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Dear all,

The end of the term is upon us, and so it is time for the SWESSE newsletter, Spring edition. Here are some updates and information from SWESSE.

The National Forum for English Studies 2025

This year's National Forum for English Studies was held 9-11 April in beautiful Lund. Thank you to our colleagues in English Studies at the Centre for Languages and Literature at the University of Lund for hosting and for putting together a terrific conference program!

...and 2027

Any departments interested in hosting the National Forum in 2027 are encouraged to get in touch with me or any other member of the SWESSE Board. 2027 will mark thirty years since the first National Forum was held in Gothenburg. While it could be symbolic to return there for the next National Forum, colleagues from other universities (especially those who have not yet hosted) are certainly welcome and encouraged to express interest.

SWESSE Board Elections

SWESSE held its General Assembly on 11 April 2025. During the GA, Virginia Langum was elected as new SWESSE Board member, replacing Marie Nordlund. Many thanks to Marie for her years of service! The remaining Board members were reelected.

The next round of elections for any Board vacancies will be in 2027. Please contact anyone on the election committee to express interest in Board membership: Maria Freij (maria.freij@hkr.se); Denise Bergström (denise.bergstrom@ltu.se); Jenny Malmqvist (Jenny.Malmqvist@ju.se).

The minutes from the General Assembly and the SWESSE Board meeting are available on the SWESSE website.

SWESSE Auditor needed!

During the GA, the SWESSE budget reports are presented by the Treasurer for the prior two years, each of which must be audited. SWESSE has adopted the routine used by ESSE for auditing, namely, having a main auditor and an assistant auditor, each auditing two times. The main auditor teaches the assistant auditor, then the assistant auditor becomes the main auditor and teaches the next assistant. For 2027, the main auditor, Chloe Avril (GU), needs to be supported by an assistant auditor. Please consider contributing to SWESSE in this way by volunteering to be

an assistant auditor for 2027 (and, ideally, main auditor for 2029). Contact kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se for more information.

ESSE Board Meeting 2025

The next ESSE Board meeting will be 5-6 September at the University of Malta. A new ESSE Treasurer and ESSE Secretary will be elected.

ESSE Conference 2026

The next ESSE conference will take place at the at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 31 August – 4 September, 2026. The deadline for seminar proposals has passed, but once the list of accepted seminars is finalized, a call for seminar contributions will be posted (by September 2025 at the latest). The deadline for submitting seminar contributions is 31st January 2026.

News?

Please remember to share any news of vacancies, conferences, open seminars, or other relevant activities by sending an email to kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se.

Thank you!

Ours is often a thankless profession, so just in case you didn't get your due recognition as a teacher this year, here's a token of appreciation for everyone!



Have a lovely summer!

Best,
Kristy Beers Fägersten, SWESSE President