iMPACToR – New mentor programme for young researchers

The programme aims to support researchers who are either new group leaders/PIs or have started to establish their own research profile but are not yet established. It will start as a pilot in January 2019, with 20 to 25 participants.

Four departments at the Medical Faculty are launching the new Mentor Programme for Academic Career Training for young Researchers, iMPACToR, to support young researchers in their academic development.

The programme will consist of individual meetings between mentees and their mentors, and of seminars, organized by iMPACToR, on subjects such as recruitment procedures, university structure, leadership and coaching, and other aspects of how to build your academic career.

For more information, see the IGP web.

Previa new provider of occupational health services

From 1 January 2019, occupational health services at Uppsala University will be provided by Previa. Previa is located on St Persgatan 10, in central Uppsala, and offers the same service as the present supplier.

More information in MP

Ulf Landegren selected as Karl Johan Öbrink lecturer

Each year a Karl Johan Öbrink lecturer is selected among BMC researchers. Ulf Landegren will give his lecture on 18 December, at 16.00 in room A1:111a, BMC.

Weronica Ek receives this year’s Oscar Prize

Uppsala University’s Oscar Prize for young researchers is awarded IGP researcher Weronica Ek. Her research focuses on how environmental and genetic factors influence the development of immunological diseases.

Post doc grants to two of IGP’s new PhDs

Leonor Gouveia and Chiara Testini have been awarded international post doc grants from the Swedish Research Council. They will spend their post doc periods in Spain and the United States, respectively.

From the Head of Department

Expanding precision medicine

When the Clinical Genomics Uppsala facility was established in 2014, it was one of the first attempts to transfer technologies offered by SciLifeLab into Swedish healthcare. As a joint venture between Uppsala University, Uppsala University Hospital and SciLifeLab, it is a prime example of translational medicine. Geneticists, bioinformaticians and medical doctors affiliated with the facility team up so that sequencing technologies can deliver precise molecular diagnostics to patients.

The development has been rapid, and brought over 25 different analyses to clinical routine, with thousands of clinical tests being performed yearly. Now, through Genomic Medicine Sweden, and supported by Vinnova/SweLife, it will be part of the implementation across the seven university hospital regions in Sweden. This will lead to a national expansion of NGS-based molecular diagnostics. Lots of work and challenges remain, for example sensitive data management. But Uppsala is well placed to pursue the Genomic Medicine Center Uppsala, building on several years of successful collaboration and with a strong focus on patient benefit.

This is only one of many achievements involving IGP during 2018 and you can read about more achievements on the web.

With the semester coming to a close,
I wish you all God Jul!