

SMaReF

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Words from the leadership

After much planning, the 10-day cavalcade across Sweden marked the start of the SMaReF half decade. Establishing cooperation between two research constellations half a world apart is a big, but also a very appetizing challenge. So a key goal was to get to know more about each other, and our research interests. It was wonderful to see that ambition fulfilled, not least with many shared meals! Now the work will be to get the many facets of our cooperation established in practice. The “homework” documents that people spent so much time on are an excellent start to the development of concrete plans. Armed with those plans we can then move on to the practical challenges of visas, permission to ship samples across borders and the like.

Here in Sweden at least, summer is here (at least according to the calendar). This will be a quieter time for recharging the mental and spiritual batteries so that we can dig back into the work with renewed energies when the academic term restarts in late August. Many of us will be working away during summer too, and I am particularly keen to provide feedback on the many suggestions in the homework.

For now though, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer, despite the trouble that outdoor thermometers in Uppsala have been having in getting into the double digits!

Kevin Bishop

Bimonthly newsletter

After the SMaReF workshop 17-27 May in Uppsala, Umeå/Vindeln and Abisko there have been a strong request for a bimonthly newsletter on what is going on within SMaReF and associated projects. In this first newsletter we will give a brief report from the SMaReF workshop and some news what has happened since then. Even though it was only a month since the end of the workshop there have actually happened some good news that we will present.

In this first newsletter we would like to present some highlights from the 10 day workshop covering 1000 km across Sweden.

SMaReF webpage

The SMaReF webpage is under construction: <http://www.slu.se/en/collaborative-centres-and-projects/smaref/>. We have discussions how this webpage can be made interactive with the possibility to include updates on what is going on both in Sweden and China as well as other related activities.

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SMaReF group outside Wiks castle on Tuesday, May 20.



Lecture room at Wiks castle



Dinner at Wiks castle

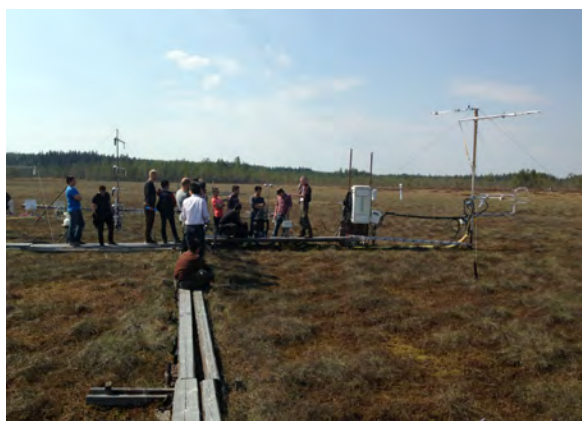
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Degerö stormyr in Vindeln



Midnight sun in Riksgränsen



Stordalsmyren in Abisko



Abisko canyon



A short visit to Norway



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Sofi Jonsson PostDoc

We are happy to announce that Sofi Jonsson (Umeå University) have got funding for a Postdoc from the Swedish Research Council. Sofi will work together with Rob Mason (Uconn, Connecticut). The title of the project is: Can direkt uptake of dimethylmercury explain the high levels of Hg in Arctic fish?

CHEMSTRESS workshop

The parallell VR-funded project that focusses on contaminants in China, CHEMSTRESS will have a workshop in Stockholm, September 8-12. Kevin Bishop is invited to have a presentation about SMaReF. In case you are interested to participate or have questions about CHEMSTRESS, contact Åke Bergman (ake.bergman@swetox.se) or Anders Bignert (anders.bignert@nrm.se).

Master Thesis Jaclyn Martin

Jaclyn Martin presented her master thesis work entitled "*Forest harvest effects on mercury in European perch*". Jaclyn presented some of her results at the SMaReF workshop and have now finished her master degree. Staffan Åkerblom was the supervisor of this project.

CSC scholarship

Both Baolin Wang and Haiyan Hu have been approved a CSC Scholarship. Haiyan original application were based on a work in Oak Ridge National Laboratory but she is trying to have the scholarship moved to Rutgers

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University and work with Jeffra Schaefer. Baolin will work at SLU in Uppsala under the supervision of Kevin Bishop.

Funding opportunities

Marie Curie Research fellow:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/apply-now/open-calls/index_en.htm

Closing dates for application: 11 September and 2 October.

VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming

<http://www.vinnova.se/sv/Ansoka-och-rapportera/Utlysningar/Effekta/VINNMER-Marie-Curie-Incoming/>

Closing date for application: 16 September

Swedish Research Council:

<http://www.vr.se/inenglish/researchfunding/fundinggranted/internationalpostdoc.html>

Closing date for application: 28 July

The Swedish Research Council FORMAS:

<http://www.formas.se/en/>

No calls open now

Next newsletter

Planned to be released early september. Please send us a notice if you want to tell a news to all Hg-colleagues. We encourage you to send newly published Hg-related papers that also can be added to this newsletter.

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