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What: Collaboration project NEMI in the EU FP7 Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies theme

Who: Professor Bodil Holst, Department of Physics and Technology coordinates the project

When: The project will start 1.3.2013

1) What will you do in your project? We will develop and test a new microscopy method using neutral helium atoms as imaging probe. The big advantage is the low energy of the helium atoms compared to other imaging probes such as electrons or photons for a similar wavelength. A further advantage is the fact that the atoms are neutral and do not penetrate into materials. This means that the method has unique possibilities for investigating polymeric nanostructures, nano-coatings and high aspect ratio structures. We have pioneered the helium microscope idea for several years already here in Bergen. Thanks to support from Bergen Research Foundation we were able to take the first images and bring the project to such a stage that we can now successfully apply for EU-money. The other partners in the project will work on the development of a more effective helium detector, a new type of helium optics and then we have two "end user" companies, one specializing in nanoimprint and one in the production of moulds for medical micro-components. Finally we have two metrology partners who will work on the development of new characterisation standards on the nano-scale based on the helium microscope method

2) How did you find your partners? Two of the partners I have worked together with in a previous project. In fact one of the partners was my Ph.D. Supervisor. A very key partner for the detector development I found under very amusing circumstances. I was working as an evaluator in Brussels and discussed the problem of Helium Detection with one of the fellow evaluators. He mentioned a small Swedish company MB Scientific, specialising in photospectroscopy. He told me that the head of development there Peter Baltzer new everything there was to know about ionisation of helium and that if he could not help me nobody could. I contacted MB Scientific as soon as I was back from Brussels and the rest is history. The two excellent company partners came through recommendation from the metrology partner. The good thing about the metrology people is that they really know what people need to measure and what people need to measure but cannot measure, so that lead to what I think will be a very nice cooperation.

3) Why did you choose to coordinate this project? Well, given that we are the ones actually building the helium microscope, it was naturally. Instrumental development of this type is complex and the EU-call was a wonderful opportunity for us. To put it simply, I picked the various partners who have the expertise to solve the problems related to instrument development and testing which we cannot solve ourselves. The good thing about coordinating a project is that by and large you get to formulate the research question. Yes, you have more work in the writing process, but you also have more influence to shape the project as you want it. This is the second EU-project that I coordinate and I can only recommend it.



National Stipend day at UiB – registration now open

Would you like to work in another country for some time? Then you should register for the national stipend day at UiB on February 6th. The program will include information on stipends from for example RCN, EU, Fulbright, etc. You can have a look at the program [here](#) and register by clicking [here](#). Participation is free of charge and includes lunch. The seminar will be held in Norwegian, but the UiB welcome center for international staff plans a similar meeting in English in Spring 2013.

Update yourself on Horizon 2020 and mark the date for UiBs EU week

Mark the week of May 27th-31st in your calendar, as our team together with selected external presenters intends to give you a lot of insight into the new EU framework program, which is currently being developed in Brussels. On May 27th Dr. Sean McCarthy will present his course on “Getting ready for Horizon2020” at “Egget” and on May 28th we will update you on the current developments in the ERC and Marie Curie programs. May 29th-31st we will be at your faculties, we will come back with details.

RCNs newsletter on EU research

Please be aware the RCN will no longer send out paper copies of their publication on EU research. They promise to send an update every Friday, but this requires that you sign up for the newsletter (click on EU research) on this [page](#). The service is also available in English but from personal experience we see that you will get more information in the Norwegian version of the service.

Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups are seeking Experts – register now

Experts from all fields of research can participate in shaping the agenda of Horizon 2020. The experts will provide high quality and timely advice for the preparation of the Horizon 2020 calls for project proposals. The Commission services plan to set up around 15 Advisory Groups covering all specific objectives of Horizon 2020. Also individuals who have never had such a task before are invited to register an expression of interest. Only experts who have addressed their interest no later than 6 March 2013 at 17.00, Brussels local time (CET) will be taken into account for the setting up of the first Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups. Expressions of interest received after this date will be taken into account for the renewal of groups at the end of each mandate. Each advisory group shall be representative of the broad constituency of stakeholders, including industry and research actors as well as representatives of civil society, for the Horizon 2020 challenges/objectives concerned. The experts of the group will be designated in accordance with the Commission rules on expert groups.

Link to the [call and application forms](#) and the [call text](#)

Marie Curie individual fellowships - last call in FP7 – deadline August 14th

The Marie Curie individual fellowships can be a good way to explore Europe and the world or the recruit junior researchers from all over the world to your research group. The call will be published in March 2013, but the deadline is already fixed: August 14th 2013. No matter if you are a principal investigator who knows a potential fellow or if you would like to use the stipend to work abroad, the advisers will be happy to help you. We will update you once the call is published. A brief description of the grant schemes EEF, IEF and IOF can be found on the UK Research Offices [homepage](#).

New call for Estonian-Norwegian Projects

The Estonian-Norwegian Research Programme (total budget € 2 958 333) will fund research projects with a budget from € 50 000 to € 300 000 (including overhead costs). Proposals for research projects are invited in all areas of research. Cooperation with at least one research team from Norway is mandatory. The deadline for submission of proposals is 14th March 2013. The projects are now financed 100% and the reporting burden is significantly reduced. [More information](#). Please note: EEA applications can be a stepping stone for Horizon 2020. EEA Grants can help you to establish and mature partnerships that you could use for larger applications later on.



Peder Sather Grant Program for cooperations with UC Berkeley

The Peder Sather Center for Advanced Studies (PSC) supports projects carried out by researchers at UC Berkeley in collaboration with researchers from eight Norwegian universities (UiB is among them). The PSC will provide Seed Grants (\$5-20K = 29-116K NOK) as well as Full Grants (\$25-75K = 145-435K NOK) to partnered researchers. These funds can be used to support activities such as workshops, mini-conferences, graduate student exchanges, exchanges of postdoctoral fellows, the undertaking of exploratory studies, and the undertaking of core research activities. Please consult the [information page](#), the deadline is March 15th 2013.

Bergen Research Foundation (BFS) new call for proposals in the Recruitment Program

The Bergen Research Foundation has issued a new call for proposals where two or four year grants can be used to fund younger researchers/scholars. The application has to be put forward through a UiB department or faculty, so please contact your potential host as soon as possible if you would like to apply. It is highly recommended to read the [guidance notes](#) carefully, the deadline is March 15th 2013

Marie Curie Career Integration Grant CIG

Researchers of any nationality who have (or will) come to UiB to take up their first permanent post after they worked abroad can apply for a Marie Curie Career Integration Grant (CIG). This scheme will most likely not continue in Horizon 2020. Researchers can apply for a lump sum of 25.000 € to support a project annually over 4 years that can be used as needed, for example to buy equipment, travel, pay publication fees, etc. If this could be of interest for you or a new colleague, please contact the advisers about eligibility rules and help with the proposal. The deadlines in 2013 will be: 7.3.2013 and 18.9.2013. More information on the [Participant Portal](#).

First call for ERC Consolidator Grants

As the ERC received more than 3000 proposals for the 2012 Starting Grants Call it was decided that the scheme would be divided into two independent strands for Starters - younger researchers 2-7 years after PhD and more experienced Consolidators (7-12 years after PhD). The first call for ERC Consolidator Grants was therefore launched in November 2012. Outstanding individuals can apply for 2 million € over 5 years for themselves and their team to pursue potentially groundbreaking and risky projects. More information on ERCs [homepage](#) and the [participant portal](#). The Guide for Applicants can be downloaded [here](#).

New funding opportunities in the EEA and Norway Grants plus Scholarship Fund

Norwegian researchers who have cooperation partners in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia or Spain will soon be able to apply for research grants from the EEA/Norway grant scheme (total budget €1.79 billion). Of the beneficiary countries Bulgaria and Poland are leading the way (see extra article on Poland). Bulgaria recently launched the country's [first six programmes](#). Calls are expected in winter 2012/2013 and preferred topics and types of funded projects can vary. Please update yourself on [EEA/Norway homepage](#) or contact the advisers.

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Overview of EU FP7 calls published in July 2012:

Please contact the FunderFinder team if you have questions, our contact details can be found on the first page. Remember that [project establishment support \(PES\)](#) is available at the Division of Research Management for UiB researchers participating in EU proposals. Projects for the European Research Council (ERC) and Marie Curie actions are thematically open for all scientific disciplines.



European Research Council ERC- The call for Consolidator Grants (individuals 7-12 years after their PhD) has a deadline 21st February 2013. The advisers will be happy to help you. [ERC work program](#), , ERC funded projects [database](#), [Guide for Applicants Consolidator Grants](#)

Marie Curie Actions: It is currently possible to apply for [Career Integration Grants](#) (CIG) for researchers who have recently moved to Norway from abroad and [IRSES](#), an exchange program with countries outside of Europe. Please contact the advisers if you need more information and help. [Work program People/Marie Curie program](#)
[CIG Guide for applicants](#)

Thematic programs – Some of the calls in the thematic programs have closed, please check the list below and our [deadlines list](#), to see which programs still have open deadlines.

KBBE-Knowledge Based Bio-Economies- [Single stage](#) 5.2.2013 [work program KBBE](#)

Oceans of Tomorrow- [joint call](#)- 7.2.2013- [call overview](#)

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) call [11](#)- 16.4.2013; [ICT work program](#)

Capacities-Research for the benefit of SMEs-[work program](#)

See also full updated list of call deadlines including RCN (NFR) and other funding sources– [link to list](#).

Guidance for researchers

See also our updated **list** on other **courses and information meetings** below.

A **revised First Aid-document** for UiB-researchers interested in FP7 can be found [here](#)

Call specific guides for applicants will be made available under each call on the [EU participant portal website](#). Please contact the FunderFinder Team if you need help finding the documents you need, we will gladly assist you.

Upcoming information meetings and courses

6.2.2013 Flink? Ut? Stipend day at UIB with RCN. [Information and registration](#)

18. - 20.3.2013 European Climate Change Adaptation Conference in Hamburg, Germany – it is still possible to register, but without abstract submission. [More information](#)

30. - 31-10.2013 RCNs Klimakonferanse 2013, mark the date, more information will soon be posted on [this page](#)

Other open and upcoming calls

Link to [deadlines list](#)

The European Commission intends to award up to three **EU Prize for Women Innovators 2014**. Female researchers, who have brought about outstanding innovations to the market are very welcome to apply. Deadline to submit applications: 15 October 2013. [FP7-CDRP-Women-Innovators](#)
