PhD and Postdoc Retreat

Computer Science and Bioinformatics

March 30-31, 2016
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News from Postdoc and PhD committees
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Members of the PhD Committee

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- Ira Assent (CS)
- Peyman Afshani (CS)
- Susanne Bødker (CS)
- Christian Storm Pedersen (CS & BiRC)
- Mikkel Heide Schierup (CS & BiRC)
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Four applications deadlines per year
February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1

Please help us to recruit the very best PhD students!

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Updated (March 4, 2016):

- New chapter about “code of conduct”.
- Stating that the course “scientific teaching” is now mandatory and more info about courses in general.
- More info about teaching obligations and the possibilities of exemption.
- ...

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On-going activities: PhD Retreat, PhD lunches, …

Courses: PhD courses, Ad-hoc mini-courses, …

Counselling: You are always welcome to contact the PhD committee in any way you prefer, e.g. via your PhD Support Group.

Your ideas and inputs are always welcome!

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  - Course work for PhD students can consist of, for example,
    - Transferable skills courses (common to all of GSST)
    - MSc courses
    - Actual PhD courses
    - Ad-hoc mini-courses (typically by guest professors)
    - Summer schools
    - "Journal clubs"

  The department strongly recommends to complete the course *Introduction to Science Teaching* as early as possible in your PhD programme. Please note that the course is **mandatory** for all PhD students accepted after October 1, 2015.

  At most 10 ECTS can be covered by transferable skills courses, unless special agreements are made.

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- **From Fall 2016**: A (more) clear separation between MSc and PhD courses with more activities targeted directly at PhD students. Still very very flexible.

- **Your input**: Ideas for classes, activities and organisation.
Keeping track of progress

- Following ministerial rules, the PhD school must perform ‘half year evaluations’ of PhD students. This involves:
  - Your initial **PhD plan** (document) and your ongoing updates.
  - Your ongoing registration of activities in **PhD planner** (course work, teaching, conference participation, publications etc.).
  - Your input is reviewed by your supervisor, the PhD committee, and the PhD school every half year.
  - At CS: Discussed in your **PhD Support Group**.
  - **Your input**: Ideas for improving this ‘workflow’, PhD Planner, PhD Support Groups etc.
Summary

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Tomorrow (1030-1130) we have time for further discussion. Think about:

- New student representative(s) in the PhD committee
- Ongoing ‘PhD-activities’, PhD lunches, PhD retreats, …
- PhD courses, ideas and organisation
- Workflow for ‘keeping track of activities’, PhD Planner, …
- PhD Support Groups
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