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Editor's corner: Anders Gustavsson

Vice-Chancellor and Information System Scientist Per Flensburg and **Educator and Chairman of the Board Åsa Morberg** inform about Strömstad Academy news.

Vice-Chancellor and Information System Scientist Per Flensburg presents the program of the Science Festival in Strömstad 10-12 August 2026.

Conservationist Bosse Lagerqvist is invited as a speaker at 'Blossoming Stones. Stone Festivities 2026.8th Stonemasonry Workshop & International Conference', 26 July-3 August, Lagadia, Greece. The title of the presentation is 'Craft skills in built heritage for sustainable development - experiences from education, research, and professional development'.

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 August issue of the Newsletter sent to my e-mail address with deadline on 27 August 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

Monthly Newsletter from Chairman and Vice-Chancellor

The high summer month is here

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July – high summer month – swimming – sun – hammock – summer program at P1 – leave – "take the day as it comes" – meadow flowers – herring lunch – barbecue evening – sing-along at

Skansen – the World Cup and much more! Summer break means a planned and perhaps structured period of recovery, relaxation or reduced activity during the summer months. The term high summer month is most often used to describe a much-needed mental and physical break from everyday life. We all need a break. Rest is necessary! But after rain comes sunshine and after rest comes work. We dedicate this monthly newsletter to looking ahead and finding pleasant things to do.

Science Festival

We have filled all the spaces for lectures for the science festival. There were a total of 22. It is pleasing that many of our new members are giving lectures and there are many exciting areas that are being covered. We hope that many Strömstad residents will come, and for that matter tourists too. Perhaps there will also be a Norwegian lecture that can attract visitors from our neighboring country. We are also very happy that we have once again managed to engage our honorary professor Gunnar Eriksson and his Rilke ensemble together with Thomas von Brömssen for a performance in Strömstad church. The last time they were here was in 2023 and it was a breathtaking experience.

For once, we have some money for marketing, so in addition to the municipality's website, we can place a relatively large advertisement in Veckovis, a free newspaper that everyone in Strömstad receives.

Publications

Our latest anthology will probably be ready for the science festival and there will then be an opportunity to get it in the conference fee offer of three books. SULF has also indicated that they can sponsor a conference on ageism with our book front and center. Anders has also managed to get an agreement with a bookseller who has a store in Orust and at Torp shopping center. Maybe then we can finally sell some books.

In our writing series, SAV has passed 130 entries, AAS has passed 80 entries, but in 2025 and 2026 there has been very little published there. We will therefore try to revive the Editorial Committee that fell asleep when Peter Währborg resigned. In the free series, we have over 80 entries, nine of which have over 100 pages and can thus be classified as books.

It is gratifying that productivity is so high.

Thematic groups

There are activities in the following themes: Technology assessment, Overpopulation, Sustainable local development and the Mentor program. Groups that will be activated are “Cultures around the Black Sea” and “School and education”. We hope that they will organize seminars frequently. Especially now in an election year, there are many issues that the groups can cover.

Recruitment and marketing

Despite having gained a lot of new members, the total number of members has still dropped slightly. Our members are getting older and older and for some it is unfortunately coming to an end. Strömstad Academy must become better known both among decision-makers and among university and college people.

Arne Fagerström has therefore asked for 20,000 to be able to travel around universities and meet people there. They were granted by the last board meeting and we wish him luck. It may be needed.

Another thing that is missing is a marketing group. The previous two were dissolved and we now hope that the Board can put together an active and effective such group.

Important information for Strömstad Academy members about the extraordinary annual meeting

The extraordinary annual meeting of Strömstad Academy will take place on August 31st at 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM and the meeting will be digital. The link to the meeting is the usual one, see below. Please save the link. Please note that the current link is always at the top of the notice.

https://meet.google.com/zef-hzwb-ges

A notice will be sent to all members (as paid membership fee, according to our statute) as soon as possible. The notice contains a link that leads to all documents that will be processed at the extraordinary annual meeting. The meeting chairman for the extraordinary annual meeting is proposed to be Sven Moosberg, as before.

The notice will also be posted on Strömstad Academy's internal website. We will send out the information about the extraordinary annual meeting, i.e. notice that includes a link to the documents to be discussed at the extraordinary annual meeting. There is no elected secretary on the Board today. If members change their email address, please notify Strömstad Academy. Everyone will receive their notice in good time at least one month before the extraordinary annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee, Arne Fagerström and Gudmund Bergqvist, are working to fill the vacancies. Their documents are not available in the link.

A constituent meeting will take place immediately after the conclusion of the extraordinary annual meeting on 2026-08-31 at 6:00 PM.

Information about the first board meeting with the new board.

The new board will meet during September, but there will be a working committee/Executive Committee that plans for this as usual.

At a board meeting this fall, Fagerström and Bengt Johannisson will be given the opportunity to present a proposal for improved financial and operational management, which they have both worked on. It is gratifying that members take their own initiative to make proposals. We in the management have long been looking for so-called active members. The working committee proposes a date for the board meeting and then the working committee needs to be in touch with Arne Fagerström and Bengt Johannisson so that they can participate with a presentation.

At the board meeting we will also consider Lars Broman's motions. The two motions are about reintroducing honorary professors and making an agreement with DiVA for Strömstad Academy to be considered.

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.

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 or by boat rom Sandefjord in Norway or with your own boat. Below is the program for the science festival. Note, there might be changes so check on the homepage where the actual program is presented.

Program

Each presentation is limited to a maximum of 20 minutes and is followed by 20 minutes of questions and discussion. Tuesday is allocated for more general presentations, while Wednesday is for the different themes. In principle, each theme has 80 minutes available and they 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	14:00-14:1	Welcome	Vice Chancellor + org
	14:15-16:0	Development of the Academy	Vice Chancellor + debate
	16:00-17:0	Installation of new members	Vice-Chacellor, Åke
	17:00-18:0	Mingel	Terace
	18:00-20:0	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** Local development; phase three of Arboga Think tank; strategic skills strengthening and political power shift	Per Staffan Boström
	11:20	The Church of the Brethren: Culture, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship, 1750-1850	Martin Åberg
	12:00	Lunch	

Day	Pass	Subject	Person
	13:30	The first printed geometry books in Scandinavian	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	Sveza Daceva
	16.20	Report from a study visit to CAT, Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales in June 2026.	Lasse Broman
	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
	09.40	Overpopulation	Dag Lindgren: A future with fewer
	10:00	Overpopulation	Diskusssion: Moderator Gudmund Bergqvist
	10:20	Coffee	
	10:40	About the Technology Assessment Group	Rune Wigblad
	11:00	Breakthrough for Perovskite solar cells	Rune Wigblad
	11:20	Breakthrough for Sodium-ion batteries	Richard Arvidsson
	11:40	Discussion and questions	
	12:00	Lunch	
	13:30	**DEVELOPMENT with a resource-based perspective** An attempt to compare between a business economics and a national economics resource perspective.	Per Staffan Boström

Day	Pass	Subject	Person
	14:10	**MENTOR NETWORK** Follow-up of a member initiative; a partial analysis of an idea for potential development of Strömstad Academy's external relations	Per Staffan Boström
	14:50	Kaffe	
	15:10	Local energy production - Biogas has potential	Arne Fagerström, Agneta Sundström
	15:50	Accounting as a tool for sustainable business	Arne Fagerström
	16.20	Program for Beehives in Sustainable Local	Arne Fagerström
	18:00	Gala dinner	Laholmen

The festival is organized with the support of Strömstad Municipality, the Church of Strömstad, the Folkuniversitetet in Fyrbodal/Skaraborg and Riksteatern Väst

New books

Linguist Cornelia Ilie has published Discourses of War and Peace: 21st Century Perspectives (John Benjamins, 2026) https://benjamins.com/catalog/pbns.355 She has written three chapters

- Discursive (mis)representations of war and peace in cross-national and historical perspectives
- War-peace dialectic revisited: From neutrality to post-neutrality discourses in Sweden
- The long, unsuccessful war: Discourses of Russian defeat following the Russo-Japanese war, 1905-present