



## Swedish Society for Virology (SSV) Newsletter, June 2024

- 1) **Meeting:**
  - **Note! Still a few places left at Smögen**, but hurry to register to **21<sup>st</sup> Smögen Summer Symposium on Virology**, held August 22-24, 2024. See preliminary program and information attached and following link for [registration](#). For late registrations we can, however, not guarantee a room at the main venue. Deadline for Abstract to oral presentations has past, **but until end of July you can email Abstracts for Poster presentations to Kristina.Nystrom@microbio.gu.se**  
**Note! When registering, don't miss to use the QR code to donate to the Pandemifonden. Let's see if we together can collect at least 5000 SEK until the Smögen meeting.**
  
- 2) **Course:**
  - **Note! A few places left** at the National research **course in Molecular Virology and Pathogenesis**, for PhD students and postdocs, in **Smögen August 19-21, 2024**. The course includes lectures by senior Swedish and international researchers on important virus families and the diseases they cause. For information and registration, please use following [link](#) . For late registrations we cannot guarantee a room at the main venue; in case it will be full, lodging will be provided at Makrillviken a few minutes' walk from the course venue. See also preliminary schedule attached.  
**Extended deadline for registration up until end of June**  
**Note! If you are, or become, NDPIA member the participation is free of charge.**
  
- 3) **Grant Calls:**

**Gilead Grant** call for research **on Virology** (HIV, HCV, HDV). See [link](#) for more information and application. **Deadline July 15.**

**HERA (Health Emergency Preparedness and Response)**, within European Commission, calls for proposals on

  - [vaccine development](#),
  - [development of novel antivirals](#),
  - [next-generation respiratory protection](#),
  - [innovative manufacturing technologies](#)

**Deadlines September 5.**
  
- 4) **Positions:**

**Master Student position** in Infectious Disease Research with focus **on SARS-Cov2** at Medical University of Vienna. See attached flier. **Deadline June 30.**

**Assistant Professor** positions (n=8) **within Medical Science at Karolinska Institutet**, preference for those with PhD < 5 years ago. For information and application see [link](#).  
**Deadline August 5.**
  
- 5) **More meetings:**
  - Symposium on **“Viral Vectors and Virus-Like Particles: from design to clinical application” Umeå, September 12, 2024**. For information and registration see [link](#).  
**Deadline for Abstract submission, August 15.**

- **11<sup>th</sup> European Seminar in Virology**, on Viral Vectors – from Basic Research to Clinical Application, at **Bertinoro, Italy, October 21-23, 2024**. For information and registration see [link](#). **Deadline for Abstract submission, September 10.**

6) **Pandemifonden activities:**

**Virus- och Pandemifonden** will arrange three different panel discussions during the **Almedalen political week (June 25-28)**. One about society's needs for pandemic preparedness going forward, one about post-covid and healthcare resilience, and lastly one discussion about our defense against viruses as biological warfare.

Niklas Arnberg and Ali Mirazimi will attend the discussions and also be present during the week to highlight our common work and research and also meet with stakeholders.

Please read more below and don't forget to add it to your calendar, since discussions will be able to attend digitally by the below links.

1. <https://www.almedalsveckan.info/program/70570>
2. <https://www.almedalsveckan.info/program/70585>
3. <https://www.almedalsveckan.info/program/70601>

7) **More courses:**

Summer School on "**Innovative approaches for the identification of antiviral agents**", **Pula, Cagliari, Italy, September 23-27, 2024**, for PhD students and Postdocs, with European Society for Virology (ESV) as co-organizer. For information and registration see [link](#). **Deadline for registration, July 15.**

8) **Opportunities with the German Society of Virology (GfV)**

- Workshop on "**Cell biology of viral infections**", with focus on **Membranes, Schöntal Monastery, Germany, November 4-6, 2024**. For information and registration see [link](#). **Deadline for Abstract submission, September 22**

- Opportunity to join and interact with the **Young Investigators of GfV (JGfV)**, including events, virtual seminar series, and much more, see their [webpage](#)  
Upcoming virtual seminars include topics on

**Adoptive T cell therapy June 18, 5 pm** with Britta Eiz-Vesper & Britta Maecker-Kolhoff  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwvf-utrzwuHtKmvQ5q0NGWWKw1GruoHV37#/registration>

Thus, events organized by JGfV include:

- Virology Lecture Series
- Online Education circle of the working group: clinical virology
- How to... Methods lecture series
- Additional workshops (partly in German)
- Online "discussion Round" format on career related topics.

9) **Travel Grants:**

- PhD students and postdocs are welcome to apply for **the SSV travel grants**. See how to apply on our [website](#). Applications for travel grants from SSV are now accepted during the spring term, with **deadline March 1**, and during the autumn term, with **deadline October 1**. Decisions on travel grants are then taken by the board. Each award amounts to a maximum of 10.000 SEK. If you have further questions contact [ake.lundkvist@imbim.uu.se](mailto:ake.lundkvist@imbim.uu.se)

- 10) 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](mailto:Tomas.Bergstrom@microbio.gu.se)
- 11) 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 Pandemifondens 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/>
- 12) **Reminder!** We kindly ask you to post, in your neighborhood, the attached Pandemifonden poster, with information on how to donate money.
- 13) [Information](#) on Virus- och Pandemifonden – **Swedish Society for Virology membership:** Attending the Smögen Summer Symposium on Virology will make you, free of charge, member of SSV for the coming three years. If you want to opt out of the membership, do not want to receive Newsletters or have other suggestions, please contact [marianne.jansson@med.lu.se](mailto:marianne.jansson@med.lu.se)

**Summer greetings to all members (n=318)  
from SSV**



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