



SSV Newsletter, September 2021

Friends and colleagues,

The beautiful summer is over, and we are all back to work. Sweden let go of most recommendations, for all vaccinated September 29, which means that we – in the best of worlds – have most of the pandemic behind us.

From the board we are very happy to announce that Pandemifonden has closed partnership with new companies and organizations, including Bristol Myers Squibb, Glaxo SmithKline, and Svensk Elitfotboll (SEF). The latter is an interest organization for the top 32 football teams in Sweden. We are happy to inform that we were extremely well received by SEF and their General Secretary Mats Enqvist. We/Pandemifonden share our knowledge about virus transmission etc. with SEF, and SEF help us with visibility. Just have a look at these home pages:

<https://www.svenskelitfotboll.se/>

<https://www.svenskelitfotboll.se/forebyggande-arbete-for-framtida-publikmatcher/>

<https://www.svenskelitfotboll.se/elitfotbollen-tillbaka-infor-storskalig-publik/>

<https://www.allsvenskan.se/>

<https://www.superettan.se/>

... to get an idea about the visibility that SEF contribute with. And, this is not likely just the start of a long collaboration between SEF and Pandemifonden.

Fellow virologist: Have a look at the [Pandemifonden](#) website to get familiar with partners, activities and updates!

But, we obviously still have a lot of work to do to contribute in a manner that makes an impact on Swedish virology. **Pandemifonden is also present and active on social media. See below, follow and share!** Increased awareness about Pandemifonden is obviously essential for donations and further development.

We also encourage and welcome all members of the society to engage and support the development of Pandemifonden, see below. If there are many of us that engage just a little, we can achieve great things together!

With this said, it is with sadness I inform that our friend and colleague Peter Horal is no longer with us. Peter was a very good friend to many of us and a brilliant virologist. Here is a [link](#) to a radio interview (in Swedish), where Peter talks about his unique experience as a teenager visiting Prague in 1968.

On behalf of the board,

Niklas Arnberg, Chairman

- 1) For those of you that are active at social media, it would also be a great help to increase awareness – and donations – if you follow/share Pandemifondens messages. If you feel comfortable, recommend your network to follow Pandemifonden:
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pandemifonden/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Pandemifonden>
 - LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pandemifonden/>
- 2) Would you like to engage in Pandemifonden as a volunteer, together with us/others who share the vision and ambition of Pandemifonden? Contact niklas.arnberg@pandemifonden.se. Together we can make a difference, and, it will be fun!
- 3) **Reminder!** We kindly ask you to post, in your neighborhood, the attached Pandemifonden poster, with information on how to donate money.
- 4) **Kick-off meeting of the new national BSL-3 network**, on October 1, 09:30-11:30am. Register [here](#) to receive a Zoom link and to join the network.
- 5) **The 8th European Seminar in Virology (EuSeV)**- Innate and adaptive responses to SARS-Cov-2 and other viruses, will be held in Bologna, Italy, October 15-17. For registration [see link](#).
- 6) Open position as postdoctoral fellow in **Molecular and Structural Virology** with focus on SARS-Cov-2 at Lund University, [see link](#). Deadline October 19.
- 7) Anyone that has suggestions on virology publications that should be highlighted, and are of interest for Swedish virologist, please send this information to Tomas.Bergstrom@microbio.gu.se

Autumn greetings from SSV