

The Postgraduate programme

attached to the FAS-centre

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

CHESS, 2008-12-02

The year is drawing towards its close, and it has been an eventful fall-term within the postgraduate programme at CHESS. Since a number of international PhD students have joined the programme during the past months the newsletters will be in English from now on. With the year soon coming to an end it seems reasonable to summarize some of the activities that have taken place during the past term.

An introduction-day for our new doctoral students was held on October 9th where the purposes of the postgraduate programme was presented and put into a wider context. During this day, several senior researchers also presented ongoing projects at CHESS, while the administrative staff informed about routines and other practical issues. The day was rounded off with a guided tour of CHESS and Socialhögskolan, and then all PhD-students went for a joint bowling session followed by dinner. *Many thanks to Ylva and Gabriella for arranging this greatly appreciated event!*

On November 19th, all PhD students within the programme were summoned to discuss and plan “formal and informal activities” in the nearest future. A long list of suggestions on courses and activities to be carried out within the frames of CHESS postgraduate programme was produced and presented to the undersigned; all from “joint visits to international conferences” to “career counselling”. *We would like to thank all of you for this valuable input!*

The Swedish-Danish Doctoral Student Workshop (November 27-28) together with colleagues from *Institut for Folkesundhedsvidenskab* at University of Copenhagen, was very much appreciated by all of the participants. Altogether, 17 papers on various health-issues were presented and commented upon during these two days (8 Danish and 7 Swedish papers). All presentations were of a very high standard as were the input from the appointed commentators and the audience. Next year, the Swedish Danish Workshop will be held in Copenhagen.



Swedish Danish Workshop at CHES, 2008-11-28

We have received many responses to our inquiry about arranging a course in statistical methods within the frames of the postgraduate programme next year. There is a large interest for Structural Equation Modelling. Five out of six responses advocated such a course. We will therefore look into the possibilities of arranging a course in SEM at some point during next year.

With best wishes for the New Year,

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The Master's programme at CHESS

The second term of the Master's programme "Population health: Societal and individual perspectives" comprises two courses that will be open for a smaller number of PhD students. Qualified students of relevant disciplines can apply for the courses, but members of the postgraduate programme will be given priority. Course credits can be obtained after approval from the supervisor. All courses are given in English.

- *Psychobiological processes, stress and health*
Course manager: Associate Professor Petra Lindfors
- *Life course approach to Health Equity Studies*
Course manager: Professor Ilona Koupil

If you want more information about these courses, please contact Monica Åberg Yngwe who is Director of studies for the Masters programme (monica.aberg-yngwe@chess.su.se)

Educational days

These days aim to increase the knowledge around specific topics of interest across disciplines. The educational days are directed to CHESS employees and members of the postgraduate programme. Two such half-days are scheduled before the end of this term.

Wednesday 3/12 (kl. 9.00-12.30): *Held in Swedish!* Databashalvdag: Ylva Almquist och Reidar Österman presenterar några av de databaser som finns tillgängliga för forskning på CHESS.

Wednesday 17/12 (kl. 13.30-16.30): "Publication ethics". Ulf de Faire talks about the ethics around co-authorship: How much should a person contribute to the work in order to claim co-authorship on a scientific article?

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