

MCAA - Danish Chapter Spring 2019 Newsletter



We're happy to bring to you the Spring 2019 MCAA Danish Chapter Newsletter! Here you can catch up news and events of fellow MCAA members in Denmark. We would also like to take the opportunity to invite you all to contribute to the newsletter. Within its short life we have experienced the newsletter and MCAA meetings to be a fantastic platform for networking across scientific disciplines. We look forward to hearing about your research!

Winter Meeting 2019

The upcoming research funding program from EU, and entrepreneurship were the two main topics of our discussions during our Winter meeting. Peter Johansen Qvist advanced that the main changes in the upcoming funding cycle "Horizon Europe" will affect the calls on innovation, and Valentin Lubbe and Will Wright organized a quick hands-on start on the canvas for business creation. Afterwards, our meeting continued in the good company of some smørrebrød and we discussed the strategy of the chapter and next activities (minutes are being sent to all members).

We would like to thank all the attendants to the meeting, and our excellent speakers from the policy team at the Ministry of Education and Research (UFM), and Accelerace. For those of you who were not able to come, you can find the meeting presentations in the website. We look forward to meeting you in our summer meeting!



We are already more than 100 members!

In only one year the Danish chapter has experienced a great growth thanks to your interest and participation. This is an excellent opportunity for you to network with other alumni. Find other alumni in your area here! https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/posts/do-you-know-how-find-alumni-near-you

After-work get-together in Copenhagen

At the beginning of this month we had the first after-work of the chapter in Copenhagen. Because it is always nice to meet other alumni around some biers we will continue organizing these gettogethers periodically in Copenhagen. We encourage alumni in Aalborg, Aarhus and Odense to organize parallel after-works. Contact us if you need any support!



MCAA General Assembly, Vienna, February 24th and 25th, 2019

This year the Annual Conference and General Assembly of the Marie Curie Alumni Association took place at the University of Vienna. Three members of the board of the Danish Chapter; Maria, Andrea, and Thomas; participated in the conference. We attended panels on topics such as science communication, career planning, and grant application writing. On February 24th, we had a Gala Dinner in the Vienna City Hall with a keynote speech by the physicist Prof. Anton Zeilinger. Next year's annual conference will take place in Zagreb, Croatia.





Meet our Fellows

Danita Catherine Burke – Fellow, Center for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark and Founder of Women in the Arctic and Antarctic



I am a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellow at the University of Southern Denmark, starting March 2018 and I have been a visiting research fellow at the School of Politics, Philosophy, International Relations & Environment, Keele University. For my project I am exploring the role of international non-governmental organisations in the Arctic region and exploring their involvement, or expressed desire for involvement in, the Arctic Council; the Arctic region's pre-eminent forum for environmental protection and sustainable development discourse. My project explores how INGOs balance their organisational pursuits with expectations of conduct as pre-conditions for

their involvement in institutions and forums, specifically within the Arctic Council. My research explores themes such as diplomacy and cooperation, legitimacy, non-governmental organisations, identity, and the role of militaries in the Arctic.

The EU has become increasingly vocal about its interest in the Arctic while also pursuing an agenda for research data sharing and open access resources. This changing research landscape in combination with my personal experience as someone born and raised in rural Newfoundland, Canada and my experience as an international relations of the Arctic region scholar for over 10 years, inspired me to create the network initiative Women in the Arctic and Antarctic. The Women in the Arctic and Antarctic initiative seeks to overcome access barriers such as funding limitations, travel distances, transportation limitations, and more. It is a networking and information sharing network initiative that promotes women in Polar scholarship and helps to share information about funding opportunities, fieldwork planning, conferences and networking opportunities to make networking and profile promotion easier, inclusive and quicker for an international cohort of Polar scholars, knowledge holders and representatives.

Upcoming Event: Science Festival

Every year the Danish Science festival takes place in April all around the country. A great number of science events for all ages and audiences take place during one week. Check out more here: http://forsk.dk/the-danish-science-festival

Changes in the Board

As our chapter grows, our board evolves. We welcome Luca Camilli as a new member of the board, and wish all the best to Luca Tateo, who has served as board member for the last two years. Luca Tateo played an important role in building up the Chapter and through his work in the Chapter promoted internationalization and academic mobility. Read his most recent op-ed piece in Magisterbladet here:

https://www.magisterbladet.dk/magisterbladet/2019/032019/032019_p52.

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