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Swedish Phoniatic society

Phoniatrics in Sweden Report 2013/Future prospects 2014

Organisation and specialist education:

Phoniatrics in Sweden is a subspecialty of Otorhinolaryngology or rather a branch-speciality. Phoniatic specialisation can either be planned from the start of an internship in ENT and accomplished parallel with the basic ENT-training or entered upon after specialist competence in ENT has been achieved. At present we are 22 specialists in phoniatrics and 3 under formal education. However, we are at present 45 members in the Swedish Phoniatic Society (SFF) as we also have ENT-colleagues with an active phoniatic interest as members. Quite a few of these colleagues eventually fulfil the requirements for specialist competence. We use the UEMS Logbook of Phoniatrics, and to facilitate this we have written an addendum to the logbook and specified which performance category must be achieved for each skill, in order to meet the stipulations of the Swedish medical system for Phoniatrics. Clinical responsibilities for phoniaticians in Sweden include phonosurgery and often also routine follow-up of laryngeal cancer treatment as well as the more traditional phoniatrics. Teaching, basic as well as advanced, and research are part of the daily work for many of us. 30% of our members hold a PhD and we have four Assistant Professors.

2013:

January 31'st-February 1'st SFF Annual educational symposium this year on Velopharyngeal Insufficiency, hosted by Staffan Morén in Uppsala. The meeting was attended by most of our members and included discussions with plastic surgeons from different parts of Sweden as well as specialised Speech and Language therapists.

April National course in phoniatrics for colleagues doing ENT-internships organized by Per-Åke Lindestad in Stockholm.

May ENT national educational days in Lund. Symposium on Hoarse Children and phoniatic participation in symposium on Minimal invasive surgery. We also organised a mini-course in Dysphagia aimed at doctors in ENT-training.

September Regional course in Phoniatrics for colleagues doing ENT-internships in northern Sweden organized by Katarina Olofsson and Stellan Hertegård.

Autumn SFF takes an active part in a revision of the guidelines for medical specialisation in Sweden. In this we act both as a speciality in our own right and in collaboration with our ENT-colleagues. Our collaboration with ENT works well and we are satisfied that Phoniatrics remain a branch of ENT. A group of experts from SFF has recently been revising the need for courses on phoniatic subjects during specialist training at the request of the National Board of Health and Welfare.

2014:

In January we look forward to our annual educational symposium, this year on Phonosurgery and hosted in Stockholm. We will also be active during the ENT-days in May – this year in Uppsala.

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