

To internal users of services from the Department of Experimental Medicine
(AEM)



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MEMORANDUM

Re: Notification of price increases in the Department of
Experimental Medicine (AEM) – Internal users

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The Department of Experimental Medicine (AEM) is the University of Copenhagen's facility for experimental animals. AEM is responsible for the housing and breeding of experimental animals, and the department offers technical services in relation to experimental animals.

AEM services 1,200 users on an annual basis, primarily at SUND, SCIENCE and in Region H, as well as a smaller number of external customers.

Background for price increases

AEM has generated a structural deficit over several years. This is primarily because the price level for services from AEM for internal users has not been adjusted in line with increased costs. AEM has many fixed costs, and cutting expenses is not an option to eliminate the deficit. In addition, necessary investments in connection with renovation and digitalization will significantly increase costs. It is essential for AEM to balance its budget within the next 5 years.

The management of AEM and the faculty at SUND have established a Steering Committee, who has been tasked with developing and implementing a 'General Plan for the future AEM' ('Helhedsplan for

fremtidens AEM'). The Dean's Office, Faculty Management (FLT), and the Academic Council (AR) have discussed and provided input for the plan. The General Plan consists of several initiatives, including a pricing model that reflects relevant costs and a clear and transparent price structure.

Based on a comprehensive analysis of costs linked to various services and animal types, as well as estimates for AEM's investment needs in the coming years, the Steering Committee has started the preparation of a proposal for new price structure and pricing, as well as for the phasing in of new prices, considering existing grants. The proposal will be presented to the SUND Dean's Office during the fall. The Steering Committee and the Dean's Office will involve FLT, AR, users and representatives from SCIENCE and Region H as needed. The Dean's Office will make the final decision.

Notification of price increases

We cannot yet provide specific details regarding the level of the upcoming price increases.

It is expected that prices will increase by a maximum of 25 percent annually.

The new prices will come into effect on 1 January 2025 and will be announced in November 2024.

Best regards,

Peter Bollen