

Dear Fellow Postdocs,
here it goes our sparkling monthly newsletter!

**SAVE THE DATE! IT'S POSTDOC DAY!
FROM POSTDOC TO PI. HOW TO MAKE THE LEAP?**

Here we are, ready for the second edition of the successful inside academia professional development event "From postdoc to PI. How to make the leap?"

When? November 2nd

Where? MBB Big Seminar Room, Scheeles väg 2, Solna Campus

In brief, this event is designed to give postdocs insight into the expectations and requirements that need to be met in order to become a principle investigator. The event will consist of two different segments:

17:00 - Panel discussion.

A panel of speakers involved in the recruitment and funding of new principal investigators will give an overview of what key features they look for when selecting new group leaders.

This year's panel consists of Prof. Jesper Lagergren (Vice Chairman, Board of Research, Karolinska Institutet), Prof. Ylva Engström (Deputy Dean of Science, Stockholm University), Ass. Prof. Emma Andersson (Junior Faculty Chair, Karolinska Institutet), and Prof. Mats Ulfendahl (President of SSMF).

18:10 - Round table sessions.

Junior and established PIs will share with you their experiences, advice and thoughts on building an academic career in two 45-minute small group discussions. This is your opportunity to ask specific questions about their strategy in getting ready to 'make the leap'.

For the full list of speakers, please visit
<http://kipostdocassociation.org/events-1>

19:40 - Mingle with refreshments.

Registration is open and mandatory:

<https://survey.ki.se/Survey/8233>

Registration will close on Oct 26th.

Seats at the round tables are limited and will be assigned in a first registered, first served base.

The event is open to all scientists at KI, priority will be given to postdocs and junior faculty.

The event is co-organized by KIPA with KI Junior Faculty and sponsored by eLife and Karolinska Institutet.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the event!

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR POSTDOC RESEARCHERS!!!

On July 6th, the Swedish Government announced an addition to *Högskoleförordningen* (the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance, SFS 2017:844). Among other changes, the meriting position of **Assistant Professor**, previously named Forskarassistent (or "FoAss" in Swedish) will cease to exist. Instead, a meriting position called **Biträdande Lektor** (Bitr.Lekt.) will take its place.

Junior faculty at KI prepared a document to summarize the content of the amendment. KIPA invites you to download the document (Biträdande Lektor summary) at the following link

<http://kipostdocassociation.org/news-1>

Moreover, Junior Faculty will hold an information seminar about it on **Friday Oct 13th at 12:00 in the Hörsalen Farmakologi, Campus Solna.**

KIPA warmly invites you to attend, as this ordinance impacts the postdoctoral career stage in Sweden, too.

Indeed, the eligibility criteria to Biträdande Lektor are **reduced from the current seven to five years after PhD graduation**. It is not clear how this will impact the renewal of the fellowships and contracts for the postdoctoral researchers at KI. Now the postdoc appointment can be up to six-seven years after graduation, as summarize on our webpage:

<http://kipostdocassociation.org/important-admin-info>

In our previous newsletter, we asked you to drop KIPA an email (info@kipostdocassociation.org), if this amendment impacts your career plan. Thank you for all your emails!

Thank to your feedback, we are preparing a Frequently Asked Question document (FAQs) and we will make it available as soon as possible. Due to the number of emails we are receiving on this matter, we will not be able to respond all of you individually, but please keep writing us. The more you explain to us how the amendment affects you, the better the FAQs will be.

JOIN KI POSTDOC ASSOCIATION! GET INVOLVED!

If you like to get more involved in the association, advocate for postdocs like you, organize professional development events, and social, **join us!**

You will earn invaluable insights, new transferable skills, management and leadership experience, while working and having fun with a group of highly motivated and enthusiastic people!

If you are interested or have any further question, send an email to info@kipostdocassociation.org.

Cheers,

KIPA

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