

The Swedish Symposium for English for Special Purposes

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After a few years in which EAP/ESP teachers in Sweden failed to meet, a symposium was held at KTH, the Royal Institute of Technology, in Stockholm on October 22nd/23rd, 2007. The two-day event was attended by approximately 30 participants from higher education institutions ranging from CTH and KTH, the Schools of Business in both Stockholm and Gothenburg, the National Defence College and a number of universities spread around Sweden. Further afield, Oslo University College was also represented.

Some fifteen short presentations were given on a variety of administrative, research, and teaching topics, including:

Christine Räisänen: Think win-win: Developing and teaching sustainable integrated content and language programmes

Ingrida Leimani: Swedish Armed Forces' Language Training for Officers

Jean Stevenson-Ågren: English for international nursing

Elizabeth Keller: A 'Technical English' programme

Sandra Brunsberg: Provision for Masters courses

Magnus Gustafsson: Integrated course provision, and electives at MSc and PhD level 'integrated' in different ways

Diane Pecorari: Problems and opportunities for teaching academic writing in Swedish higher education?

John Airey: Teaching writing to engineers

Rebecca Bergman, Sandra Brunsberg, Ann Torday Gulden: 'English' for staff: three experiences

Tom Lavelle: The first day of class: Should ESP students know what they're doing?

John Airey: Learning Physics through English

Rebecca Hincks: Oral presentations in English and Swedish

Beyza Björkman: Spoken lingua- franca English usage and use

Ann Torday Gulden: The Norwegian EAP association

Philip Shaw, Rebecca Hincks: SEED

The Forum was successful enough for a successor to be arranged, and there will be another Swedish EAP Forum on January 12th - 13th, 2009, jointly arranged by the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology. Annelie Ädel, research fellow at Stockholm

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University and Paul V. Anderson, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio are featured speakers and there will be many other presenters.