

Country Report 2013 for the Swedish Pharmaceutical Association (SFF)

- **Mission and goals**

On the basis of a common set of values arising out of its members' training, knowledge and skills, the Swedish Pharmaceutical Association must pursue issues of importance to the exercise of the profession and employment conditions and work to ensure that the provision of pharmaceuticals is suitable, of high quality and beneficial to the individual.

The Swedish Pharmaceutical Association is an organisation for everyone with a university degree with a pharmaceutical focus, regardless of the area in which they work. Asserting the pharmaceutical profession, its development and its position in society is of fundamental importance and is closely associated with issues relating to pay and other working conditions.

- Prompt access to new and innovative drugs for patients
- A good environment for R&D and production of drugs and biotech products
- Help members' to get good working conditions
- The pharmacist educations should be the first line choice for the pharmaceutical industry employers
- The Association should function as a better representative for members employed in the industry

- **Activities**

The new pharmacist seminar

The Swedish Pharmaceutical Association held March 29 an evening seminar in Stockholm for its members in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Society, where the EU project, Innovative Medicines Initiative was presented.

Life Science-group seminar with Vinnova

The Swedish Pharmaceutical Association held November 15, 2012 an evening seminar in Stockholm, where the state authority, VINNOVA, presented an analysis of how the close down of the AstraZeneca Research & Development facility in Södertälje have affected the Swedish Life Science industry. International trends were also discussed.

Other activities

The association has participated actively in career advice activities arranged for the AstraZeneca employees that became redundant when the R&D facility was closed down at the end of 2012. Approximately 100 (?) pharmacists lost their jobs. A majority of the managed to find new jobs in the Stockholm area by the time they had to leave the company.

Representation in international organs

Pär Tellner has been the Association representative in EIPG. Different questions have been answered and input have been given to EIPG on different proposed guidelines from European institutions. A report from EIPG General Assembly in Lisbon has also been published in the Journal of the Swedish Pharmaceutical Association by the representatives at the GA, Laila Yakob Massamiri and Pär Tellner (?). We have furthermore actively contributed to the work of the Bureau of EIPG, via Pär Tellner.

- **Education (status, recent developments)**

Undergraduate education

The university of Umeå have started (?) a new pharmacist education in the autumn of 2012. At present, we only have education of pharmacists in Uppsala and Gothenburg.

- **Relevant publications/surveys/etc
(e.g. salary survey, careers brochure)**

The Association has published the annual salary survey.

Members' total count: 1117

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