

## Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

### Present

David Gomez Blanco (MEMEG), Twinkle Biswas (FUNZOO),  
Ashish Ashish (MEMEG), Yun-Ting Jang (EVOLECOL)

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### § 1 Start of the meeting

15.33

### § 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: Twinkle Biswas Secretary: Yun-Ting Jang

Minutes approving: David Gomez Blanco

### § 3 Approval of agenda

Approved.

### § 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved.

### § 5 Announcements

Damandeep Kaur contacted Twinkle and express interest for being the representative of the departmental board. Twinkle explained her about the situation, and she has not yet responded further.

There is still no BDR representative from the aquatic biology and the molecular biology units.

### § 6 Annual BDR lecture

Look for suggestions from PhDs for next year.

## § 7 NDR elections for different departmental positions (PhD student representative)

GUN and HMS are lacking Swedish-speaking representatives.

## § 8 Course for new PhD students

There can be funding for lunch and lunch lecture

Possibility to change the official name from “Course for new PhD students” to “Introductory event for new PhD students”?

## § 9 Survey for all doctoral students

The survey from the previous year can be updated and used for the next term. However, we also plan to contact Jessica Abbott first and ask her for specific topic that she wants to discuss with the students.

## § 10 PhDs and pizza

Funding for PhD retreat could be difficult. One option could be that PhD students pay a small amount of fee for themselves. We will search for other possible fundings for group activities.

## § 11 Permanent reminders

- a. Late autumn – call for nominations of guest lecturer.
- b. Early spring – check with current PhD-representatives in the various organs if they want to keep their positions, and if not call for new representatives and nominate these for election through NDR. Elections take place in April/May with a change-over in positions in July.
- c. After NDR elections – update lathunden with information for all new PhD students and the information for new foreign PhD students.
- d. January and September – after scheduling the coming semester’s meetings, invite the prefect and the vice prefect to join one of meetings.
- e. Intro PhD event

- f. Add a link of BDR website to the email that we send to everyone in the beginning of semesters (January and September).

## § 12 Other issues

BDR visibility is low. We should emphasize the function of BDR to other PhD students. We will update the description of BDR on the website.

## § 11 Next meetings

2022-05-30, 16.00

2022-06-30 16.00

## § 12 Meeting closed

16:20

## Secretary

Yun-Ting Jang

## Minutes Approving person

David Gomez Blanco

## Chair of meeting

Twinkle Biswas