

SWESSE (THE SWEDISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ENGLISH) NEWSLETTER, May 2019

Dear SWESSE Members,

Welcome to your Spring update on SWESSE-related activities and events of interest to our members.

REPORT FROM SWESSE BOARD MEETING, MALMÖ, 2019

The SWESSE Board met on Friday 12 April at the National Forum at Malmö University. All board members attended except the doctoral student representative. Apart from the regular business, the board members agreed to put forward two proposals at the General Assembly regarding the constitution and the BA Thesis Awards.

REPORT FROM THE SWESSE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MALMÖ, 2019

The SWESSE General Assembly was held on Friday 12 April at the National Forum hosted by Malmö University.

Tim Roberts (Karlstad University) was elected as the new doctoral student representative on the SWESSE Board: many thanks to Tim, and to the SWESSE nominations committee, **Maria Holmgren Troy** and **Philip Shaw**, for their work in consulting members and identifying society members who are willing to join the board.

The SWESSE thesis awards went to **Malin Brus** (Literature) and **Christina Giannakaki** (Linguistics). Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to the members of the SWESSE Thesis awards committees for their hard work. **Irene Gilsean Nordin** is stepping down as chair of the Literature committee (so a special thanks to Irene for all her work for SWESSE), and **Lydia Kokkola** will assume the role of chair. **Giles Whiteley** will continue as a member, and **Marius Hentea** has agreed to join the committee. The members of the linguistics committee are **Solveig Granath**, chair, **Philip Shaw** and **Kristy Beers Fägersten**.

It was unanimously agreed that the SWESSE Thesis Awards be extended to include a third type of essay that does not easily fall under “English literature” or “English linguistics”; however, we would need an awards committee consisting of three members in order to implement this additional award. **If you would be willing to be a committee member, please contact me or a member of the SWESSE nominations committee.**

There was a unanimous vote in favour of changing the Constitution from “An ordinary General Meeting shall be convened every year” to “An ordinary General Meeting shall be convened biannually at the National Forum for English Studies”.

TREASURER’S REPORT, 2018

Treasurer **Anna Swärdh** reported at the General Assembly that there were 188 members as of 31 December 2018. As the paperwork was not complete in time for approval at the General Assembly, the auditors’ report was approved by a *per capsulam* vote recently (a big thanks to

members for your prompt responses). We thank **Maria Wiktorsson** and **Julie Skogs** for their continued good work as auditors of the SWESSE accounts.

PROFESSORS' MEETING, MALMÖ, 2019

Also at the National Forum in Malmö was the meeting of professors of English, on Thursday 11 April. This is an annual informal meeting of all professors of English (both recruited and promoted) in Sweden whereby we can exchange ideas and experiences with regard to teaching, administration and research activities. This year, around a dozen professors took part, and topics discussed were predominantly related to doctoral programmes: the course points required, the content of courses, possibilities for collaboration between universities, and the development of new doctoral programmes. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in 2020.

NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES

I would like to congratulate **Björn Sundmark**, **Anna Wärnsby** and their team for doing a great job at hosting this year's National Forum at Malmö University; many thanks again for organizing the event on such short notice and pulling it off so successfully. I am also pleased to announce that Södertörn University have kindly offered to host the National Forum in 2021, so thanks to **Kristy Beers Fägersten** and her colleagues for taking on this task.

15TH ESSE CONFERENCE, LYON, FRANCE 2020

The next ESSE Conference will be held in Lyon, France on 31 August–4 September 2020. The deadline for submission of proposals for Parallel Lectures, Seminars and Roundtables is 20 May 2019. Note that the call for individual papers for the various Seminars, the Doctoral Symposium and the Poster Session will be sent later this year, with a deadline in early 2020. For conference information, see <http://www.esse2020lyon.fr/en/pages/esse-2020-home>.

INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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All questions relating to membership should be addressed to SWESSE Treasurer Anna Swärdh, anna.swardh@kau.se.

SWESSE Website

We welcome information regarding forthcoming conferences, workshops, and other academic activities of interest for posting on the SWESSE website: <http://swesse.se/>. Please send any such information to Stuart Robertson, stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se.

SWESSE mailing list

If you wish information such as calls for papers to be circulated directly to members, please e-mail me, terry.walker@miun.se.

Best regards from Sundsvall,

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