

The Postgraduate programme

attached to the FAS-centre

“Human society as a life-long determinant of health”

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Another term has passed and some information about planned activities within the postgraduate programme at CHESS is called for. Due to unforeseen reasons, some of the scheduled activities during the spring-term of 2012 had to be cancelled. The workshop with our Finnish colleagues (which was planned in February) was postponed because of too few applications on behalf of the Finnish PhD students. It is a good thing that several of you instead took the opportunity to attend the Finnish-Swedish-Scottish workshop in Helsinki in May. Because of this and the fact that we already have a scheduled date for a **Danish-Swedish doctoral workshop in Stockholm, November 26-27**, I have suggested to the Finns that we should wait until the beginning April 2013 for our next gathering (in Stockholm). That way you will at least have some time in-between the workshops to come up with a new question or paper to be discussed ☺ Please let me know if the first or second week of April does not work for you - it is important that as many of you as possible are able to attend.

Another activity that had to be cancelled this term (due to disease) was the 5-day course in **Structural Equation Modelling** (with George Ploubidis and Bianca De Stavola). I have been in contact with George and Bianca again, and George has promised to give a slightly different (and updated) version of the course that he and Bianca held in 2009. So even for the ones of you who took the course last time, it may be a good idea to take it again! An exact date for the course has not been set yet, but the plan is that it should take place during **late May or early June next year**.

We also have plans on arranging a **short course in Multilevel Modelling** with Antonio Ponce de Leon from the Institute of Social Medicine at the University of Rio de Janeiro as the course-giver. Antonio has agreed to a preliminary timing of **late September 2013** for this course to be held here at CHESS.

We will of course also continue with our bi-monthly **Journal Clubs** (with Denny) after the summer. The theme for the JC during the fall-term is “health-selective social mobility and its relevance for health inequalities”. Three dates have been scheduled so far, the first of which is **September 13** (13.00-14.00 in CHESS’s library). At this occasion, we will discuss a paper by Jon Ivar Elstad: “*Health-related mobility, health inequalities and gradient constraint*”. The second meeting will take place on **October 16**, and the final JC of the term is scheduled at **November 20** (at 13.00-14.00 in CHESS’ library).

Finally, as most of you know, the funding for our postgraduate programme ends in 2012, but due to the cancelled activities this term, we have a reserve that will keep us going until the end of 2013. FAS recently announced that it is possible for FAS-centres to apply for an additional 3-year period of funding for existing (or new) postgraduate programs. A requirement this time is to seek funding in collaboration with another FAS-financed centre. We intent to apply, most probably together with colleagues at the Stress Research Institute at SU.

Last but foremost we would like to wish you all a
warm, sunny and relaxing summer!

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