MANAGEMENT NEWS
Dean, pro deans and faculty board for the next term of office
The voters in the faculty’s election have nominated Sven Lidin, Department of Chemistry, as dean; Karin Hall, Department of Physical Geography and Ecosystem Science, as pro dean for first- and second-cycle education; and Anders Tunlid, Department of Biology, as pro dean for third-cycle education. In connection with the election, members of the faculty board have also been appointed. The nominations and appointments are in line with the nominating committee’s proposals. The minutes and further information will be published as soon as the vice-chancellor has formally appointed the new management team. Read more

PRIZES AND AWARDED GRANTS
Chemist receives funding from foundation
Peter Spégel, researcher at the Department of Chemistry, has been awarded funding from the Per-Eric and Ulla Schyberg Foundation, to study how metabolism is affected by diabetes.

WHAT’S ON
Inauguration of and lecture by Tage Erlander chair, 9 June
Sherilyn Fritz, visiting professor at the Department of Geology, will be inaugurated and give a lecture entitled “The Cenozoic evolution of biotic and geophysical diversity in the tropical Andes and Amazon”. Time and place: 9 June at 13:30–15:00 in the Lundmark room, Astronomy building, Sölvegatan 27. All those who are interested are welcome to attend. Read more

Higher education teaching and learning course: Communication in teaching, autumn semester 2017
The course is part of the Faculty of Science’s qualifying training in higher education teaching and learning. The course is intended for doctoral students or teaching staff who want to develop their communicative awareness and ability, particularly in the context of teaching. The course corresponds to two weeks of full-time study and is in English. The registration deadline for the course is 14 August. Read more and register

SANORD conference, 28 November – 1 December
You now have the opportunity to sign up for this year’s SANORD conference, on the theme “The role of universities in research and technology transfer to improve the livelihoods in Southern Africa”. Time and place: 28 November – 1 December in Zimbabwe. Submit your abstract, suggestions for workshops, etc. by 15 July at the latest. Read more and sign up
STAFF IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA

Summer torments that sting, bite and suck blood
Karin Johnson, museum assistant at the Biological Museum, was interviewed about mosquitoes, ticks, wasps and other insects that may be experienced as vexing. “The mosquitoes might be here quite soon, and the first wasp queens have already been spotted and started to build nests”, she says. The interviews are published in Göteborgs-Posten and Bohusläningen.

Chemists in the finals of the Emerging Technologies Competition
Ulf Ellervik (professor), Sophie Manner (researcher) and Olov Sterner (professor) – all at the Department of Chemistry – are mentioned in Kemivärlden Biotech on account of the company they founded being one of the finalists in the Emerging Technologies Competition.

How birdsong works
Professor Dennis Hasselquist at the Department of Biology is mentioned in Forskning & Framsteg about his contribution of data to an article on birdsong.

Rare arachnid found in Lund park
Mikaël Sörensson, entomologist at the Department of Biology, was interviewed by Radio Sweden about the discovery of the pseudoscorpion Anthrenochernes stellae in Stadsparken in Lund.

Biology show and bird adventures during the Children’s Exploration Day
The Department of Biology offered many activities during the Children’s Exploration Day in Lundagård park, which were written about in Skånska Dagbladet.

Geologist talks about pre-historic submerged forest
Anton Hansson, doctoral student at the Department of Geology, is mentioned in Blekinge Läns Tidning on the occasion of his talk on the several thousand-year-old submerged forest in the Bight of Hanö.

Fat migratory birds take off earlier
Sissel Sjöberg, postdoc at the Department of Biology, was interviewed in Sydsvenskan about the way birds behave during stopovers. The results from a new study show that birds with more fat take shorter breaks compared to birds with less fat. The researchers have been able to monitor the birds by attaching extremely small radio transmitters to them.

Sheets that stand on edge provide more efficient solar cells
Professor Tõnu Pullerits at the Department of Chemistry was interviewed in Ny Teknik about a new research study in which he and his colleagues successfully designed a new structural organisation using the promising solar cell material perovskite. The study shows that solar cells increase in efficiency thanks to the material’s ability to self-organise by standing on edge. The Swedish radio programme Vetenskapsradion has also reported on the study.
Bumble-bees teach drones how to steer
Emily Baird, researcher at the Department of Biology, told Sydsvenskan about her work to investigate how bumble-bees navigate. Their strategies can become useful in the development of self-steering drones.

Deficiencies in research on the emergence of gender
Professor Bengt Hansson and senior lecturer Jessica Abbott – both at the Department of Biology – have stated in a press release that there are gaps in the knowledge of the evolution of sex chromosomes. They argue that better prioritisation among researchers would lead to a more thorough understanding of how males and females are created.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST
Welcome to a staff tour of Skissernas Museum – Museum of Artistic Process and Public Art
Skissernas Museum is inviting Lund University staff to a tour (approx. 45 min) of the newly installed collections and ongoing exhibits. Free admission, but places are limited. Time: 20 June at 12:30 and 21 June at 12:30. Sign up by 16 June by emailing info@skissernasmuseum.lu.se.