

# The Postgraduate programme

attached to the FAS-centre

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

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It has been a relatively quiet term within the Postgraduate Programme at CHESS. This is partly due to the fact that we have been decimated due to maternal leaves and other kinds of absences. Periodically there have only been 4-5 active PhD students sitting at CHESS, something which led to the decision to temporarily pause the Journal Club. Hopefully, there will be a big enough basis of PhD students to resume the otherwise very appreciated Journal Clubs with Denny after the summer. At least one new PhD student will begin working at CHESS in August. His name is Karl Gauffin. Anders Hjern will be his supervisor.

One exciting thing within the programme this term was the Swedish –Danish PhD workshop in Copenhagen on May 9-10<sup>th</sup>. Despite the fact that we are currently a bit decimated, there was an incredible influx from the existing doctoral students within the programme ☺.

Together with 4 PhD students from the programme at ARC, 13 of us travelled to Copenhagen and attended the workshop. Carin and I were genuinely impressed by all of you, both by the way in which you presented your own work and the way in which you commented on your colleagues’ work! From what we have heard from the Danes, they too very much appreciated the workshop. Altogether, 17 papers on various health issues were discussed during these two days (11 Swedish and 6 Danish papers). Below are some photographs from the event.



Swedish Danish Workshop at the University of Copenhagen, May 9-10, 2011

As part of our Educational half-days, a seminar on data management was also held on the 26th of May at the CHESS library. Sandra Eloranta, a biostatistician from MEB at KI, led the seminar. The aim of the seminar was to inspire us to become more systematic in executing and documenting our research and to increase our knowledge about rules and laws concerning data management. This too, was a very much appreciated event among those who participated!

We have received requests from a number of PhD students within the programme to arrange a short course in causality. We have been in contact with several such potential course-givers, but without any success. However, just a couple of weeks ago, we found out that Bianca DeStavola and a colleague of hers (Rian Daniel) from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine have actually designed a short course on “Concepts and methods in causal inference” that they will give in Uppsala this year. I have spoken with Bianca, and they are willing to give the same one-week course within the frames of our postgraduate programme as well some time in early 2012. Please let me know if you would be interested in participating in such a course.



With best wishes for the Summer,

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