

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a darker blue at the horizon. The water is calm, reflecting the light from the sky. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a cliff or rocky shore are visible. A few people are standing on the cliff, and a small boat is moving across the water, leaving a white wake. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

23rd Smögen Summer Symposium on Virology

August 20-22, 2026

Venue: Smögens Hafvsbad

Arranged by Virus- och pandemifonden –

Swedish Society for Virology

<http://www.swedishvirology.se>

Welcome to the 23rd Smögen Symposium on Virology!

It is a pleasure for the Organizing Committee to announce that the 23rd symposium will be held at Smögens Hafvsbad, Smögen, Thursday August 20 to Saturday August 22, 2026 with the possibility to participate online as well.

The scientific as well as the social agenda will be very much like previous Smögen meetings. This year we will have the pleasure to listen to, and discuss with Dr. Raymond Schinazi, Dr. Josef Penninger and Dr. Anna Smed Sörensen on the subjects antivirals, mechanisms of viral infections and diseases and interactions between viral infections and the immune system.

Smögens Hafvsbad or “Hafvsbadet” is a famous spa establishment with traditions from 1903, and with a splendid view of the beautiful archipelago north-west of Smögen. Hafvsbadet is a fully modern hotel with high-class cuisine, and an excellent conference facility, including an indoor swimming pool. As the number of expected delegates exceeds the number of beds at Hafvsbadet we have reserved excellent alternatives: Wallentinska Huset and Pensionat Bryggan, bed and breakfasts at the Smögen Harbour. We wish you all very welcome in Smögen!

Kristina Nyström, Ali Mirazimi and Johan Nordgren



Tentative program

Thursday, August 20

All events at Smögens Hafvsbad unless otherwise stated.

13.00	Registration + Lunch
14.30	Introduction
14.45	Keynote 1: Dr. Raymond Schinazi
15.30	Session 1: Antivirals and Chemotherapy
16.30	Session 2: Molecular and Structural Virology
16.45	Session 3: Emerging Viruses
17.00	Session 4: Pandemifonden and Sigvard Olofsson Award prize recipients
17.15-17.30	Technical News Flash
18.30	Welcome Reception, <i>Smögen Fishing Harbour</i>
20.00	Dinner

Friday, August 21

07.30	Breakfast
09.00	Keynote 2: Dr. Anna Smed Sörensen
09.45	Session 5: Viral Immunology I
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	Session 6: Viral Immunology II

11.30	Session 7: Pathogenesis
12.00	Session 8: Tumor Virology
12.15	Session 9: Clinical Virology and Diagnostics
13.00	Lunch
14.30	Session 10: Epidemiology
15.00	Session 11: SARS-Coronavirus-2
16.00	<i>Poster Session</i> , including beverage
18.30	Archipelago Cruise & Seafood buffet (See p. 7)

Saturday, August 22

07.30	Breakfast
09.00	<i>Keynote 3</i> : Dr. Josef Penninger
09.45	Session 12: Virus-Cell Interactions I
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	Session 13: Virus-Cell Interactions II
11.30	Annual Meeting Swedish Society for Virology
12.15	Lunch
13.00	First bus departure for Göteborg

The Venue: Smögens Hafvsbad

A fully modern hotel with a capacity of more than 100 guests in comfortable single and double rooms. Indoor swimming-pool and exclusive spa services available. The conference facilities include a fully equipped lecture hall taking 100-200 people, and a lot of smaller meeting rooms. The cuisine is excellent, the same overwhelming view of the Skagerrak archipelago as



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experienced by the first summer guests of Smögens Hafvsbad in 1903 is still available from the dining room and the western terrace. The hotel is situated close to the heart of Smögen offering excellent sea baths and easy access to the classical wooden quay of the Smögen Sailing Harbour.

Additional lodgings: Makrillviken, Wallentinska Huset & Pensionat Bryggan:

Ideal accommodation for the young virologists accepting shared rooms. Full board, incl. bed clothes and bathroom towels also for the delegates staying at Makrillviken, Wallentinska Huset and Bryggan. All meals and service at Havsbadet. Delegates registering for "Bed in shared room" will primarily be checked in at these facilities.



Useful information:

Accommodation

Registration includes Full Board and all conference activities listed in the program. You **do not** need to bring any bedclothes etc, but please bring your own towel for outdoor swimming activities. The number of single rooms is restricted and they are distributed on a "first come, first served" basis. It is therefore recommended to suggest a suitable room-mate even if the first choice is a Single Room.

Bus Transfer Göteborg-Smögen

Buses will leave from Downtown Göteborg at about 11.00 on August 20 and from Smögen after lunch on August 22. All transfer is complimentary. The bus ride takes 1 hour 50 minutes. We will schedule the buss for trains from Stockholm and Malmö arriving between 10-11.15. However, should train delays occur, the delegates concerned will be instructed by mobile telephone how to act. To sign up for bus transport please email your (a) e-mail address and (b) mobile phone number to Bus Captain Simon Larsson (simon.b.larsson@gu.se).

Usually the Swedish West Coast climate is dry and sunny in late August (19-22°C daytime and the sea temperature about 20°C) but the temperate climate zone means a slight but definite risk for occasional low pressure weather with wind and showers. Please bring a sweater, rain jacket, and an umbrella just to be sure. The sea is excellent for swimming and diving, flippers and snorkel recommended.

Scientific presentations

There will be a number of sessions, each addressing a specific topic. Participants are offered to submit an oral presentation (no longer than 7 minutes + time for a few questions) that will be scheduled to appear in a suitable session. There will be a maximal number (7) of slides. The URL to the form for electronic registration is http://www.swedishvirology.se/smogen_meeting_registration.html and contains a field for Presentation Title. This year please note that we need an abstract May 31, but changes may be made to the abstract after this date. Instructions for abstracts are found in the registration email. **Please do not forget** to mark the box "I am not a spam robot" of the electronic form. This is a protection measure against spam attacks interfering with the electronic registration procedure.

Registration information

Symposium information will be continuously updated at the official homepage of the Swedish Society for Virology: <http://www.swedishvirology.se> where you also will find an electronic form for convenient on-line registration. Those who are not on the mailing list, please notify kristina.nystrom@gu.se.

Registration Fee includes everything!

As soon as you embark the complimentary bus shuttle to Smögen, the Registration fee will cover everything: Admittance to all sessions, full board, all social activities, bus shuttle from Gothenburg (Round trip), and a three (3) year membership in Swedish Society for Virology.

Registration Fees (no VAT included)

Smögens Hafvsbad Single room	SEK 8,000
Smögens Hafvsbad, bed in double	SEK 6,400
Makrillviken, bed in double-quadruple room	SEK 5,600

Seafood Buffet on board of M/S Soten during an evening cruise in the Smögen Archipegalo



Welcome aboard Soten for a traditional Smögen Seafood Buffet including shrimp, crayfish and a lot of other sea food specialities. This years cruise will be onboard “Soten”. Soten was built in 1969, where she started trafficking Oslo to Flåm, Norway.

Alternative Friday Night Activity: Gourmet Three Course Dinner

The Gourmet Dinner will take place at Smögens Havsbad as an alternative for delegates not interested in Archipelago Cruises and Seafood mainly based on shellfish.

Map of important places



The positions of the two hotels are indicated. Läsidan is a room annex for Hafvsbadet

A: Where boarding for the Seafood Cruise on Friday takes place.

B: Place for Welcome Reception Thursday