

Terms of Reference for the Plant Sciences (PS) Working Groups (WG) at KU

Background

The three deans at PHARMA, SCIENCE and LIFE want an analysis and proposals for enhancement and reorganization of plant science at the 3 faculties. Specifically, the deans request analysis and proposals regarding

- reduction of the number of organizational units
- establishment of an umbrella for cooperation
- establishment of a Plant Science Center at KU

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Head of department Karsten Kristiansen know about the initiative and will also give input

Tasks, actions and output from the main PS-WG

Task 1: Identifying a shared vision for research and education within PS. **Action.** The main PS-WG members send their suggestions to the WG coordinator before the 1. main PS-WG meeting.

Output: Matching a shared vision at the 1. main PS-WG meeting where it is defined what is covered by plant sciences, and where plant sciences is described as a part of a common entrance to Biology at KU. This includes an overview of the biological educations now offered at KU: Infrastructure and establishment of new positions have to be coordinated

Task 2: Extraction of three main elements from the Merger Document and the PHLS report including the consultation that supports the shared vision. **Action.** Discussion of the main elements at the 1. main PS-WG meeting. **Output:** Short description of the three main elements: Copenhagen Plant Science Center, Common marketing of Plant Sciences for whole KU, establishment of a common shared marked for students to get an easy overview of all courses within plant sciences at KU

Task 3: Setting up terms of reference (including coordinated with the project ” Pro-Halsgruppen”) for a sub-working group on teaching cooperation/clusters within PS. **Action:** 1) Describing the terms of reference of the sub-working group: Fewer courses and/or more students per course is the goal. Common incentive structure for teaching and PhD courses 2) identifying key persons for the sub-working group. **Output:** Report including initiatives that increase STÅ per course.

Task 4: Documentation of at least two research groups that may be fundable at the Danish Research Foundation, SPIR, ERC etc. Suggestions for topics for Danish Research Foundation could be: Plants and immunity, Plants and food, Plantbiosystem. **Action.** 1) Implementation of bibliometric analysis (peer-review publications, impact, and benchmarking (suggest Insides to perform the analysis) 2) Analysis of current funds, potential funds, stakeholders/partners etc. 3) Suggestion of reorganization 4) Suggestion of allocation of resources 5) Potential recruitments **Output:** Report

Task 5: Describing a joint Plant Science Center including infrastructure and facilities. **Action.** Drafting and discussing the content and research directions of a Plant Science Centre including potential fundraising. **Output:** A five page description of a Plant Science Center. NB The building planned at LIFE is also called: Copenhagen Plant Science Center, without being a center. It should perhaps be renamed Plant Science Laboratories. .

Timetable

Mid April	1 st meeting in the PS-WG where task 1 and task 2 is to be completed. Research groups for which we want bibliometric analysis have to be found out from the forms send around from the participants (filled forms send out by Jan Andersen earlier)
Late April	Meeting between PS-WG and Pro-Hals to discuss terms of reference for a subgroup and to point out participants for the group.
Early May	The subgroup for education/teaching is established. The subgroup will have 3 months to finalize their work.
Mid May	2 nd meeting in the PS-WG group where the subgroup for education/teaching is invited. Discussion of points to be addressed in the final report and distributions of tasks between members of the PS-WG. Kick-off for the subgroup for education/teaching
Summer 2010	Each member of the PS-WG work on the report
Primo August	The subgroup of education/teaching handle in their report to the PS-WG
Mid August	3 rd meeting in the PS-WG where the final report of max 10 pages is dicussed. Each member of the PS-WG has delivered their input to the WG coordinator before August 11.

Last two weeks of August	The report is send round between members of the PS-WG to final written hearing in the group.
September 6	The final report is send to Jan Andersen to be discussed in AR, SU etc
Ultimo September	Evt. 4 th meeting in the PS-WG to follow up after AR and SU comments
Primo October	The final report is delivered to the deans/vice chancellor/board of KU