



## New Deputy Head of Department

From 1 July 2019, Marie Allen is IGP's new Deputy Head of Department. She replaces Ulf Landegren who has been Deputy Head of Department for many years.

Marie Allen is a professor in forensic genetics and her research focuses on DNA analysis of challenging crime scene and ancient DNA samples. Currently, she is working with two projects that involve analysis of remains from the Viking Age, e.g. investigating family relations between individuals found in a mass grave in Sigtuna.

Marie Allen is also involved in teaching. She was responsible for establishing the Master's Programme in Forensic Science in 2008 and has continued to develop the curriculum ever since. In addition, she has appointments in different committees at the Disciplinary Domain. A special interest is in internationalisation.

"I have been a member of the University's Advisory Board for Internationalisation and am now the scientific advisor for collaborations with South Korea. As Deputy Head of Department, I would also like work at the department level to promote international collaborations," she says.

With only a few days left before her appointment starts, Marie Allen looks forward to it.

"It will be an exciting and interesting assignment to be Deputy Head of Department for our strong and successful department."



## From the Head of Department

Yesterday was IGP Day, a day of scientific interactions and community-building across our department. Keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Parsons, International Commission on Missing Persons, lectured on use of high throughput DNA methods to identify victims of armed conflicts and disasters. His work re-associates body remains with missing individuals, important both for families, and for bringing to justice crimes against humanity and genocide. We were also reminded of the difficulty to identify the thousands of refugees who perish in the Mediterranean. It was a grim reminder of a tragedy happening in our time.

Next, we listened to speakers from IGP, among them Ulf Landegren, who now steps down as Deputy Head of Department, to become senior professor. I warmly thank Ulf for his contributions to the management of IGP during many years. His support and advice have been greatly appreciated. I also take this opportunity to welcome Marie Allen, incoming Deputy Head of Department.

Finally, I want to thank all of you at IGP for making this such a successful and fun department. It was evident from yesterday's poster session and mingle that there is great enthusiasm around. Ensure that you keep this enthusiasm by enjoying your summer holidays!

## Fredrik Pontén awarded Region Uppsala's research prize

He receives the prize for his research on characterising gene expression on both protein and mRNA level

## Research grants to Jan Dumanski and Niklas Dahl

The grants from the Swedish Brain Foundation have been awarded in the Foundation's research areas Alzheimer's disease and epilepsy, respectively.

## Maria Ulvmar awarded grant from the Ruth and Nils-Erik Stenbäck Foundation

The grant was presented at the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters' annual meeting in April.

## Gunilla Enblad new member of the IARC Scientific Council

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is the specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

