

## Comments on the Training Programme and Logbook for Phoniatics by the Society of Swedish Phoniaticians:

Phoniatics in Sweden is a subspeciality of Ear, Nose and Throat diseases (ENT). The subspeciality includes medical as well as surgical aspects of speech, voice, language and swallowing disorders. However, it does not particularly focus on hearing disorders (which is covered within the general ENT-training). This extensive training programme and logbook of Phoniatics developed by the Union of the European Phoniaticians (UEP), clearly shows the very broad spectrum of the speciality and will facilitate the comparison of educational content between countries. To facilitate the use of the logbook in Sweden, the Society of Swedish Phoniaticians has defined for each listed skill the minimum level needed to meet the requirements stipulated by Swedish medical authorities for the speciality. A few extra, mainly surgical skills have been added, as these are included in the Swedish speciality. Numerals in parenthesis refer to the assigned number(s) of the set Swedish goals. Skills marked with a zero (0) are not considered necessary to fulfil the Swedish requirements. We want to emphasize that these are minimum requirements and that higher levels of skills and knowledge based on local needs within Sweden as well as on personal interests should be greatly encouraged. The logbook is well suited to provide the guidelines for documenting the education of Swedish phoniaticians, and the Society of Swedish Phoniaticians strongly recommends its use.