

***First Circular***  
**2nd Smögen Summer**  
**Symposium on Virology**

**August 17-19, 2006**



**New venue: Famous "Smögens Havsbad"**

Arranged by: Clinical Virology, Laboratory Medicine;  
Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Göteborg;  
Swedish Society for Virology



## Welcome to the "2nd Smögen Symposium on Virology"!

The delegates of the "Smögen Symposium on Virology", held in Smögen August 2005, commissioned the Organizing Committee to organize a second Smögen Symposium in late August 2006. The format of the conference and the topics addressed should be similar to the 2005 meeting with the important exception that the maximal number of delegates allowed should be at least doubled. The intention of this latter measure was to ensure a meeting sufficiently large to accommodate not only the established Swedish virologists but also junior people engaged in Virology who wish to attend the meeting. As for the 2005 meeting, the aim is to create a scientific meeting place to bring together Swedish virologists, representing both clinical and preclinical (or natural science) virology.

It is a pleasure for the Organizing Committee to announce that the second symposium will be held at Smögens Havsbad, Smögen, Thursday August 17 to Saturday August 19, 2006. The scientific as well as the social agenda will be very much alike the 2005 Meeting, but we have to change venue owing to the significantly increased number of expected delegates. Smögens Havsbad or "Havsbadet" is a famous spa establishment with traditions from 1903, and with a splendid view of the beautiful archipelago north-west of Smögen. Havsbadet was thoroughly renovated some ten years ago and is now a fully modern hotel and conference facility, including an indoor swimming pool. The venue and its location are presented more in detail on page 5.

We wish you all very welcome to Smögen!

*Sigvard Olofsson Tomas Bergström Kristina Nyström Lennart Svensson*



*Delegates of the 2005 Smögen Symposium*

## Tentative program

Thursday, August 17

12.00	Registration + Lunch	<i>"Havsbadet"</i> <sup>1</sup>
13.30	Introduction	
13.45-14.45	Opening lecture	A. Helenius, Zurich
	<i>"How viruses enter animal cells"</i>	
14.45-15.45	"Glycoviropology"	
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15-17.45	"Virus-cell interactions"	
18.30	Welcome reception	<i>See page 7</i>
20.00	Dinner	

Friday, August 18

07.30	Breakfast	
09.00	Keynote lecture	R. I. Glass, CDC
	<i>"Rotavirus epidemiology and vaccinology"</i> (prel. title)	
10.00	Viral Immunology & Vaccines"	
11.00	Coffee Break	
11.30	"Structural & Molecular Virology; Antivirals"	
13.00	Lunch & Free Activities	
14.30	"Pathogenesis"	
15.30	"Tumour Virology"	
16.30-17.00	Coffee Break	
17.00-17.45	Discussion	
18.45	Archipelago Cruise & Seafood buffet (See p. 4)	
	<i>M/S Stångöhufvud</i>	

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<sup>1</sup> All events at "Havsbadet" unless otherwise stated

## Saturday, August 19

07.30	Breakfast
09.00	“Clinical Virology & Diagnostics”
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	Zoonotic viruses.”
12.00	“Epidemiology & Evolution”
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Bus departure for Göteborg <i>Havsbadet</i>

### ***Conference dinner on Friday:***

### Seafood Buffet on board of M/S “Stångöhufvud” during an evening cruise in the Smögen Archipelago

Welcome onboard of “Stångöhufvud” to a traditional Smögen Seafood buffet including, shrimps, crayfish and a lot of other marine food specialities. “Stångöhufvud” was built in 1868 at Lindholmens, one of the Göteborg shipyards, as a typical Swedish steamer for archipelago traffic. For more than 80 years she served the inhabitants of the remote



Swedish islands of the Gulf of Botnia. During the early 1950ties she was sold to Grundsund, a fishing village about 30 kilometers south-east of Smögen, that still functions as her home harbour. She became recently thoroughly restored and modernized. She is about 25 m of length and takes up to 100 passengers. Her large foredeck offers great possibilities for wonderful views of the scenery.

## The venue: Smögens Havsbad

Smögens Havsbad was inaugurated in 1903 as the first Tourist Hotel of Smögen. During these old days the guests were accommodated in the homes of the more wealthy inhabitants of Smögen as Smögens Havsbad only contained dining rooms and lounges. A separate seaside spa unit was available to the guests where mudbaths and a lot of similar health-promoting treatments were served to the guests. Smögens Havsbad became rapidly very popular, attracting guests from all parts of Sweden and from abroad. One proud moment was when Smögens Havsbad was visited by King Gustavus VI Adolphus in 1955. During the 70ties and 80ties the building suffered from disrepair and the situation became desperate during the early 90ties.



*Smögens havsbad in the early days*

Luckily, a municipal foundation took over the premises and reconstructed the buildings completely, including a pious restoriation of the front view of Smögens Havsbad. Nowadays, the hotel is thus a fully modern establishment with a capacity for more than 100 guests in comfortable single and double rooms. There is an indoor swimming-pool and extensive spa services available. The conference facilities include a fully equipped lecture hall taking 100-200 people, and a lot of smaller meeting rooms. The cuisine is excellent, and from the dining room and the western terrace there is still the same overwhelming view of the Skagerrak archipelago as experienced by the first summer guests of Smögens Havsbad in 1903. The hotel is situated close to the heart of Smögen offering excellent sea baths and easy access to the classical wooden quay of the Smögen Sailing Harbour.



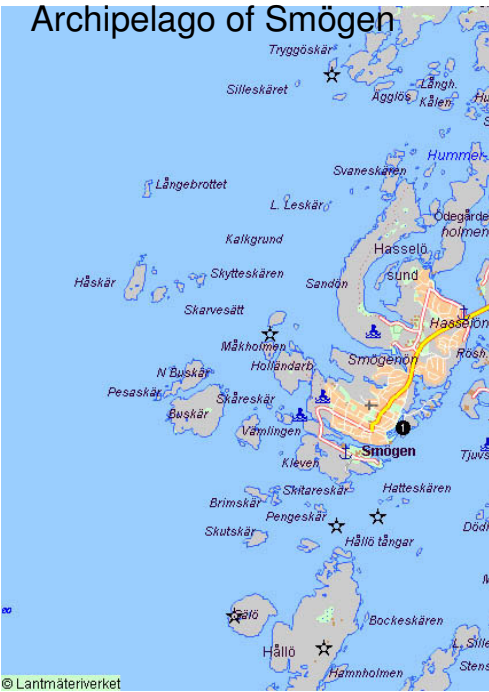
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*The entrance of the new Smögens Havsbad*

# Smögen and the surrounding archipelago



## Maps



## "Conference Business" & Scientific Presentations

### *Accommodation etc.*

Registration includes Full Board and all conference activities listed in the program. You *do not* need to bring any bedclothes etc, but please bring your own towel for use during outdoor swimming activities. Please note that only a restricted number of single rooms are available and they are distributed on a "first come, first served" basis. It is therefore recommended to suggest a suitable room-mate even if your first choice is a Single Room.

### *Bus Transfer Göteborg-Smögen*

Buses will leave from Downtown Göteborg at about 10.00 on August 17 and from Smögen after lunch on August 19. Possibly, there will also be a bus for Smögen at Landvetter Airport, but this will be decided later on. All transfer is complimentary. The bus ride takes 1 hour 50 minutes. More details will follow in circulars to come.

### **Practical Details**

Usually the Swedish West Coast climate is dry and sunny in late August (20-25°C daytime and the sea temperature about 20°C) but the location in the temperate climate zone means a slight but definite risk for occasional low pressure weather with wind and showers. Please bring a sweater, rain jacket, and an umbrella just to be sure. The waters are excellent for swimming and diving, flippers and snorkel are recommended.

### *Scientific presentations*

There will be a number of sessions, each addressing a specific topic. Most of them will be opened by a (in most cases) short key-note lecture. One of the intentions is to give a background for the "preclinical" audience to more "clinically" oriented sessions and vice versa. Each participant is offered to submit an oral presentation (no longer than 7 minutes) that will be scheduled to appear in a suitable session. Electronic submission of abstracts will be arranged later on. There will be a maximal number of slides and in order to avoid delays during shift of speakers there will be only a PC (Windows XP) attached to the audiovisual system. Delegates are invited to submit presentations, using the Registration Form on page 8.

### *Opening lecture*

The Opening Lecture on Thursday, August 17 will be held by Dr. Ari Helenius, Institute of Biochemistry, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich. Title will be announced in next Meeting Circular.

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