



SMSS NEWSLETTER #2, 2009

Dear members of SMSS, The Swedish Mass Spectrometry Society!!

I hope that the summer has been nice and that the rain that many of you have experienced has made you think constructively on mass spectrometry. Before the fall really takes off, I would like to take the opportunity to update you of the Society and some other activities of interest for persons interested in MS.

March 23 we had our Annual Day of Mass Spectrometry. The title was 'Mass Spectrometry for Imaging' and attracted 70-80 people. New for this year was that the Symposium was moved from KVA to Karolinska Institute and Nobel Forum. This was a great success and we will probably have the coming meetings at this location. The meeting described the rapid and interesting development in the use of MS for imaging. We were very happy to have Richard Caprioli, Vanderbilt, as our main speaker as he has pioneered the field. Bernard Spengler (Germany) and Garry Corthals (Åbo) were the two other invitees from abroad in addition to Andrew Ewing (Göteborg), Peter Sjövall (Borås), and Anna Nilsson (Uppsala) from Sweden. As always we had a couple of vendors that could present some of their new developments (Thermo Fisher, MDS Analytical Technologies, Bruker Daltonik). The focus was of course on MALDI imaging as this is possible to perform also on normal MS instruments, but we could also hear about TOF-SIMS.

18-20 August 2010 we will arrange the **14th Nordic Mass Spectrometry meeting in Uppsala**. This meeting is organized by SMSS and responsible for this is Jonas Bergqvist and Roman Zubarev. Please contact Jonas and Roman if you have any ideas or suggestions. Most likely there will be another meeting devoted to glycan analyses by MS, Warren Conference, in the following weekend August 21-24 in Hindås outside Gothenburg. Responsible for this arrangement is Niclas Karlsson (see below).

There will not be any Annual Day of Mass Spectrometry in 2010 as we have the Nordic meeting this year.

We have launched a new home page for SMSS with the same address www.smss.se as before. It is still in its infancy, but we hope to slowly make it more mature. Please contribute with local information! Please send new material to Agneta Sjögren (agneta@chemsoc.se).

At the end of this newsletter you will also find the current board of SMSS. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any ideas or comments on our Society.

We hope you will have a nice fall 2009

/Gunnar C. Hansson, Chairman of SMSS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2009

SOON!!

Aug 30 – Sept. 4, 18th INTERNATIONAL MASS SPECTROMETRY CONFERENCE IMSC 2009 in Bremen Germany. For more information, see:
<http://www.imsc-bremen-2009.de/imsc2/registration.php?navid=12>

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May 23 - 27, 58th ASMS Conference on Mass Spectrometry, Salt Lake City, UT.
<http://www.asms.org>

June 27 – July 2. FEBS Congress in Göteborg, organized by SFBM and NBS. This is the annual European Biochemistry Conferences and usually attracts 2-2,000 participants. The meeting will have two afternoons dedicated to proteomics and related bioinformatics. Several prominent researchers in this area have been invited. Gunnar C. Hansson is sitting in the organizing committee.

August 18-20. 14th NORDIC MASS SPECTROMETRY CONFERENCE to be held at the new Conference center in Central Uppsala. You will soon find more details at the SMSS homepage.

Preliminary August 21-24 Warren Conference, at Hindås outside Gothenburg

GOSSIP

Niclas G. Karlsson will move to Gothenburg, Dept. Medical Biochemistry Sept. 1, 2009. He did his Ph.D. with Gunnar C. Hansson and has worked for Proteome System in Sydney Australia for 8 years and is now at National University of Ireland in Galway, Ireland. He is an international well-known scientist in glycans analysis by mass spectrometry. He will move to Sweden with his group including two Ph.D. students and post-docs. **Welcome back!!**

If you have any more 'Gossip' that you would like to share with SMSS, please send a note to gunnar.hansson@medkem.gu.se or agneta@chemsoc.se

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