



Swedish Society for Virology (SSV) Newsletter, November 2022

Dear fellow virologists,

This newsletter is mainly to remind senior researchers to take the chance to nominate talented virologists to Pandemifonden's scientific prizes (see below), with deadline November 15. We are also happy to share with you that Dr Emma Thomson, Glasgow, has accepted our invitation to join next Smögen Summer Symposium on virology to share her findings about hepatitis of unknown aetiology in children. Thanks to all members who nominated keynote candidates. We are also happy that there are many members who will contribute with knowledge about their favorite virus families in the upcoming *Viruskollen.se*, which will be a great tool to share knowledge about viruses and virus-caused diseases! The Swisha-en-tia campaign for Pandemifonden and originating in Falkenberg has been launched, and we receive quite a number of donations. We also plan a joint-campaign together with Swedish Covid Society (Svenska CovidFöreningen) for the upcoming Giving Tuesday. Virus-caused diseases is the topic at the Day of Research in Lund this week, where Pandemifonden is represented. Thanks to Marianne Jansson for sharing our messages.

Niklas Arnberg, Chairman
on behalf of the board

1) **Awards and Grants:**

- The board would like to remind that you are welcome to **nominate candidates to the Pandemifonden Award**, which will be given by Virus- och pandemifonden – Svenska Sällskapet för Virologi (The Swedish Society for Virology), to two junior, talented virologists active at Swedish universities or hospitals, for the purpose of promoting virus research. This year the award will be 100 000 SEK to each awardee. See attached pdf for our [website](#) or details on the eligibility of candidates and nominations, to be **submitted latest Nov 15, 2022**, to info@pandemifonden.se
- The journal "Viruses", which we; SSV, are affiliated to, are now welcoming nominations for the "**Viruses Early Career Investigator Award**". For more information on the award, eligibility, and nomination procedure see [link](#). **Deadline is December 31.**
- 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

2) **Pandemifonden Activities:**

- Want to know more about **Viruskollen.se** and perhaps contribute? This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge about your favorite virus family, and gain visibility! Contact johan.nordgren@liu.se or niklas.arnberg@umu.se for more information.
- Pandemifonden is participating at the virus thematic **Popular Science Day** (Forskningens Dag) at Lund University, November 9 and 10. For [program](#) and popular science [articles](#) (in Swedish) see links.

3) **Meetings:**

- The third “**State of the Art Covid-19**” meeting, Online November 16-17, 2022, [see link](#).
- **Virusdagen, SSI**, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 29, 2022
- Save the Date: **2nd ScanVir meeting**, Tromsø, Norway, March 22-24, 2023
- Save the Date: **20th Smögen Symposium** on Virology, August 24-26, 2023

4) **Stay updated** with the **virus podcast** by Lennart Svensson and guests (in Swedish). www.viruspodden.se

5) 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

6) 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 Pandemifonden's 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>

7) Would you like to engage in Pandemifonden as a volunteer and join **Crew Pandemifonden**, together with us/others who share the vision and ambition of Pandemifonden? Contact mailto:niklas.arnberg@umu.se. Together we can make a difference, and, it will be fun!

8) **Reminder!** We kindly ask you to post, in your neighborhood, the attached Pandemifonden poster, with information on how to donate money.

**Best wishes to all members
from SSV**