indirectly identify the person, e.g. name, photo, email address or computer IP address. This means that the new routines affect a lot of our daily work at the university. One measure that has to be taken is to register activities that involve handling of personal data and an initial action at IGP has been to perform an inventory of the documents and processes that we have at the department.

More information can be found in [MP](#) and at the [EU GDPR portal](#).



From the Head of Department

Nurturing our academic culture is a shared responsibility

To nurture a high-quality research culture is our shared responsibility and includes many aspects of fostering a creative environment. The group leaders have the main responsibility as they train and mentor junior colleagues. Our research programs are interactive environments, through both informal and formal meetings and events that allow interactions between scientists at all levels. There is a clear ambition of the programs to further increase these interactions.

A range of organized activities at IGP support the academic culture. Seminar series bring leading scientists to IGP on a weekly basis, and visiting speakers meet with the research groups. Competence development funding is earmarked for PhD students to attend courses, and technical/administrative personnel have the same funding opportunity to attend courses or conferences. At the annual PhD student symposium postgraduate students present their research and exchange information, and the IGP day collects all research groups at IGP to stimulate collaborations within the department. I encourage you to register for the upcoming IGP day on June 11 to hear what your colleagues are working on, and how you may find new ways to interact.

IGP Day 11 June

Reserve 11 June for a full day of research presentations, followed by a dinner party in the evening. The day activities will be at BMC, the evening venue will be V-Dala Nation. More information can be found on the [IGP web](#).

IGP Scientific Council

The Department Board has appointed a Scientific Council at IGP. The role of the council is to support the Department Board and the Head of Department in strategic matters but it can also raise strategic questions to be handled by the board. The council has members from all research programmes: Helena Jernberg Wiklund, Lene Uhrbom, Patrick Micke, Ulf Gyllensten, Ulf Landegren, Anders Ahnesjö, Lena Claesson-Welsh, Fredrik Pontén, Maria Ulvmar, Caroline Gallant, Gustav Ullenhag, and Karin Forsberg Nilsson.

Studium – the new learning platform

Uppsala University's new learning management system is called Studium. The new system will be implemented gradually and in 2020 the old systems should be closed down.

More information about [Studium](#)

