It is only one month until Christmas Eve, and the semester is coming to an end. This newsletter offers several opportunities to get into the holiday spirit. But first, don’t miss your chance to get involved by responding to the Work Environment Survey.

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The Work Environment Survey - your participation is important!

You should all have received an e-mail from the NTNU administration containing a link to the Work Environment Survey (Arbeidsmiljøundersøkelsen). This is NTNU’s “temperature reading” of how the employees are doing at work. In the last survey, which was completed in 2012, the participation of the temporary scientific staff was very low.

Survey participation is voluntary, but DION encourages all temporary employees to respond to the study. This is your opportunity to tell about how you feel at work, what you are happy with and what needs to be changed. The survey is important to our work in DION as well as to NTNU.

All information in the survey is treated confidentially. Once the survey is completed there will be no link between you and your response, so you do not need to worry about that your supervisor or group leader will see your answers. The final results will only be presented as statistics.

If you want to know more about the survey you can have a look at the dedicated pages on Innsida: https://innsida.ntnu.no/wiki/-/wiki/English/Work+Environment+Survey. If you have any questions about the survey you can also contact ark-kontakt@ntnu.no.

The deadline for the survey is tomorrow, 25 November. Do not miss this opportunity to influence your work environment, and help DION in our work for you!

Technoport tickets available at reduced price

Until the 1st of December this year Technoport will offer PhDs tickets to Technoport 2015 (18th-19th of March 2015) for 1/3 of the original price!

You will find the link to registration here: https://form.arkon.no/?id=1906&key=eb3579d948f886608e607c042d2c32262b374c2f

Technoport 2015 has already gotten several great international speakers on board and everything will of course be in English. Read more about Technoport here: http://www.technoport.no/
Christmas concert
When: Tuesday 9 December
Where: Gløshaugen Main Building

NTNU Alumni will be arranging a Christmas concert and DIONs members are invited. More info to come, stay updated on our facebook and web pages.

DION@Den Gode Nabo
When: Thursday 11 December, 19.00
Where: Den Gode Nabo, Øvre Bakklandet 66

Brighten up a dark winter evening by joining DION for a Christmas get-together at Den Gode Nabo! This is a great opportunity for trying some typical Norwegian Christmas beer or just relaxing with friends before the Christmas holidays. Hope to see you there :-)

UPCOMING NIRS EVENTS

NTNU international researcher support (NIRS) hosts many events for international and Norwegian staff at NTNU. Sign up for their newsletter by sending an e-mail with the title "Subscribe nirs-news" to sympa@adm.ntnu.no

NIRS - Christmas party - for International Employees and family
When: Wednesday 3 December 2014, at 17:00
Where: Trøndelag Folk Museum, Sverresborg Allé 13

NIRS invites international employees and their families to experience an «old-fashioned Norwegian Christmas tour» at Sverresborg Museum. You will be shown some of the Norwegian Christmas traditions, and see a demonstration of Christmas preparations from the olden days. The tour ends with soup and cake at the museum café.

Find more information and register for the Christmas tour at Kompetanseportalen: http://www.ntnu.no/kompetanseutvikling/index.php?groupid=&kursid=731

Please register within 28 November if you wish to come, also please register if you bring your partner and children.

Contact person: Anniken Skotvoll (anniken.skotvoll@ntnu.no)
**DION board meeting December**

**When:** Monday 1 December 09:00-12:00  
**Where:** TBD

DIONs board meetings are open to all our members. More information on agenda and location will be made available on Innsida and our website before the meeting.

Do you have something to add to the agenda? Send us an e-mail at: post@dion.ntnu.no

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