



Swedish Society for Virology (SSV) Newsletter, June 2022

Dear fellow virologists,

Our society continues to develop with activities related to both the society and Pandemifonden. Summer is here and with this we arrange the 19th (!) Smögen Summer Symposium on Virology, with excellent keynote speakers, and two joint venture courses in clinical and molecular virology. We look very much forward to meet, talk science and mingle. Business as usual!

The board is very happy to announce additional financial support to Pandemifonden from e.g. The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation (3 MSEK year 2022-2024) and a very generous private donation (1 MSEK)! This allows us to continue the development of the Pandemifonden and build further on the Sigvard Olofsson award that was initiated last year (more of the latter will follow during the fall). We also have plans to develop a knowledge portal on the [Pandemifonden web page](#) and SoMe, which will help us to communicate knowledge and impact of virus-caused illnesses. "Crew Pandemifonden", a group of engaged volunteers/young virologists have recently been formed, and they have exciting ideas about how to promote Pandemifonden and our common goals. The work with the Society Advisory Board continues with regular meetings, sharing of knowledge and experiences and ideas for further developments and activities. Pandemifonden participated recently at Swedish Elite Football's annual network meeting, where we were very well received and our work is for sure appreciated. Pandemifonden will also participate at Almedalen in July where we will do our best to share knowledge about virus-caused diseases and develop our network.

We look forward to meet and talk more in August!

Niklas Arnberg, Chairman
on behalf of the board

- 1) Come and join us at the **19th Smögen Summer Symposium on Virology**, held **August 25-27, 2022**, and including Keynote talks from **Michael Worobey**, University of Arizona, on "Virus Evolution", **Timo Vesikari**, University of Tampere, on "Viral Vaccine"s and **Karen Mossman**, McMaster University on "Tackling pandemics: what we can learn from bats" (see updated program attached). **If you have not registered do so at this [link](#).**
- 2) In connection with the Smögen meeting, there will be a **National course in "Molecular Virology, August 22-24**, for PhD students and Postdoctoral fellows. The course includes lectures by the **Smögen** meeting keynote speakers, and others, on a wide range of interesting virology topics, see attached preliminary program. An excellent education and networking opportunity! Course fee (4750 SEK shared

room/5758 SEK single room), includes bus transport (round trip) Gothenburg, meals and a three-night stay at Smögen Hafvsbad. When registering remember to give your billing address and reference number. **For more information and registration (deadline July 1) email Ali.Mirazimi@ki.se**

- 3) In parallel, in connection with the Smögen meeting, there will also be **a course in Clinical Virology**. **For more information email Johan.Westin@infect.gu.se**
- 4) **Do you want to be engaged in the development of the World Society for Virology (WSV)?** We as an official partner of the WSV are now looking for a dedicated junior or senior virologist who wants to engage in the development phase of the organization. WSV was established in 2017 in order to unite virologists worldwide in one official society with no restriction based on income or physical location: <https://www.ws-virology.org> . **Please contact Kristina.Broliden@ki.se for more information.**
- 5) **Other meetings coming up:**
Nordic HIV & Virology Conference 2022, Stockholm, Sept 28-30, <https://hivnordic.se>
- 6) **Open positions:**
 - Postdoctoral fellowship in Virology, Umeå University (deadline July 3). See [link](#) for more information.
 - PhD student position in Rodent and Disease Ecology, SLU, Uppsala (deadline 27). See [link](#) for more information.
 - Researcher position in Viral Metagenomics, SLU, Uppsala (deadline June 17). See [link](#) for more information.
- 7) **Travel grants:** PhD students and postdocs are welcome to apply for the SSV travel grants. See guidelines and how to apply on our [website](#), or if you have questions contact Ali.Mirazimi@ki.se
- 8) 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
- 9) **Reminder!** We kindly ask you to post, in your neighborhood, the attached "Virus-och pandemifonden" poster, with information on how to donate money.

**Best wishes for a nice summer to all members
from SSV**