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Vice-Chancellor and Information System Scientist Per Flensburg inform about Science Festival in Strömstad 10-12 August 2026.

I want to urge a previous call for all members to verify and complete their personal information on the Academy website. Also try to recruit new members to the Academy, not least young scholars. Please, send suggestions to Vice-Chancellor Per Flensburg at per@flensburgs.se,

I wish new contributions to the June issue of the Newsletter sent to my e-mail address with deadline on 26 June 2026: anders.gustavsson@ikos.uio.no. Send short articles, opinion articles and/or reviews of new scientific literature. Swedish contributions should have an English translation. Texts should be in Word- or Open Office format!

Please, also send contributions to the Academy´s publication series Acta Academia Strömstadiensis, AAS, to anders.gustavsson@ikos.uio.no and the Reprint Series and the Free Series to: per@flensburgs.se, the video series SAV to gudmundbergqvist@hotmail.com

May monthly letter from Vice-Chancellor and Chairman

Yes, we are approaching summer. In some parts we have probably already had meteorological summer. We do not take summer vacation. We are not used to summer vacation from the Academy. Summer usually means working on things that you did not have time to do during the semester. Now we do not have a direct summer break, but the activities continue partly during the summer. We will conclude the Annual meeting and have a Board meeting this summer.

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Finalization of the Annual meeting

We have an adjourned Annual meeting that will be finalized. What remains of the agenda is the profit and loss account and balance sheet (which will be replaced because it has been partially changed), the auditor's report from Bengt Johannisson, the Board's discharge from liability, and the election of the auditor and deputy auditor. No other matters can be raised and dealt with at what remains of the ordinary annual meeting. A proposal for a date for what remains of the annual meeting will be sent out. Sven Moosberg has promised to chair the finalization of the annual meeting.

Since our treasurer John Fletcher became ill, our Vice-Chancellor Per Flensburg had to take over the treasurer's duties along with all other Vice-Chancellor duties. It was a heavy burden for the Vice-Chancellor, who also shouldered the secretary's duties during Marylou's sick leave. The situation that arose when two key people at Strömstad Academy were on sick leave at the same time was something we would not wish on our worst enemies. The work situation that arose was overwhelming! We have nevertheless tried to keep the operations at Strömstad Academy running.

In my capacity as Chairman, I asked our Nominating Committee Coordinator Arne Fagerström, Professor of Business administration, to help out with our finances. He has been helpful in collecting verifications, accounting in our regular system, making a financial statement, and gathering good advice for the next treasurer. Sten Philipson has been elected and is prepared to take over as treasurer. Sten Philipson is also Deputy Chair.

Board meeting for the second quarter

We will have a board meeting in the second quarter according to our routines. When that board meeting can take place remains to be seen. We have matters awaiting decision. The two motions that Lars Broman submitted have been referred to the board and will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Working/Executive committee and Deputy Secretary for the Board

We have had a working committee/working meeting where we discussed the finalization of the Annual meeting. Per Staffan Boström took on the secretary's duties. We also need to appoint a deputy secretary to the Board. We do not have a calendar, but after the end of the annual meeting we will make a new calendar. We have one board meeting per quarter and working committees are usually one or two between board meetings. All members need to have tasks so that they can plan their lives.

The senior book - content and launch

Strömstad Academy will soon publish a book about ageism within the academy. Ageism means prejudice and discrimination based on age. It is a form of structural discrimination similar to sexism or racism, where older academics are devalued and considered less capable if they are older. The book is basically ready to be laid out for printing. It consists of stories about the time after the retirement from members of Strömstad Academy. The book describes how older people are treated internationally. It describes how the regulations are for seniors and what could be improved for seniors. Per Flensburg, Anders Gustavsson, Åsa Morberg, Sarah Philipson and Inga-Britt Skogh have also written a debate article to be published in the SULF magazine. It has been accepted. The book will hopefully be launched with a release party when we have the science festival. A press release must be produced and sent out to the media. Åsa Morberg has also suggested that we organize a conference where we discuss the situation of seniors in the academy.

Science Festival

It is important that you register for the Science Festival. The deadline for registration is July 15. Please register with Per or Anders, even if you are not going to give a lecture. Registration fee is 500 SEK and you can also pick three books from our publications. At the same time, tell us if you want to participate in the gala dinner on Wednesday. Information and a preliminary program are available, see below! It will be nice to see you in August 2026-10-12.

We have received a message from the local group that there are no discounted prices at Laholmen's hotel. The prices are still relatively high and there are also a shortage of rooms. Book well in advance. There will be another night when we have our gala dinner on Wednesday.

The easiest way to travel to Strömstad is to travel from Gothenburg. You will then change either at Torp outside Uddevalla if you take the bus all the way or in Dingle if you take the train. You can only get to Strömstad by bus or by your own car. There may be other routes, especially from Norway, so check carefully and in well ahead of time.

The program for the Science Festival is largely complete. There is still one spot available on Tuesday, so hurry up and register. We also want to know the title of your talk. There is also a downloadable version on the website, which is constantly updated. The address is: https://www.stromstadakademi.org/vetenskapsfest-2026/

Membership fee for 2026

We have received requests that we send out emails with an invoice for the membership fee. It is a reasonable request and we will discuss it and try to implement it. The Vice-Chancellor will do a review and remind those who have not paid. With any luck, it will be before the end of May. There will be a change of bank now, and we will discontinue the option to pay with Swish. We are discontinuing Länsförsäkringarna's bank and will only use Nordea. The account is the same: Plusgiro 1115-5. The bank account is:

IBAN SE38 9500 0099 6042 0001 1155
BIC NDEASESS
Bank Nordea, SE-10571 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Webinars organized by the Energy theme

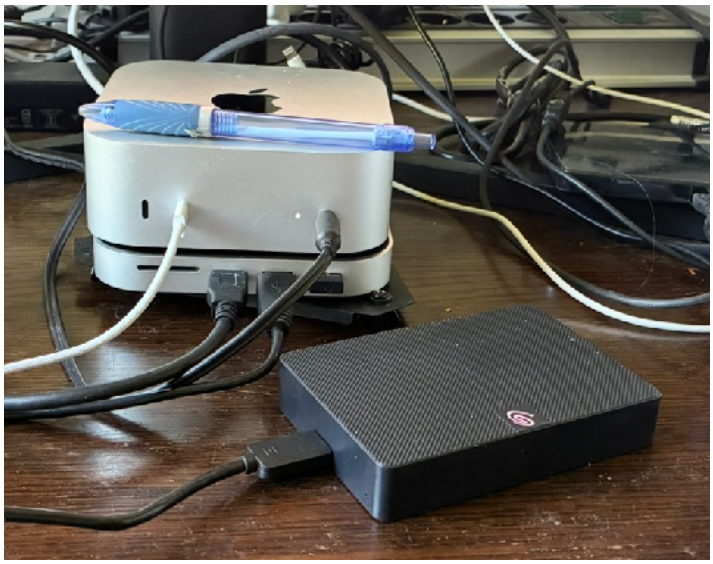
There are webinars to participate in. The Energy theme group has organized a few webinars. There are two webinars left. Rune Wigblad's webinar on "Solar Energy" was very interesting and the webinar was recorded and is available so that you can watch it if you were unable to participate when the webinar took place!

The Vice-Chancellor's computer problem

The Vice-Chancellor has also bought a new computer and in the transfer he accidentally deleted 50 years of production! Now, thank God, there is a recovery program so most of it was probably recovered and also the structure. However, the program cost a penny, but was certainly worth it! The computer is a nice little thing and powerful. For the initiated, we can inform you that it is a Mac mini with an M4 pro processor, 1 TB of external memory and 24 GB of internal. This process also included the Vice-Chancellor's wife taking over his old computer and it was very well reset. Here's what he says:

> *Apple has a fantastic logic: The easiest way to remove everything on a hard drive is to format it. So I did that and then I was going to install a new system. In order*

to install a new system, I have to specify a user of the system. But in order to create a user, I have to install the system! Catch 22!



However, after a couple of days of hard work, it was solved and now there is hope that the structure can also be restored. A new 5 TB hard drive has been purchased. A picture of the whole thing can be seen besides. In truth, the wireless office is a long way off! The pen is there to give an idea of the size. It is both the smallest and most powerful computer our Vice-Chancellor has ever had!

Science festival 10-12 August

This year's science festival takes place 10-12 August and is always in Fars sal in the City Hall, Strömstad. Registration for participation must be made no later than 15 July to Per Flensburg or Anders Gustavsson. At the same time, let us know if you want to participate in the festive meal on Wednesday evening. Accommodation in Strömstad can be found on booking.com. Book in time, because it is still high season in Strömstad at that time. Joint lunches are not planned, but there are many restaurants within walking distance and we usually agree on one. The registration fee this year is 500 SEK and you can choose a maximum of three books from the Academy's publications.

Every evening there are joint activities. Monday evening there is a mingle on the City Hall terrace from 5-6 pm and a buffet in the Guldtuppen café from 6-8 pm with a sandwich and some drinks, both with and without alcohol. Free of charge. Tuesday evening there is a mingle in Rosa's garden between 17:15 and 18:30. Even then, some light food and drinks will be served. Transport will be arranged. At 19:00 there is a concert in the church in Strömstad with one of Europe's best vocal ensembles under the direction of Gunnar Eriksson, honorary professor at Strömstad Academy. This also costs nothing. The last evening, Wednesday, is a gala dinner at Laholmen. But it costs 525 SEK excluding drinks and you have to pay for that yourself.

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Program

Each presentation is limited to a maximum of 20 minutes and is followed by 20 minutes of questions and discussion. Tuesday is for more general presentations, while Wednesday is for the different themes. In principle, each theme has 80 minutes available and can be arranged according to your needs. However, it is common to have three presentations and a discussion/questions afterwards.

There will be a chairperson for each session. A session is the section between two breaks.

Day	Pass	Subject	Person
Mon 10/8	14:00-14:15	Welcome	Rektor+ org chair
	14:15-16:00	Debate with politicians	Politiker i Strömstad
	16:00-17:00	Installation new members	Vice-Chacellor, Åke Candell
	17:00-18:00	Mingel	Terace
	18:00-20:00	Buffé	Guldtupp
Tue 11/8	09:00	Senior researchers -a resource for society	Anders Gustavsson
	09:40	Ageism in the Academy, what can we do about it	Åsa Morberg
	10:20	Coffe	
	10:40	The Arboga case	Per Staffan Boström
	11:20	The Church of the Brethren: Culture, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship, 1750-1850	Martin Åberg
	12:00	Lunch	
	13:30	The first printed geometry books in Scandinavian languages	Alfred Holl
	14:10	User-driven business development	Gunnar Mosnik
	14:50	Coffe	
	15:10	The Hitler Stone during World War II	Thomas Magnusson
	15:50	Cultures around the Black Sea	Sveza Daceva
	16.20	TBA	TBA
	17:15	Mingel	Rosas trädgård
	19:00	Rilkeensemblem	Gunnar Eriksson/Kyrkan
Wed 12/8	09:00	Overpopulation	Johanna Deinum: Why is family planning important?
	09:20	Overpopulation	Lucia Tamborino: How population size affects carbon dioxide in atmosphere
	09.40	Overpopulation	Dag Lindgren: A future with fewer children?
	10:00	Overpopulation	Diskusssion: Moderator Gudmund Bergqvist
	10:20	Coffee	
	10:40	Technology evaluation	Rune Wigblad
	11:00	Technology evaluation	
	11:20	Technology evaluation	
	11:40	Technology evaluation	
	12:00	Lunch	
	13:30	Development group	Per Staffan Boström
	14:10	Supervision	
	14:50	Kaffe	
	15:10	Sustainable local development	Arne Fagerström
	15:50	Sustainable local development	Agneta Sundström
	16.20	Sustainable local development	
	18:00	Gala dinner	Laholmen