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Dear all,

If it's almost the end of term then it must be time for the SWESSE newsletter, Spring edition. Here are some updates and information from SWESSE.

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. Hope to see you there!

ESSE opportunities and funding

A reminder that all ESSE conferences (even years) and Board meetings (odd years) include a doctoral symposium. For teachers/researchers, these are opportunities to serve as a co-convenor, listening to and providing feedback on doctoral research presentations. For doctoral students, these are opportunities to present your research – regardless of where you are in the process, get feedback from senior researchers, and network with other doctoral students. Quite generous grants are available through ESSE and SWESSE.

Please be sure to check the [ESSE website](#) for additional funding opportunities, such as the travel bursary or book grants.

The 2027 National Forum for English Studies

The National Forum for English Studies will mark its 30th anniversary by returning to where it all began: the University of Gothenburg! The organizers have confirmed the dates to be 21-23 April 2027. Mark your calendars now; more information will be shared separately.

SWESSE Board Elections

SWESSE will hold a General Assembly (GA) at the next National Forum, during which there will be several elections: president, vice-president, treasurer, and doctoral representative. If you are interested in being nominated (or nominating someone else) for these positions, please contact any member of the elections committee: Maria Freij (maria.freij@hkr.se), Jenny Malmqvist (jenny.malmqvist@ju.se), or Denise Bergström (denise.bergstrom@ltu.se).

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.

The SWESSE Bachelor Thesis Award

The 2026-2027 Bachelor Thesis Awards will be announced at the 2027 National Forum for English Studies. Please consider submitting (to the chair of the respective committee) any excellent essays from VT25-HT25-VT26-HT26 in one of three categories: English Literature and Culture, English Linguistics, English Education. Deadlines will be announced in the Fall. The awards committees are as follows:

English Literature and Culture

Giles Whiteley, Chair (SU), Annika Lindskog (LU), and Virginia Langum (UmU)

English Linguistics

Josep Soler, Chair (SU), Jonathan White (DU), Timothy Roberts (GU)

English Education

BethAnne Paulsrud, Chair (DU), Martin Shaw (MiUn), Denise Bergström (LtU)

News?

I promise that I haven't been shirking my duties as President – it has just been unusually quiet on the news front, resulting in very few emails from me this term. Please remember to share any news of relevance (vacancies, conferences, open seminars, or other activities) by sending an email to kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se.

Summer entertainment!

In the unlikely case that you need to kill some time this summer, here's an English-studies Connections for your entertainment. The answers will be posted on the website.

ROOF	PROPER	JAM	SOLDIER
FLUTE	BARN	CARET	CARAT
KEY	ABSTRACT	CONCRETE	MASS
DRUM	KARAT	CARROT	OAT

Best,
Kristy Beers Fägersten, SWESSE President