

## The Division of Venereology in Sweden – A Section within SSDV

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**Carin Anagrius, who is the Chairman of the Division of Venereology, informs below about the aims of the division and the criteria for becoming a member. New members are welcome; applications should be sent to the board.**

The Division of Venereology is part of the Swedish Society for Dermatology and Venereology (SSDV). The main purpose of the division is to promote and stimulate interest in the development of venereology and related topics. This is done through arranging meetings that include scientific lectures and discussions. A further objective of the association is, in consultation with SSDV, to ensure that the agreements of dermato-venereological end-services include responsibility for venereology, and to support services with a venereological profile. In addition, in recruiting staff, the division works to ensure that those who apply for the services will assume responsibility for, and support end-services in, venereology.

In order to join the division, membership of SSDV, or of a corresponding society in some of the other Nordic countries, as well as a special interest in venereology is required. The board of this division can invite as a member a colleague who is a member of another society of the Swedish Medical Society but is active in the field of venereology. A member of the division can to the board propose a person who fulfils the above-mentioned criteria. In order to join the board membership of SSDV is required. The current number of members of the Division of Venereology is approximately 110.

Each year a training day for members is held in association with the annual meeting. All those with an interest in venereology are invited, subject to availability of places. A regular topic is "What's new?"; other topics have included microbiology, sexual behaviour and sexual abuse, prevention, genital dermatology, and andrology. In addition, an "autumn meeting" is held each year, with scientific lectures, discussion of cases, daily problems, routines and union questions.

Field trips are organized, providing the opportunity for members to share experiences and network; previous trips have visited St Petersburg, Oslo, Paris and Glasgow.



Fig. 1. Board members from left: Karin Andersson, Lena Fagerblom, Carin Anagrius, Erik Dahlström and Karin Sartorius.

Insert: Petra Tunbäck (who was missing at the meeting).

*The present board consists of the following members:*

*Chairman:* Carin Anagrius, Falun,

*Vice chairman:* Erik Dahlberg, Östersund

*Secretary:* Petra Tunbäck, Göteborg

*Treasurer:* Karin Andersson, Halmstad

*Member:* Lena Fagerblom, Sundsvall

*Member:* Karin Sartorius, Stockholm