



Swedish Society for Virology (SSV) Newsletter, October 2022

Dear fellow virologists,

The latest newsletter was not sent very long ago, but there are many activities going on in our society, and in Pandemifonden, so we share here some news and important reminders. Importantly: Senior virologists: Take the chance to **nominate talented virologists to Pandemifonden's scientific prizes**, and, everyone can suggest keynote speakers to next year's Summer Symposium of Virology, when we celebrate 20 years of successful meetings at the wonderful island of Smögen! Pandemifonden currently work on the development of "**Viruskollen.se**", a knowledge platform aimed to share our know-how about viruses and virus-caused diseases. Target audience will be media, students, journalists, organizations, companies and the general public. This week we had the **first IRL meeting with Pandemifonden's society advisory board**, with talks from e. g. Emma Frans, Lisa Nilsson (yes, that Lisa!), and Johan Styrud, on the theme about communication. Interviews with board members are ongoing to collect their experiences from the pandemic, which will be shared in a report with decision makers. Next week the **city of Falkenberg** kicks off their campaign *Swisha en tia för Pandemifonden!* A remarkable initiative by former head of Falkenberg municipality Östen Nilsson, 82! Local media are invited for interviews and broadcasting. Pandemifonden currently discuss support/donations with several companies, and there is an increasing awareness about Pandemifonden and we notice an increasing willingness to support.

Niklas Arnberg, Chairman
on behalf of the board

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- 1) 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 details on the eligibility of candidates and nominations, to be **submitted latest Nov 15, 2022**, to info@pandemifonden.se
 - 2) 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.

- 3) **Grants:**

Konung Gustav V:s 80-års fond, on Poliovirus research. Deadline October 30, 2022. For more information, see [link](#).

- 4) **Meetings:**
- The third “**State of the Art Covid-19**” meeting, Online November 16-17, 2022, [see link](#).
 - **Virusdagen, SSI**, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 29, 2022
see attached flyer.
 - Save the Date: **2nd ScanVir meeting**, Tromsø, Norway, March 22-24, 2023
see attached flyer.
- 5) **Virology News:**
Naked viruses, such as enteroviruses, are highly dependent on cellular functions for their replication machinery. In a recent paper in Nature Communications, the intricate collaboration between viral and cellular proteins in the formation of replication compartments of enteroviruses such as poliovirus is elucidated by our colleagues in Umeå. To this end, they utilize cryo-electron tomography and imaging to increase understanding of the intracellular life cycle of this important group of viruses.
- Membrane-assisted assembly and selective secretory autophagy of enteroviruses**
Selma Dahmane, Adeline Kerviel, Dustin R. Morado, Kasturika Shankar, Björn Ahlman, Michael Lazarou, Nihal Altan-Bonnet & Lars-Anders Carlson
Nature Communications volume 13, 5986 (2022)
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-022-33483-7>
- 6) **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
- 7) **Stay updated** with the **virus podcast** by Lennart Svensson and guests (in Swedish). www.viruspodden.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) 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>
- 10) 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!
- 11) **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**