

The Postgraduate programme

attached to the FAS-centre

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

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The term is soon coming to an end, and it has been a busy spring-term within the postgraduate programme. As you may know this newsletter was initially intended to be distributed every second month, but it seems as a tri-monthly dissemination is a more realistic solution.

We would like to begin by thanking everyone who took part in the Swedish-Finnish Doctoral Student Workshop (May 7-8) together with colleagues from University of Helsinki and the Finnish National Institute of Health and Welfare. All presenters and commentators really did an excellent job! From what we have heard from the Finns, they too very much appreciated the workshop. Altogether, 18 papers on various health-issues were discussed during these two days (9 Finnish and 9 Swedish papers). Next time, the workshop will be held in Helsinki. Many thanks to Ylva and Gabriella for helping out before and during the workshop! Below are some photographs from the event.



Swedish Finnish Workshop at CHESS, May 7-82009

With best wishes for the Summer,

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Activities Fall 2009

Several activities are planned within the programme during and after the summer, with a particular focus on statistical method.

A two-week long **summer school will take place in August (10/8 – 21/8)** as a joint venture with the Swedish-Brazil exchange programme. The summer school will cover three courses: (1) *The basics of multilevel modelling* (teacher: Antonio Ponce de Leon), (2) *Scaling theory* (teacher: Michael Reichenheim), and (3) *Introduction to the statistical software 'R'* (teacher: Washington Leite Junger). The first course comprises two weeks (33 and 34, respectively), while the second and third course each cover a single week (33 and 34, respectively). The courses are scheduled so that students can participate in all three courses if they wish to do so. At the end of this newsletter those of you that will take part in the summer school can find a preliminary schedule for the three courses (by Susanna Toivanen).

We are also happy to announce that a one-week intensive **course in structural equation modelling (in MPlus) will be held September 21-25** at CHESS with course-givers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (Bianca DeStavola and George Ploubidis). A maximum of 15 PhD students will be accepted for this course – *so, first come first serve!*
NOTE: Applications for the course can be sent to bitte.modin@chess.su.se. A detailed schedule for the course will be sent out to accepted applicants before the summer.

We have already had two **educational half-days** during this term (in PowerPoint and Excel), and still another one is planned for **September 15th, 9.30-12.00 (EndNote)**. These meetings take place in CHESS' library), and are organized so that each participant bring their laptop (and power cord) and “show up” at the workshop (i.e. no before-hand notification is needed in order to participate). If you do not have a lap-top, please contact me (Bitte) and I will try to solve it for you.

The first meeting of the monthly **Journal Club (with Denny Vågerö)** will take place on **September 29**. The preliminary schedule for the subsequent meetings to take place is **October 27 and November 21**. If you want to take part in these meetings you can report this to bitte.modin@chess.su.se.

The Master's programme at CHESS

Two advanced-level courses, given in collaboration with the master programme at CHESS will be given during the fall-term. The last date for application to these courses has already passed, but it is still possible for PhDs within the programme to apply. The first is a 10-week **course in International Health: regional and global changes in health over time (Course manager: Denny Vågerö) which will be held between September 28–December 4.**

The second is a 5-week **course in “Social stratification and health” (Course manager: Michael Rostila)** which is a condensed version of last years’ 10-week course at CHESS master programme. This course **runs between August 31–October 4.** For more details on these courses, see <http://www.chess.su.se/pub/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=7812>

If you are interested to take any of these courses, please contact Monica Åberg Yngwe (monica.aberg-yngwe@chess.su.se) as soon as possible.

Open seminars at CHESS before the summer

27 May

Fredrik Liljeros: Research on networks and health

30 September

Cecilia Magnusson: Swedish Collaboration on health effects of snus.

Schedule for the Summer School at CHESS 10 – 21 August 2009					
Time	Mon Aug 10	Tue Aug 11	Wed Aug 12	Thu Aug 13	Fri Aug 14
09:00 – 10:00	<i>Introduction</i>	Lecture /ST	Lecture/MLM	Lecture /ST	Lecture /ST
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee break				
10:20 – 12:00	<i>Introduction</i>	Lecture /ST	Lecture/MLM	Lecture /ST	Lecture /ST
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:00 – 14:40	Lecture /ST	Lecture/MLM	Lecture /ST	Lecture/MLM	Lecture /ST
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee break				
15:00 – 17:00	Lecture /ST	Lecture/MLM	Lecture /ST	Lecture/MLM	Lecture & Examination /ST
Time	Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20	Fri Aug 21
09:00 – 10:00	Lecture/MLM	Lecture/R	Lecture/R	Lecture/R	Lecture/MLM
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee break				
10:20 – 12:00	Lecture/MLM	Lecture/R	Lecture/R	Lecture/R	Lecture/MLM
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:00 – 14:40	Lecture/R	Lecture/MLM	Lecture/R	Lecture/R	Lecture/MLM
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee break				
15:00 – 17:00	Lecture/R	Lecture/MLM	Lecture/R	Lecture/R	Lecture & Examination/MLM

Course	Lecturer	a.m. modules à 2:40 hrs	p.m. modules à 3:40	Total hours per course
Multilevel modelling (MLM)	Antonio Ponce de Leon	3*2:40=8	4*3:40=14:40	22:40
Scaling Theory (ST)	Michael Reichenheim	3*2:40=8	3*3:40=11	19:00
Introduction to R (R)	Washington Leite Junger	3*2:40=8	3*3:40=11	19:00