

Bid to host the XXVI World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations 2024

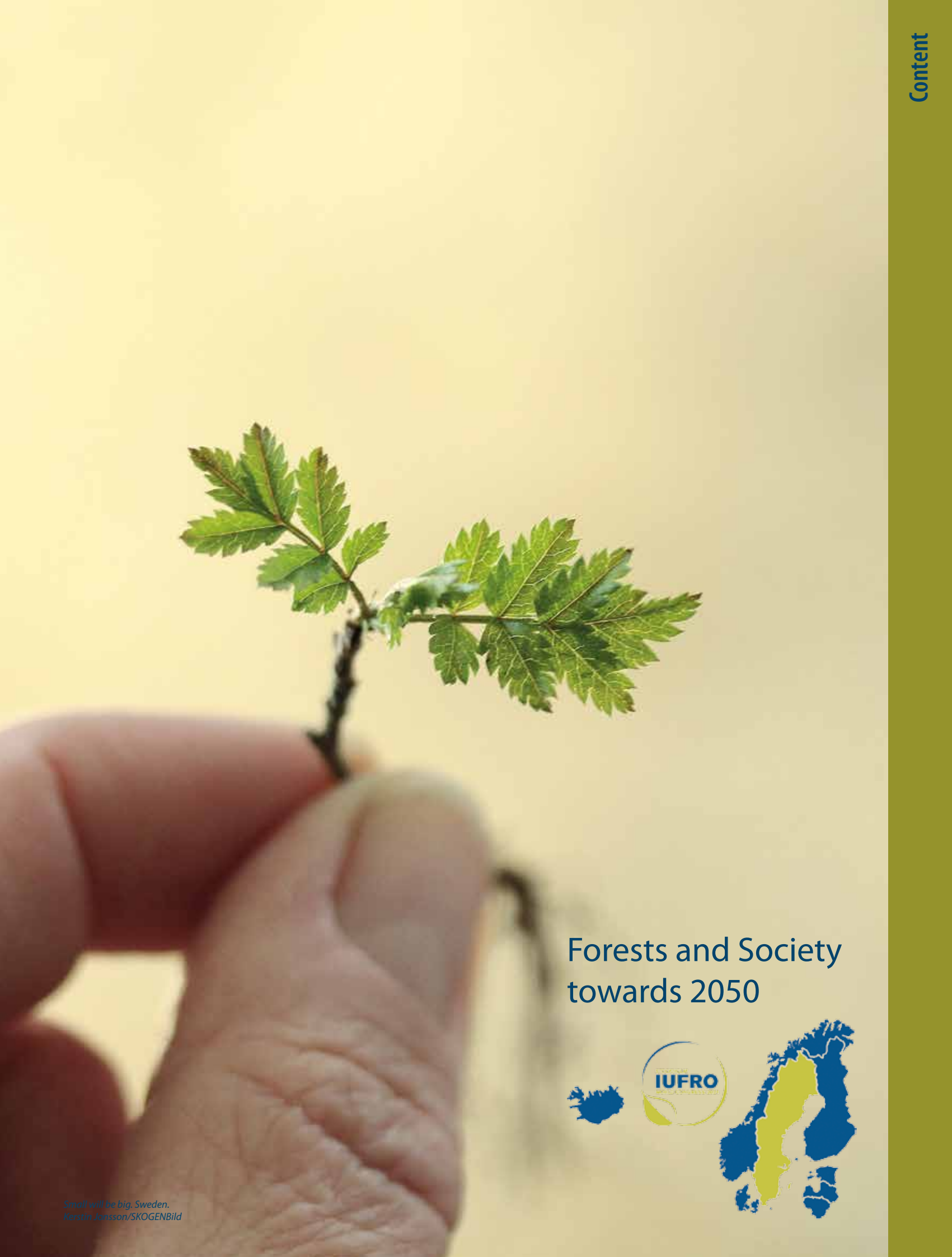
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Forests and Society towards 2050





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Bicycle ride in the forest. Slettestrand, Vestjylland, Denmark.
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Letter of invitation to the IUFRO President

The transformation to a bioeconomy leads to increasing demands on the forestry sector and forests are at the core of important international agreements such as Agenda 2030 and the Conventions on Climate and Biodiversity. The XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024 will focus on the increasing and changing demands on forests, and the closely associated demands on the future forest research agenda.

The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) is proud to present a well-composed Congress Organizing Committee with members from the Nordic and Baltic countries holding strategic positions in academia, NGOs and business. We are also happy to present a letter of support from the African Forest Forum. In addition, the City of Stockholm has offered to host a welcome banquet in the City Hall.

SLU is ranked as number one in the world in the subject of forestry, in accordance to the CWUR Rankings for 2017. SLU has a positive development in many areas, also economically with a turnover of 340 million Euro in 2016. The Government declares that SLU will have the necessary resources to arrange the Congress in accordance to IUFRO's expectations.

The broad stakeholder support and collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries on the Ministerial level further strengthen the economic and political will to carry through the congress. The SLU board has given me the mandate to apply for and set aside the necessary resources to prepare a successful World Congress.

Hereby, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences extend a sincere invitation to IUFRO to nominate Stockholm as host city for the XXVI IUFRO World Congress under the theme *Forest and Society Towards 2050*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Högberg'.

Peter Högberg
Vice-Chancellor



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Remo Savisaar/Visit Estonia





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Letters of support Nordic and Baltic countries, etc.

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FORNESSA Forestry Research Network of Sub-Saharan Africa

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Coordinator, Professor

Letters of support Sweden

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See the letters in Appendix 1.

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Autumn forest. Finland.
Daria Oreshkina/Metsähallitus



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The Nordic and Baltic application

The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and the City of Stockholm extend a warm invitation to the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) to nominate Stockholm as host city for the XXVI IUFRO World Congress. The compilation of this invitation is based on close collaboration and a strong community spirit among the Nordic and Baltic countries.

FORESTS AND SOCIETY TOWARDS 2050

The demands on the forestry sector ecosystem services grow due to the bioeconomy concept, reinforced by the UN sustainable goals, Agenda 2030 and other regional and global policies and instruments. By 2050, the world will have undergone drastic changes through population growth, climate change, increased globalization and a growing world economy, putting tremendous pressure on natural resources, including forests. It is very likely that different biomes have both contracted and expanded due to climate change and connected socio-economic land-use changes. These developments will most probably lead to a change in the governance of the forest resources to more inclusive and dialogue based models.

At the same time, we will experience drastic changes of values in society and rapid technological developments, which will cause disruptions and changes influencing all sectors of society. The power of the bioeconomy will most likely have given the forest industry an opportunity to transform to a value added oriented industry.

All of these trends cause new demands and dramatic changes to the current research agendas. There is a need for further research, dialogues and cross-sector cooperation to create a

more integrated approach for the promotion of multi-functional utilization of forests for wood and fiber based products and other ecosystem services. The overall objective of the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024 is suggested to be the identification of how these changes and new demands will affect the future research agenda in accordance with Agenda 2030 and the IUFRO strategy.

NORTHERN EUROPE AND ITS FORESTRY

The countries of the Nordic and Baltic Sea region have large forest covers and are highly regarded for their sustainable forest management. Iceland is an exception regarding the forest cover, but has lots of experience regarding rehabilitation of forests. The forestry sector is important for regional development and plays a crucial role in maintaining sustainable employment in rural areas. In former times, firewood, charcoal and tar were extracted from the forest, whereas today most of the raw material is used for producing pulp and timber.

Forests are usually divided into four groups according to ownership status: private forests, state-owned forests, community forests and company forests. Through National Forest



SLU contributes to sustainable development and management of our natural resources, nationally and globally. The above UN sustainable goals, in accordance to Agenda 2030, represent areas where SLU's education, research and environmental analysis are expected to have a major impact. Photo: Ylva Nordin/KSLA.

Inventories (NFIs) several Nordic countries have a 100-year history of detailed data from surveys on the status, condition and trends in forest composition, growth, quantities and qualities.

Forestry is a cornerstone of the economies of Sweden and Finland. Together, these two countries have less than 2 per cent of the world's forest assets, yet account for nearly 10 per cent of the world's forest-related products. There is a tradition of cross-border Nordic and Baltic projects in which stakeholders at all levels exchange best practice, also incorporating the latest research findings. An example of this is the project *Sustainable Forest Management in the Baltic Sea Region*, co-ordinated by EFINORD. These projects, as well as new initiatives, will make a crucial contribution to the program of the XXVI IUFRO World Congress.

UNIQUE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE REGION

The boreal forests have much to offer in the form of unique ecosystems of great importance to the global climate. The management of ecosystems and cultivation practices vary widely from the open countryside of the south to the mountainous regions of the northern parts.

The Nordic and Baltic region is characterized by long coastlines, large forests and numerous lakes. The coniferous forests (*Picea abies* and *Pinus sylvestris*) dominate, which in the south are often mixed with deciduous trees, such as aspen (*Populus tremula*) and birch (*Betula pubescens* and *B. pendula*). Other hardwoods, such as oak (*Quercus robur*), beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), linden (*Tilia cordata*), maple (*Acer platanoides*) and elm (*Ulmus glabra*), are found up to the border of *Limes Norrlandicus*. North of this line, the landscape consists of large forests and river valleys, hills and mountains.

This northern land is used for both forestry and reindeer husbandry that is of particular importance for the Sami culture, and some Sami have the exclusive right to herd reindeer. The southern part of the region has a varied terrain of fields, hills and lakes. It is located on the border between the more temperate Atlantic climate zone and the more extreme continental climate zone. The region is famous for its long light summer days and dark winter nights, especially in the north

where the winter is long and cold, and yet the Northern lights attract lots of tourists. In the south, the winter is milder.

The numbers of wolves (*Canis lupus*), bears (*Ursus arctos*) and lynx (*Lynx lynx*) are increasing and there are large numbers of wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) and moose (*Alces alces*). There is a long tradition of establishing National Parks to protect sensitive natural habitat, scenery, and cultural heritage and they can be found all over the region. Everyone is entitled to visit forests and fields, also on privately owned land, to pick mushrooms and berries under the customary right of common access. Hunting is not only important from an economic point of view, but also from cultural aspects. Still, hunting is strictly regulated and many species are fully protected.

RELEVANCE TO POLITICS, RESEARCH AND BUSINESS

The governments in the Nordic and Baltic countries emphasize the importance of utilizing natural resources in accordance with the bioeconomy concept to create growth and jobs throughout the countries. Thus, resources must be utilised in a sustainable manner so that they are not depleted and with due consideration of environmental and ethical standards. This is completely in line with the central theme in IUFRO's strategy, which involves a holistic approach to forests and society. In light of the Governments' forest policy objectives, it is clear that the region aims to continue to be at the forefront of international forestry. A World Congress attracts extensive media interest both in the region and abroad, and will provide a great opportunity to share experiences from the Nordic and Baltic forestry models.

The Nordic and Baltic countries are active in, and support, international research cooperation, and also stress the importance of aid and the exchange of knowledge. IUFRO is by far the largest organization in forest research cooperation and a strong platform for major joint research and innovation programmes. Major international events have a positive societal impact and are important sources of income for the tourism industry. In addition, major international events have an impact on the region's image overseas and raise international awareness of the collaborating countries. Technological universities, the forest industry, and outdoor associations are well placed to



The northern parts of Scandinavia are used for both forestry and reindeer husbandry. Photo: Asaf Kliger/imagebank.sweden.se.

further strengthen their research cooperation with IUFRO. In an increasingly globalized world, research and innovation are essential in order to compete, both for low income countries in the south and for countries in the boreal region in the north.

COOPERATION PARTNERS

Ministers of Environment, Agriculture and Forestry Affairs and agricultural universities in the Nordic and Baltic countries all support the bid. Further, the forestry sectors are very much in favour of the application for hosting the 2024 World Congress and consider it to be a good opportunity, especially since Sweden has not hosted any major, global forestry event for nearly 100 years, although the country wishes to influence global development in the area of forestry.

The application is strongly supported by stakeholders such as Estonian Sagadi Forest Museum, the Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners, the Finnish Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners, the Forestry Research Institute of Sweden, the Icelandic Forest Service, IKEA, the Lithuanian Society of Foresters, the Natural Resources Institute of Finland (Luke), the Norwegian Region of Trøndelag, the Region of Stockholm, Stora Enso Oy, the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management, the Swedish Forest Industries Federation, the Swedish Outdoor Association, Viken Skog SA, and WWF. These stakeholders are willing to play an active role in the planning and implementation of the World Congress (see Letters of Support, Appendix 1).

Finally, we are proud to present Letters of support from the African Forest Forum (AFF) and the Forestry Research Network for Sub-Saharan Africa (FORNESSA), having unique and independent roles in speaking on behalf of the regional research communities in Africa. In view of the long and fruitful collaboration between Africa and the Nordic countries in forestry research and education, AFF expresses its support for the organizing committee in regards to expected outcomes applicable to Africa of the IUFRO World Congress 2024.



SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

SLU develops the understanding and sustainable use and management of biological natural resources. This is achieved through research, education and environmental monitoring and assessment, in collaboration with society. Sound basic research is combined with more practical studies to solve concrete problems, not least global issues. Environmental analysts at SLU use multi-year series with data from environmental monitoring and surveys, e.g. the Swedish National Forest Inventory, which has been ongoing since the early 1920s. SLU's environmental monitoring and assessment is a

world leader in terms of the design of environmental monitoring programmes and in forest inventory methods. SLU has interdisciplinary platforms addressing future needs and opportunities, e.g. *Future Forests*, where researchers can collaborate across scientific boundaries and with society's stakeholders.

SLU is a research-intensive university – 70 percent of its budget goes to research and doctoral education. SLU's publications are among the most cited in their scientific fields. SLU researchers contribute to around 1,400 scientific articles every year. In accordance with SLU's vision of being world leading, the university achieves very high standards in international comparisons. The CWUR Rankings by Subject 2017, rank the world's leading universities in subject categories, based on the number of research articles in top-tier journals. SLU is ranked as the number one university in the subject of forestry.

SLU GLOBAL

SLU Global is a unit supporting and developing SLU's engagement to improve the situation for people and societies in low income countries, based on the Agenda 2030. This is done through delivery of SLU's scientifically based knowledge to national and international stakeholders. SLU Global also promotes global cooperation with partners within education, research and capacity development. SLU's effort is substantial: 20 percent of all peer reviewed published research from SLU is in partnerships with low- and middle income countries (DAC, OECD). This work by departments and research groups is in line with the Swedish policy for bilateral and regional development support, both within Swedish capacity development programmes as well as within SLU's regular activity as a governmental agency in accordance with the *Policy for Global Development*. In this work, the engagement with young researchers and entrepreneurs in agriculture and forestry in low income countries has an increasingly important role for the goals of eradicating poverty and hunger.

SLU, facts and figures

- 340 million Euro turnover
- 3,800 full-time equivalent students
- 2,900 full-time equivalent employees
- 700 doctoral students
- 240 professors
- 34 degree programmes
- 5 students per teacher

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

SLU has a positive capital development and strong liquidity with a turnover of 340 million Euro in 2016. The Minister for Rural Affairs declares that SLU, which is not only a university but also formally a governmental agency, will have the necessary resources to arrange the World Congress in accordance to IUFRO's expectations (see Letters of Support, Appendix 1).

Sweden has long been an example for other European countries on political stability, public finances, health and security. Currently, the Swedish economy and the public finances are strong, creating the right incentives to build mechanisms to prepare the country for future societal developments in which political, economic, health and security issues will be even more integrated. The broad stakeholders support and collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries at the Ministerial level further secures the economic stability and political will to carry through the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024 in spite of possible future insecurities.

NON-POLITICAL FORUM

Considering the accelerating development in information technology and *alternative facts*, non-political scientific forums will have a crucial role in the future providing decision-makers with unbiased factual support. SLU's broad mission based on a non-political tradition together with the Swedish democratic model ensures that the World Congress constitutes a non-political forum. The model implies gender equality and that all persons are equally treated. All opinions are given the opportunity to appear in the dialogue and through media. This culture should permeate the entire congress all the way from from the opening of the World Congress to the post-Congress excursions. SLU recognizes the IUFRO World Congress as an important forum to review forestry development in accordance to indicators in the Agenda 2030. This is suggested to be in line with the IUFRO strategy.

IUFRO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The potential for a much higher number of IUFRO members in Northern Europe is evident. The number of IUFRO members in the Nordic and Baltic countries is likely to be substantially higher if Stockholm is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024 (see Letters of Support, Appendix 1). The organizing committee proposes making this its number one priority if there is a positive announcement. In accordance to the IUFRO's strategy, this is clearly a long-awaited result for the region. The IUFRO Member Organizations within the countries supporting this bid are presented in Appendix 2.

ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

The application process has been characterized by a strong community spirit around the Baltic Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, full of energy and future expectation of an upcoming hosting of the World Congress. The intention to build awareness of the Congress is a true strength in the Nordic bid, not the least expressed through the number of Letters of support.

With active support and leadership by the network of the Nordic and Baltic agricultural universities, SLU Global, the Think Tank for International Forestry Issues (SIFI), and of the African Forest Forum (AFF), the World Congress will have strong prospects for reaching out to a broad global audience.

SLU is coordinating the application process in collaboration with the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA), the Forestry Research Institute (SkogForsk) and the City of Stockholm.



The Swedish model implies gender equality at all levels. Photo: Thomas Adolfsén/SKOGENBild.

The participation of senior advisor Professor Lisa Sennerby Forsse and the Chair Dr. Fredrik Ingemarson, ensures continuity regarding the second consecutive Swedish application for the IUFRO World Congress.

Students are a vital group for the future of the forestry sector. They will have a central role in the planning and implementation of the congress, e.g. through moderation of sessions and excursions.

National IUFRO groups will support the work with the World Congress. The Chair of the *Congress Organizing Committee* (COC) is strongly supported by Academy Forester Birgitta Naumburg, KSLA, and responsible for the programme for low income countries is Professor Godwin Kowero, AFF, together with Senior Specialist Jan Heino, SIFI.

Those responsible for *in congress* as well as *post congress tours* hold strategic positions in academia, NGOs and business. The suggested organizational committee should consist of members responsible for the management of several smaller sub-groups, organizing, among other activities, excursions and the venue.

Stakeholders from all Nordic and Baltic countries, and not at least from Sweden, will support the management of the World Congress with human resources. They are known to be experienced, effective and dedicated excursion organizers.

The management of the World Congress activities at the venue is mainly conducted by *Professional Congress Organizers* (PCO) reinforced by a strong student support. SLU has its own experienced PCO working in the fields of agricultural and medical sciences. The COC works closely with, and is supported by, the *Scientific Committee*, under the mandate of IUFRO.

Information about the Swedish IUFRO World Congress will be communicated, not only to the international forest research community, but also to the industry, authorities, NGOs, students and the general public in the Nordic and Baltic countries, as well as internationally. The national IUFRO groups, the COC, the PCO, the communication departments and the students will work together with the sponsor team to implement the marketing strategy. Please find the suggested members of the COC to the right.



Pinus sylvestris, looking into the future! Photo: Ylva Nordin/KSLA.

CONGRESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IUFRO 2024

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Dr. *Fredrik Ingemarson*, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

Secretary

Academy Forester *Birgitta Naumburg*, Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA)

Programme for low income countries

Prof. *Godwin Kowero*, African Forest Forum; Senior Specialist *Jan Heino*, Think Tank for International Forestry Issues (SIFI); Prof. *Anders Malmer*, SLU

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Senior Coordinator *Karin Hornay*, SLU

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Representative from the host city of Stockholm

Marketing Manager *Karin Mäntymäki*, Stockholm Convention Bureau

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Responsible for in congress tours

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Senior advisors

President *Lisa Sennerby Forsse*, KSLA;
Dr. *Björn Lundgren*, SIFI and AFF

Student representatives

President *Christian Syk*, Swedish Forestry Student Union; Regional representatives for Northern Europe *Darja Salonen* and *Kristjan Täll*, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)

Representative from the Scientific Committee (SC)



Hekla forest project. Hekla, Iceland.
Hreinn Óskarsson





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In congress excursions

The excursions should provide scientifically-grounded discussions about forest-related issues of interest to decision makers and other groups in the society, including cross sectoral challenges. The IUFRO themes should be represented in the current draft of excursions for the congress, but if Stockholm is selected, the organizational committee will greatly increase the number of excursions and adjust the focus following the IUFRO strategy from 2019 and onwards.

NATIONAL FOREST INVENTORIES CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

At the beginning of the last century the fear of over-utilization of forest resources led to initiatives to implement National Forest Inventories (NFI) in the Nordic countries. This excursion will give an exposé of the successful work from the early NFIs up to the present and into the future when remote sensing is revolutionizing forestry. The development of field inventory will be demonstrated, mainly focusing on design of field work and measuring devices, but also on novel techniques in sampling and data capture by remote sensing such as Airborne and Terrestrial Laser Scanning. Output from the NFIs will be demonstrated using the Heureka system and computer drawn aerial videos through Virtual Reality (VR) technology.

Hosts: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)

LIVE ACTION ROLE-PLAYING ON FUTURE FOREST POLICY

Forest management in the Nordic countries differs from forest management in South Europe, West Africa or Southeast Asia. This excursion will touch on the future issues of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in the Nordic countries compared to other parts of the world. Examples will be given on how social and natural science influence policy implementation and public administration.

Live action role-playing is a rapidly growing social use of forests. In this excursion you will act out your character's actions in a role play with only other players as an audience, all facilitated by experienced game masters and social forest scientists in order to explore the forestry-related subject selected to be important as we head towards 2050.

Hosts: Swedish Forestry Association and Swedish Forest Agency



THE VALUE OF URBAN FORESTS FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH

This excursion to the Royal National City Park takes you through a unique urban park area, while certified guides present the work of the Swedish Outdoor Association. The aim is to describe how well-proven out-

door pedagogy encourages children to be physically active. It improves their cognitive development, environmental awareness and understanding of flora and fauna – and the sheer joy of being in the nature! Through a clear link between outdoor pedagogy and the school curriculum, outdoor pedagogy can be utilized in all school subjects. This excursion will form a basis for discussions on the value and need of easy access and proximity to nature and forests from urban areas and schools.

Hosts: Swedish Outdoor Association and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)



MULTI-PURPOSE USE OF FOREST LAND FROM A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

The Sigtuna region is densely populated due to its proximity to Stockholm and the international airport, which leads to substantial land use conflicts as well as environmental threats, such as a loss of biodiversity.

Infrastructure development is a continuing threat to forests and the demand for recreational areas has increased. Much of the present forest land has previously been used for semi-natural grazing and agricultural purposes. You will study grazing and silvicultural practices at different site conditions and be able to compare traditional even-aged forestry to continuous cover forestry. We will discuss the conflicts between recreational and yield objectives. Forest owners and representatives of the municipality will present their views on multi-purpose use of forest land. (On Sigtuna, see more in Appendix 10.)

Host: Sigtuna branch of the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation



DISRUPTIVE INNOVATIONS AND HIGHLY AUTOMATED INDUSTRIES MOVING TOWARDS 2050

North Europe is leading the development of renewable solutions in packaging, biomaterials, paper and building systems for industrial wood construction. By 2024 cellulose fibre will be

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used in a variety of products due to e.g. its lightweight structure along with innovations in biocomposites. By 2050 disruptive innovations will have opened up new markets for sustainable materials. This excursion will let you look into the future of cellulose products by visiting pilot plants and fibre exploratory laboratories, including a highly automated production facility for wood construction elements where the processing of wood into cross-laminated timber is integrated with design tools and a complete building system. Even the glue used in the component production is forest-based.

Hosts: Stora Enso AB and Wallenberg Wood Science Center at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)

FOREST-INDUSTRY INTEGRATION AND LOGISTICAL SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

This field trip focuses on tomorrow's technology for planning, logging, transportation and forest industry production; low impact and efficient machine concepts, big data, new fuels, automation, remote sensing and market analysis are a few examples. Forest industry production starts in the forest as the tree is harvested and shaped into products fitting industrial processes. You will visit a harvester in the forest and look at the flexibility of the harvesting process where everything is controlled in real-time and can be adjusted momentarily on demand. Follow the logs from the forest to the mill, where you can explore the demands of the industry and how forest and mill people work together to streamline production.

Hosts: Skogforsk and SCA Skog AB



ROLE OF TREES IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Trees provide benefits like cleaner water and air, carbon sequestration, reduced noise pollution, retention and detention of stormwater runoff and cooler cars in shaded parking lots. The Stockholm Biochar Project uses park and garden waste to produce renewable energy and biochar, a soil conditioner retaining water, air and nutrients in the soil. The City of Stockholm uses biochar in tree pits and other planting beds to increase growth. In soil, biochar is a carbon sink that contributes to a greener city and decreases the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere for hundreds to thousands of years. The energy provides heat for the city and stormwater is used for tree irrigation.

Hosts: City of Stockholm and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

FOREST RESIDUES FOR COMBINED EDIBLE MUSHROOM AND BIOFUEL PRODUCTION

A core issue of bioeconomy strategy is to develop climate-smart holistic solutions and to increase resource efficiency. A

process-integrated food and energy production using indigenous resources is a promising future area of bioeconomic development and innovation. Here you will study an integrated industrial chain which uses residues from forest industry for combined mushroom and biofuel production. Edible mushrooms can grow well on forest residues. They require small land areas and need no fertilizers or pesticides. Forest residues are used as growing substrates for edible mushroom production and recycled Spent Mushroom Substrates (SMS) as feedstock for biofuel production, either solid or liquid fuels such as ethanol via a sugar platform.

Host: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)



FUTURE ENERGY FROM FOREST AND TREES

The transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy is essential in order to achieve environmental goals. Constant improvements and novel thinking are important in this process. In the mid-sized city of Enköping in south Sweden, this process has come

a long way. The key to success has been a conscious effort to include more bioenergy in the central heating plant operated by Ena Energi. For example, Salix is also used for developing new methods to achieve a more stable production of biomass which avoids pest attacks. Ena Energi has grown its own Salix plantations fertilized with leach water from the purifier plant.

Hosts: Ena Energi AB and the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AT ECOPARK FÄRNA

Sveaskog, the state-owned forest company of Sweden, manages more than a million hectares of commercial forest land. The company has developed 36 ecoparks throughout Sweden, with a focus on promoting biodiversity and different ecosystem services.

You will visit one of these areas in south Sweden, Ecopark Färna, close to Västerås. The excursion will demonstrate the importance of a landscape approach, where nature conservation and forestry activities are integrated at both stand and landscape levels. Special attention will be given to biodiversity and the impact of forestry on surrounding soil and water in the future. Discussions will centre on the development of ecosystem services such as climate mitigation, recreational opportunities and biodiversity offsets.

Hosts: Sveaskog and Skogforsk

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FOREST MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE FIRE REGIMES

In 2014, a large forest fire occurred only 120 km from Stockholm in a region with intense forestry, including peatland drainage. Let us go back to the site of the fire ten years later to look at the consequences of pre- and postfire management practices. Nearly half of the burnt area became a nature reserve and the rest was salvage logged and reforested. Various research projects follow the development post fire; including reforestation, wildlife, biodiversity and water quality. You will visit several sites in the burnt area and discuss how forest management can adapt to future fire regimes.

Hosts: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and County of Västmanland



FUTURE TREE BREEDING AND FOREST GROWTH TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

Forests and the renewable wood raw material play a key role in the ongoing transition to a bio-based economy but also as an important tool to mitigate climate change, for which healthy and productive forests today and tomorrow are a key to success. Increasing domestic and global demands for wood products are expected to be met by increased forest growth and a higher degree of utilisation. This excursion will present silvicultural practices and measures, developed for Nordic forestry to significantly increase forest growth integrated with other ecosystem services, and you will gain an insight into the importance of forest tree breeding to Swedish forestry and how the Swedish forest tree breeding programme can develop trees for the society of the future.

Hosts: Skogforsk and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

THE FAMILY FOREST OWNERS – KEY ACTORS IN NORDIC FORESTRY

The Nordic model, with stable institutions, markets and clear rules for the actors based on a democratic system, creates a solid ground for the development of a successful tenure system. It is clear that private ownership of forest is a contributing factor to the success of the Nordic forestry model. A closer look reveals a partly dramatic transition, and today the ownership model is once again being contested. Once secure in their tenure, the family forest owners started exploiting the now

valuable timber resources, and later, more reluctantly, began to employ modern management methods in spite of the extremely long investment horizon in northern silviculture. The description of the developments in relation to other parts of the world will open up for a discussion with delegates and forest owners on future developments.

Hosts: Think Tank for International Forestry Issues (SIFI) and Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners



IN LINNAEUS'S FOOTSTEPS – A HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR IN ANCIENT UPPSALA

The world-famous botanist Carl Linnaeus, born in Råshult 1707, was a professor of medicine at Uppsala University (see Appendix 10). It was however his works in botany, such as the *Systema Naturae*, that became world famous. In the still used *Systema Naturae* he presented the systematics for the description and classification of biological species. Visit historical sites (World Heritage) such as the Linnaeus Garden, the Baroque Garden/Linneanium and Linnaeus' Hammarby. You will learn how Carl Linnaeus lived and worked, have the opportunity to walk in his footsteps and share some of his thoughts about nature and the forest.

Hosts: Linnaeus University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)



THE ROYAL NATIONAL CITY PARK WITH HISTORIC WOODEN BUILDINGS AND CULTURAL WALKS

In 1995 the Royal National City Park became the world's first national city park. The many ancient oak trees are a distinguishing feature of the park. Visit the *Vasa*, the mighty warship made from oak trees, which capsized and sank in Stockholm in 1628, today the only preserved 17th century ship in the world. Take a walk through the park to Skansen, Sweden's first open-air museum and zoo, with examples of historic buildings from Sweden and Norway. At Skansen you will be guided through a landscape of old wooden buildings and cultural traditions, ranging from the Sami camp to farmsteads and manors with old 14th century buildings. Finally, you will be able to take a closer look at bears, wolves and other wild Nordic animals.

Hosts: Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry and the City of Stockholm

Photos: Ylva Nordin/KSLA, Holmen, Paulina Bengtsson/Destination Uppsala, Ylva Nordin/KSLA.

Post congress excursions

Scenic attractions lie at the heart of the post congress tours that will take three to six days. The tours will be organized by the Nordic and Baltic stakeholders in collaboration with a reasonably priced travel agency, more information about the prices in Attachment 3. Some excursions are presented below, but the number will increase substantially by 2024.

THE SANDY PENINSULA IN THE BALTIC SEA – TWO EXCURSIONS TO ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA

Two post congress tours take you to the Baltic countries. Start by flying to Lithuania *or* take a boat to Estonia over the Baltic Sea from Stockholm or Helsinki. The Lithuania tour begins at the Curonian Spit, the sandy peninsula in the Baltic Sea, and focuses on forest management challenges in protected areas. The Kursiu Nerija National Park is characterized by drifting sand dunes, covered by a carpet of hand-planted mountain pines and old fishing villages. Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania is renowned for the architecture in its old town.

The excursion in Latvia starts with the modern nursery in Strenči and Vijciems' cone drying facility, in operation since 1895, where seeds are extracted from cones for reforestation. We will visit the Forest Research Station and Arboretum of JSC "Latvijas valsts meži" in Kalsnava, followed by a visit to the Gauja National Park by the Gauja River, where boat tours are available. An evening in Riga's Old Town is a must! We will also go to Jelgava, the city of students and forestry education in Latvia, modern woodworking companies and the restored residence of the Duke of Courland.

The Estonia tour begins with a guided tour in Old Tallinn (see Appendix 10), followed by a visit to Lahemaa National Park. Enjoy a forestry museum and a forest site via a beautiful walking trail. Dinner at Sagadi Manor is a popular choice, followed by a visit to Tartu and the Järvelja Experimental Forestry Station. Silvicultural demonstration areas and the SMEAR (Station for Measuring Ecosystem-Atmosphere Relations) experiments are other suggested parts of the excursion.



Nida at the Curonian Spit, Lithuania. Photo: Tomas Saparis/Lithuania Travel.



Skógafoss waterfall, Iceland. Photo: Ragnar Th. Sigurdsson, Arctic Images/island.is.

FORESTRY IN A TREELESS LAND – TWO EXCURSIONS TO ICELAND

The two Iceland tours will both start in Reykjavik. Much of Iceland's barren but beautiful volcanic landscape suffers from soil erosion and desertification; a result of past deforestation and land-use. Both tours will present local afforestation efforts, and we will visit the Icelandic Soil Conservation Service, the Icelandic Forest Service's Research Centre, and family forest owners. The trip to the south includes the ancient parliamentary site of Thingvellir, established in 930 A.D, the famous Gullfoss waterfall and some of Iceland's most mature forest plantations and forest operations at Haukadalur. The Hekla forest project – restoring native birch woodlands around the active Hekla volcano – will be presented, after which we travel across the Icelandic Highlands to Akureyri, the beautiful "capital" of northern Iceland.

The South and East Coast tour stops at Eyjafjallajökull volcano, then continues on to the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls, the black beach at Vík, the Skaftafell National Park, where natural birch woodlands, glaciers and Iceland's highest mountain can be seen on clear days. The tour will follow the rugged, mountainous landscape of the eastern fjords and end with a two-day stay in Fljótsdalshérað, including a visit to the headquarters of the Icelandic Forest Service in Egilsstaðir.



Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway. Photo: CH/visitnorway.com.

FROM COAST TO COAST – TWO HISTORIC EXCURSIONS TO SWEDEN AND NORWAY

The first tour starts in the city of Sundsvall on “the coast of the sawmills”. We will follow the traditional log floating channel river Indalsälven and pass “The Dead Fall” and Bispgården Forestry Research Centre. Small-scale wood processing, timbered houses and

family forest owners are the next stops before crossing the mountains to the wooden city of Trondheim and the fjords of Norway (see Appendix 10). Small and large-scale forest owners present eco-system services, including forestry, hunting, fishing and other nature-based tourism activities. We will also visit Nidaros Cathedral, dating from 1070, and a large-scale biogas plant, where fish farming residues, combined with forest industry residues, are converted into biogas.

The second tour leaves from Stockholm and stops in Karlstad, known as the capital of the “Paper Province”. We continue by boat to Norway via the historic Halden Canal, built for timber-floating and transportation in the first half of the 19th century. The programme includes Fredriksten Fortress, the papermill Norske Skog Saugbrugs, and the Borregaard biorefinery. This south-eastern area of Norway hosts several historic sites from the Viking age. The trip will go along the Oslo Fjord, stop at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and continue to Oslo, where a range of museums and cultural institutions await.

UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN – TWO EXCURSIONS TO SWEDEN AND FINLAND

The first tour starts with a flight up north of the Arctic Circle, right into the land of the Midnight Sun. You will experience the Sami culture and visit the Abisko Scientific Research Station, managed by the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat.



Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park, Finland. Photo: Jeremy Janin/Visit Finland.

Another stop will be Mudus National Park, where you find enormous mires, deep ravines and Sweden’s oldest known pine tree, 710 years old.

In Finland we visit Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park with its combination of boreal and oroarctic/alpine nature and beautiful scenery from the Pallas Fell. Later stops include the Santa Claus Village and the Arktikum Science Centre in Rovaniemi.

The second tour highlights peatlands and art! Learn about long-term peatland forest management experiments in Västerbotten (Swe) and Jaakoinso (Fin). A ferry takes us from Västerbotten across the Bothnian Bay to Vaasa and Mänttä, where we visit the art museum Gösta (named after a man known as the Paper Devil) and see contemporary art as well as paintings from the Finnish Golden Age of art. Stops will be made at Hyytiälä Forestry Field Station and Siikaneva station in southern Finland, where continuous atmospheric measurements are carried out as part of the ICOS (Integrated Carbon Observation System). In Tampere, you can visit the Sara Hildén Art Museum and the world’s first Moomin Museum.



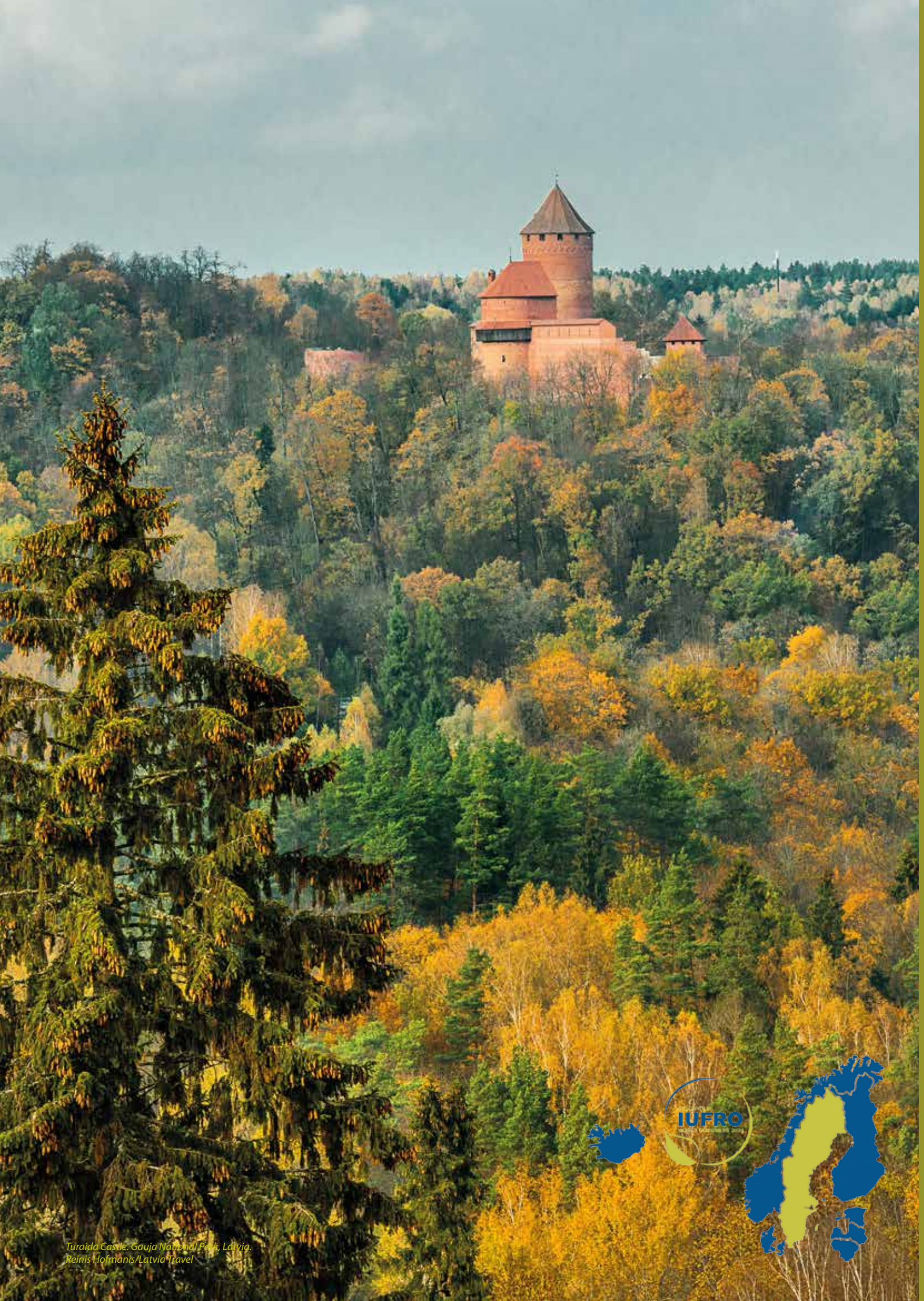
Kronborg Castle, Helsingør, Denmark. Photo: Bob Krist/Visit Denmark.

FROM TREE TO TABLE – TWO EXCURSIONS TO SOUTHERN SWEDEN AND EASTERN DENMARK

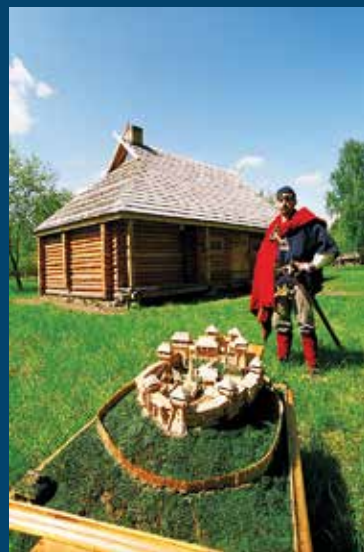
Both these tours set out from Kosta, home to the famous glassworks (see Appendix 10). Moving through beautiful landscapes the first excursion will take you to Älmhult, where IKEA was established. Visits include the first IKEA store and museum, as well as Råshult, the birthplace of Carl Linnaeus. We will also stop at Söderåsen National Park and a manor near Helsingborg with intensive forest and agricultural management practices.

The other excursion goes to a large-scale sawmill in Kalmar, and to the Karlskrona naval base. It also allows you to walk in the footsteps of the novel character Police inspector Wallander in Ystad. Southern Sweden is renowned for its strong tradition of entrepreneurial spirit, for its forests and lakes, ruby-red lingonberry clusters, and for being a province of beautiful timbered houses and wooden churches.

Crossing the Sound, by ferry or via the bridge to Denmark, opens for a visit to Kronborg Castle and the setting of Shakespeare’s Hamlet. The Denmark excursion will cover intensive forest management, large-scale Christmas tree production, and using wood for energy. Exploring Copenhagen on your own will be possible, as well as experiencing peri-urban forest management and the historical par force hunting landscape north of Copenhagen.



*Turaida Castle, Gauja National Park, Latvia.
Reinis Hofmanis/Latvia Travel*



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Latvia. Photos from top left: 1 & 3-6 Latvia Travel, 2 & 7-8 Girts Raģelis/Latvia Travel.

Financial information

GENERAL FINANCIAL PLAN

The intended financing model is for the government to cover the cost of low-income country delegates, and for the sector and research councils to contribute a similar amount by means of sponsorships. The budget is calculated using two different estimates of delegate numbers in order to assess how costs and revenues vary between two reasonable scenarios within the limits of IUFRO's preferences, i.e. 3,000 and 5,000 delegates, see Appendix 3. The venue Stockholmsmässan has capacity for more than 5,000 delegates and has submitted quotations for both alternatives. To support IUFRO in the organization of the scientific content of the World Congress, 25 % of the registration fee for every delegate has been set aside in the two scenarios.

In the budget proposal, it is suggested that SEK 2,750,000 (EUR 280,000) should be set aside by the Swedish government to assist IUFRO in building a stronger Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP). The anticipated costs are covered by congress participants' registration fees, as follows: 44 % (51 % for 5,000 participants), exhibitions 12 % (9 %), host country contributions to SAP 9 % (6.5 %), research councils 9 % (6.5 %), sponsors 16 % (11 %) and gala dinner fee 10 % (16 %). The percentage for the alternative numbers of participants varies on account of the following: the revenues from the host country, research councils, exhibitions and sponsorship in the budget remain at the same level regardless of the number of participants. The budget is prepared in accordance with the guidelines outlined by IUFRO in the Bidding rules & processes document. A detailed budget as well as comments on the budget are provided in Appendix 3.

GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT

SLU has been commissioned by the Swedish government to apply to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024. The government has declared that SLU will be granted the necessary re-

sources to arrange the Congress in accordance with IUFRO's expectations (see Letters of Support, Appendix 1). Sweden is a strong and creditworthy nation with clear democratic governance. The Swedish budget for development and international forestry issues is generous. Therefore, the expressed support from the Swedish government should be regarded as an important factor in securing the success of the World Congress in 2024. SLU has governmental status and there is full support for the Swedish bid, not only from the Swedish Minister of Rural Affairs but also from the Nordic Council (see Letters of Support, Appendix 1).

In Sweden, there are several strong research councils to support the World Congress and SLU has continuous support from, and dialogue with, the research councils. The SLU board has decided to secure the necessary resources to carry out a successful World Congress. This is clearly a strong long term commitment. It should also be noted that the turnover of the World Congress corresponds to a small proportion of SLU's turnover of Euro 340 million in 2016. The financial support and the success of the event are guaranteed by the governmental status of the university.

The collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries at ministerial level further secures the economic stability and opens up the possibility of broadening the governmental financial support during any preparatory phase of the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024.

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE CONGRESS SCIENTIST ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (SAP)

In the budget proposal, it is suggested that money should be set aside to assist IUFRO in shoring up the Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP) for delegates from low-income countries. The Nordic and Baltic countries are accomplished in the area of international collaboration and development.



Photo: Matthew Guay.

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), for example, has a solid international network collaborating with strong international donors where forests and forestry are very much on the agenda. Support for delegates from low-income countries is crucial if the region is to host the World Congress. It is suggested that a dialogue, on how to further strengthen the funding set aside for SAP, is initiated between the governments of the partner countries in the event of a positive announcement. The support of the African Forest Forum and the Forestry Research Network for Sub-Saharan Africa (FORNESSA) assures a strong dialogue regarding this prioritized programme and provides excellent opportunities to create the right conditions for future, long-term cooperation between North Europe and low-income countries.

POTENTIAL SPONSORS FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS

The Nordic and Baltic countries have strong research traditions with well-established institutions. Examples of government research councils in Sweden include the Swedish Research Council Formas, Sweden's Innovation Agency (VINNOVA), the Swedish Energy Agency, and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. Research funding could also be applied for from the Kempe Foundations, Sweden's central bank, the Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research (Mistra), and the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF).

At present, the revenue is only based on contributions from research councils from Sweden, thus there is great potential to reinforce the budget. In this case as well, it is suggested a dia-

logue be initiated between the research councils of the partner countries in the event of a positive announcement.

The sponsorship level is based on analyses of the Swedish forest sector as well as the review of former international congresses in Sweden. This approach requires a powerful marketing strategy by the sponsor team, fully in line with the plans for the work of the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) and the Swedish Professional Congress Organizer (PCO).

The sponsor packages offered will be customized in accordance with the wishes of the stakeholders. It is suggested potential sponsors are offered Gold, Silver or Bronze packages. By opting for a Bronze package the sponsor would gain exposure on apps, printed matter, the website and on the partition walling in the Congress hall. In addition to the Bronze benefits the Silver package offers a special sponsorship programme that includes access to a sponsor's host. Finally, the Gold package includes a private meeting room in Älvsjö Manor and a dedicated sponsor's host, etc.

Examples of potential sponsors from the region are the Federations of Family Forest Owners, Indufor, the Icelandic Forest Service, IKEA, Moelven, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), NIRAS, Norske skog, Pöyry Management Consulting Oy, RISE – Research Institutes of Sweden, SCA, Setra group, Skogforsk, StoraEnso Oyj, Sveaskog, Swedish Forest Society Foundation, Tetra Pak, Timber Measurement Associations (VMF), UPM, Viken Skog SA, and World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF).

Additional information, such as budget and comments, etc.: Appendix 3.

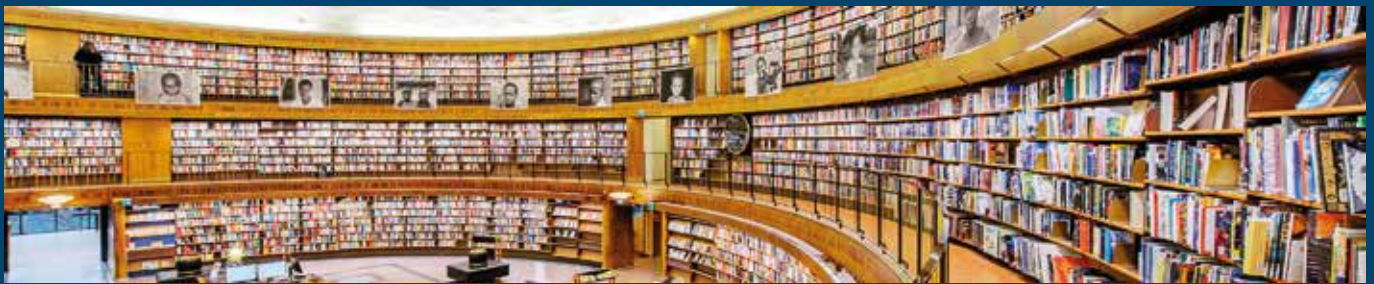
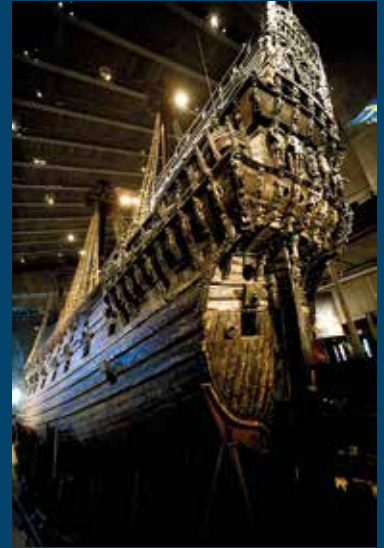


The technological development will accelerate by 2024. Drones support forestry through improved operational planning, monitoring of illegal activities, data collection for research and weather-independent support during storm and fire management. Photo: Jason Blackeye.



View from Stockholm City Hall, Sweden.
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Stockholm – the natural choice

The Capital of Scandinavia is quickly becoming one of the world's most popular destinations for meetings, conferences and incentives.

WITHIN EASY REACH

With flight connections from around the globe, getting to Stockholm Arlanda Airport could not be easier. From there, it is just a short hop into the city centre. Public transport is excellent, so getting around the city is easy.

COMPACT AND COSY

Stockholm is a metropolitan city of some 2.2 million inhabitants, yet nothing is ever far away. You will find world-class congress venues and a wide selection of hotels, cultural sites, shops, restaurants, cafés and bars within easy walking distance. Not to mention water, forests and unspoilt nature.

ISLANDS IN THE STREAM

Stockholm City is built on 14 islands, with sparkling water in every direction. And it is so clean that you can swim a stone's throw from the city centre. It is a harmonic blend of old and new, where ultra-modern and medieval architecture happily coexist. Take a walk among the narrow streets of the Old Town and feel the living presence of history all around you.

IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES

With a wide selection of conference venues and 33,000 hotel rooms, Stockholm is equipped for conventions of any size. It is one of the few cities able to provide the logistics for prestigious conventions like the European Society of Cardiology, which draws more than 25,000 delegates at a time. No wonder it is ranked among the top congress cities in the world.

CULINARY DELIGHTS

Stockholm restaurants are famous for their exciting menus, and many boast a world-class reputation. From international cuisine to traditional Swedish fare, you are sure to find food to savour. Modern Swedish cuisine, with its irresistible fusion of old Swedish recipes and global influences, has gained international acclaim. Swedish chefs have won many prestigious prizes in international food competitions. Join in the spirit of the Nobel Prize and enjoy a dinner at City Hall, the venue for the Nobel banquet. Or dine in the shadow of the 17th century warship Vasa, incredibly preserved after 333 years beneath the waves.



Stockholm, one of the cleanest capital cities in the world, invites you to explore its mix of old and new. Photo: Henrik Trygg/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.

MEMORIES FOR LIFE

The 30,000 islands of the Stockholm archipelago have an irresistible appeal. And there are many ways to explore it. Join a guided group, or take a trip around the islands all on your own. Choose from sailboats of all sizes, or hire a kayak, canoe or seaplane. Have dinner onboard a turn-of-the-century steamer and marvel at the scenery. If you like adventure, experience the G-force of a thrilling RIB boat ride.

CITY OF SCIENCE

Stockholm is a leading centre for biotechnology, medical research and technology, and has northern Europe's highest density of research and training centres. Prestigious universities like KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Karolinska Institutet (where the Nobel Assembly awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine) attracts students from all over the world.

EXCELLENT VALUE FOR MONEY

The Swedish krona has plummeted vis-à-vis the Euro and the Dollar over the last few years. What this means for anyone planning a congress, meeting or incentive trip, is obvious: you simply get a lot more value for your money.

STOCKHOLM – THE GREEN CAPITAL

Stockholm was named the first winner of the European Green Capital award in 2010. This as recognition for Stockholm's efforts to improve the quality of urban life by taking the environment systematically into account in urban planning. Everything, from water protection plans to public transport and work to reduce fossil fuel emissions, was reviewed, and Stockholm is considered a frontrunner in all aspects.

VIBRANT NIGHTLIFE

There is plenty to keep you busy after hours too, with hundreds of bars and nightclubs. Absolut Icebar Stockholm, the world's first permanent ice bar, is probably the best place to break the ice. The temperature is -5°C year round and all the interior fittings, including the glasses, are made of pure ice from the Torne River in northern Sweden.



*Möja island, appreciated stop on the archipelago boat tour.
Photo: Henrik Trygg/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.*



*Not only can you fish, you can even eat the fish you catch in clean Stockholm.
Photo: Henrik Trygg/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.*



*The library at KTH Royal Institute of Technology.
Photo: Jann Lipka/www.kth.se.*



*Try an extraordinary drink in a glass made of ice at an extraordinary bar.
Photo: Ice Bar by Ice Hotel Stockholm.*

Accommodation

A very important part of the Congress is where to stay. With over 33,000 hotel rooms to choose from in central Stockholm and nearby areas, you will be able to find exactly what you are looking for.

AN EVER-GROWING CAPACITY

The Greater Stockholm area has some 300 hotels and over 33,000 rooms. There are 7,300 hotel rooms within a 10-minute walk from the Central Station alone. This already large capacity is growing substantially every year as new and exciting hotel projects come on line. By 2020 Stockholm will have grown with an additional 3,700 rooms, many in the lower price levels. All within walking distance of the city's main attractions. Needless to say, the large selection of readily available accommodations takes one large obstacle out of the equation when planning the Congress.

A ROOM FOR EVERY TASTE...

Hip designer cool, homespun family charm, extravagant luxury, familiar international chains, or just something that rocks gently on the water – whatever your preferences, you will have no problems finding suitable accommodation in Stockholm.

... AND EVERY BUDGET

Stockholm offers attractive accommodation in all price ranges. And you can stay right in the heart of the city, no matter which alternative you choose.

Stockholm's mid-range hotels are well known for their high standard, as are the hostels. Room rates in hotels generally include breakfast. A youth hostel can be an economical alternative to a hotel. Most of Stockholm's youth hostels, which maintain a very high standard, offer the visitor a number of options.

Perhaps you would like to spend the night in a dormitory and prepare your own meals to keep costs down. If, on the other hand, you would prefer a more comfortable alternative and are prepared to pay a little more, you can rent a single or a double room. At most youth hostels, you can also buy sheets, room service, and breakfast.



There will be well over 36,000 hotel rooms to choose from by 2024. Photo: Tuukka Ervasti/imagebank.sweden.se.



Accommodation for every taste... a five star hotel or perhaps a budget hostel in Old Town. Photos, top: Tuukka Ervasti/imagebank.sweden.se, bottom: Jeppe Wikström/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.

More information about accommodation, suggested hotels, etc.: Appendix 5

Transport – closer than you think

Wherever you are in the world, you will find Stockholm easily accessible. Most of Europe is reachable within three hours. It is a key hub for flights to major destinations in the Baltic Sea Region, the European Union, and the rest of the world. Stockholm is truly a great meeting point – in every sense.

STOCKHOLM ARLANDA AIRPORT

Stockholm Arlanda Airport is the primary gateway to Stockholm and Sweden. Nearly 70 airlines serve non-stop routes to 160 international destinations. Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) and Norwegian offer the largest number of non-stop flight connections from Stockholm to international destinations. Once you arrive, it is just a 20-minute journey into the city centre with the Arlanda Express train. www.arlanda.se

BROMMA AIRPORT STOCKHOLM

Bromma Airport is a smaller airport offering domestic flights as well as flights to some European destinations. It is located conveniently close to central Stockholm, and waiting times are generally short. www.brommaairport.se

STOCKHOLM SKAVSTA AIRPORT

Stockholm Skavsta Airport is located 100 km south of Stockholm, right next to the main E4-highway. Ryanair, Europe's largest low cost airline, has established their first Scandinavian base here and a number of other airlines also operate from the airport. www.skavsta.se

AIRPORT LINKS TO CITY CENTRE

Stockholm Arlanda Airport:

The Arlanda Express Train provides a shuttle service between Stockholm Arlanda Airport and Stockholm Central Station. The journey takes 20 minutes with trains departing every 15 minutes. The train platform is easily accessible, underneath the arrivals terminal. Arlanda Express offers special rates for congress delegates.

It is also possible to use the regular commuter train service to travel to and from Arlanda airport and Stockholm Central Station. Trains depart twice an hour and the travel time is 38 minutes. In addition, there is a coach-service between Arlanda

Airport and the City Terminal, located next to the Central Station and departing every 10–15 minutes. The travel time is 35–40 minutes. Taxi and limousine services are available at fixed rates. Travel time: 35–50 minutes, depending on time of day.

Bromma Airport Stockholm & Stockholm Skavsta Airport:

Bromma Airport and Skavsta Airport also offer coach-services with departures timed with arrivals and departures at the airports. Travel time: 15–20 minutes (Bromma) and 80 minutes (Skavsta).

TRAVEL WITHIN STOCKHOLM

Public transport is excellent in Stockholm, so getting around is easy. The city's extensive and well-organized transport infrastructure includes an underground network, commuter trains and buses, as well as numerous private transport companies. Subsidised travel cards, with special rates for delegates and students, can be used on all public transport/routes.

TO STOCKHOLMSMÄSSAN

Located in the southwest of the city, Stockholmsmässan Exhibition & Congress Centre is easy to reach by public transport or taxi. The centre has connections to a variety of public transport, and a direct link to the motorway.

From the Central Station/T-Centralen, it is just 10 minutes by commuter train to Älvsjö Station. During peak-hours (07.00–09.00 and 16.00–18.00) there is a train every 5th minute. It is also possible to go by commuter train all the way from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to Stockholmsmässan. The trains depart twice an hour and the travel time is 47 minutes. From the train station it is just a few minutes' walk to Stockholmsmässan.



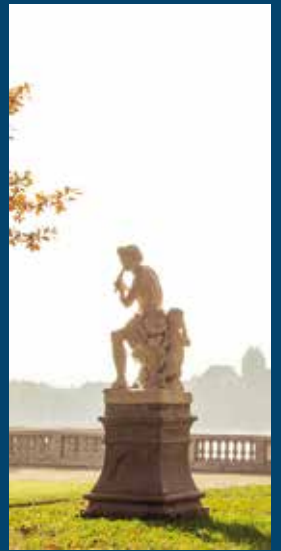
The Arlanda Express Train will take you from Arlanda Airport to the centre of Stockholm in just 20 minutes. Photo: Niklas Alm/Arlanda Express.

Additional information, such as direct flights, operating airlines, etc.: Appendix 6



*Dawn in the forest. Lithuania.
Bronislovas Ambrozus/Lithuania Travel*





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Stockholmsmässan

Exhibition & Congress Centre

Stockholmsmässan Exhibition & Congress Centre, is a leading venue for international meetings, offering almost 70,000 m² of exhibition space under the same roof. Stockholmsmässan is owned by the City of Stockholm and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.

THE VENUE

Welcome to a purpose-built, well-equipped and highly flexible venue. Large congresses with up to 30,000 participants, parallel sessions and concurrent exhibitions are catered for as well as smaller conferences, seminars, banquets and other events. The venue can currently accommodate up to 76 parallel meeting rooms, conference rooms for 4–860 people and larger auditoriums for 3,000 and 5,000 people. Extensive exhibition areas are situated in close connection to the conference rooms. All services and facilities are available on site, including a press stand and a bank.

ÄLVSJÖ MANOR FOR HIGH LEVEL CONGRESS MEETINGS

Älvsjö Gärd dates from the 16th century and is situated back to back to the congress venue. The manor has everything needed for successful meetings, both for smaller and slightly larger IUFRO board meetings. Timeless elegance is combined with modern technology. The old manor offers 10 historically furnished meeting rooms with seating for 4–28 people. During standing reception it is possible to accommodate up to 70 people.

TECHNOLOGY

The Congress Centre provides an extensive range of audio, video and IT solutions to meet all the needs of the delegates. Technical project managers will provide an adaptable total solution encompassing both the facilities and technology required for the IUFRO World Congress. The Centre stays up-to-date with the latest technical innovations and supplies all the equipment needed.

CATERING

Catering services can be adapted to the needs of each congress. They range from restaurants with international cuisine to self-service restaurants and cafeterias. The company can provide anything from burgers to gala dinners. *Mässrestauranger AB* has an organic certification in accordance to the *KRAV certificate* and was the very first restaurant in Stockholm to be awarded the *Swan eco-label* for the environmental work.



Exhibition in Stockholmsmässan's entrance hall, Formex Spring 2016. Photo: August Eriksson/stockholmsmassan.se.



Älvsjö Gärd for high level meetings. Photo: www.stockholmsmassan.se.



Spectacular facilities at Scandic Talk Hotel. Photo: www.scandichotels.se.

HOTEL AND LOCATION

The 18-storey spectacular hotel integrated with Stockholmsmässan has won several awards for its exciting design. There are 248 rooms and suites with panoramic views, a conference facility with 6 conference rooms for 12–50 people, a 19th floor penthouse for exclusive conferences, a restaurant, lobby bar, gym and sauna. Scandic Talk Hotel has also achieved Swan certification.

Stockholmsmässan is situated just 10 minutes by commuter train from Stockholm city centre. www.stockholmsmassan.se

Additional information, such as floor plan, capacity chart, references, etc.: Appendix 4





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Appendix 1

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Nordic and Baltic countries, etc.

Sweden

President Michael Wingfield
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17 January 2017

Letter of support for the Swedish application to host the IUFRO Congress in 2024

Dear Director Michael Wingfield

The Nordic Council of Ministers (Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Affairs) welcomes the Swedish application to arrange the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

The Nordic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The IUFRO World Congress provides an important platform to open a global dialogue about lessons learned from Nordic forestry and also to learn from other parts of the world about local as well as global developments. With its outstanding research and organisational capabilities, SLU is very well equipped to host the IUFRO Congress.

The rich and diverse landscapes of the Nordic countries offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress including the excursions to the neighbouring Nordic countries.

If Sweden is selected as the host country, we will be very happy to assist in every possible way to ensure that the congress and associated tours will be a great success.

Yours sincerely,

Björt Ólafsdóttir, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Iceland
Esben Lunde Larsen, Minister of Environment and Food, Denmark
Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Minister of Agriculture and the Environment, Finland
Jon Georg Dale, Minister of Agriculture and Food, Norway
Sven-Erik Bucht, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Sweden

If Sweden is selected as the host country of the IUFRO World Congress 2024 in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with hosting the post congress excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

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Yours sincerely,



Grete Bertelsen
Vice Dean for Education
Faculty of SCIENCE
University of Copenhagen

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
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Letter of Support

18 APRIL 2017

The Faculty of SCIENCE at the University of Copenhagen has in various forms been involved in IUFRO since the decades immediately after World War II, with activities increasing since the 70's. Over the years, numerous researchers have been active in different Divisions of IUFRO, participating in networks, conferences and joint projects, and from 2006-2014 Denmark held the post of President and Vice President with Dr. Niels Ehlers Koch. In 2017, several researchers and students are benefitting from the network and the joint activities, representing a broad range of departments within SCIENCE. This is expected to continue and the hosting of the IUFRO WC in neighboring Sweden will further benefit both the internal networking and the international network.

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It is therefore our great pleasure to support the application of SLU as host for the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The rich and diverse landscapes offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post excursions.

The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.



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Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Sweden

The Secretariat for International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

The Secretariat for International Forestry Issues (SIFI), Sweden

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)



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Letters of support

April 17th No 5.1-14/1544

Estonian University of Life Sciences is the only university in Estonia whose priorities in academic and research activities provide the sustainable development of natural resources necessary for the existence of Man as well as the preservation of heritage and habitat. According to QS World University Rankings by Subject (2016), the Estonian University of Life Sciences is one of top 100 universities in the world in the field of agriculture and forestry, ranked 51 to 100. <https://www.emu.ee/en/about-the-university/>

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The rich and diverse landscapes offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post excursions.

The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the post excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

Estonian University of Life Sciences is member of the IUFRO. If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will invite more prospective members for IUFRO.

Yours sincerely

Mait Klaassen

Rector

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Estonian Forest Museum has operated as an educational and tourism centre, displaying forest nature, heritage and forestry in Estonia. Our annual visitors' number is approximately 30 000, half of them abroad. We have had opportunities to host different international events, including conferences, receptions and galas up to 800 persons. Our location in Lahemaa National Park, in old manor complex provides also possibilities to discover the nature trails, natural and cultural sights of nature park.

Sagadi Forest Museum is managed by Estonian State Forest Management Centre. Thereby we are part of Estonian biggest silvicultural and recreational organisation.

If Sweden would be the host of IUFRO World Congress 2024 and other Nordic and Baltic countries could be included to congress pre- and after programme, Sagadi Forest Museum would proudly be one of the destinations in Estonia, providing excursions and programmes in Museum and Lahemaa National park. We would also happily assist with organising dining and entertainment for participants of congress and their companions.

IUFRO World Congress 2024 would be one of the top events for our Museum and for our region in general. With well-planned outreach it could bring more attention to forest education and research not only in Estonia but among our visitors as well.

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Ain Kütt

Head of RMK Sagadi Forest Museum



10.5.2017

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Letter of support

Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) is a research organisation that works to promote bioeconomy and sustainable use of natural resources. Natural Resources Institute Finland seeks to provide solutions and services based on well-researched information. Research results and services generate added value, sustainability and a competitive advantage for businesses based on renewable natural resources. Luke provides policy support and basis for decision-making. Forest bioeconomy forms a significant part of Luke's research activities.

Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see the fundamental importance and great future potential in forests, both nationally and globally. The Nordic forest research tradition is rich and covers research on a broad variety of ecosystem services. We believe that this forms a good basis for policy dialogues taking place during the congress and the post congress excursions.

The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we would be very happy to assist in organizing a possible post congress excursion to Finland to ensure that the congress is a great success and provides interesting sites to visit.

Yours sincerely,



Mari Walls
President and CEO
Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)



25th of April 2017

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
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Letters of support

The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK) has ca. 350,000 members in agricultural producers' organizations and forest management associations in Finland. All occupations and businesses of our members are based on renewable natural resources and their utilization in a sustainable and economical way.

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The rich and diverse landscapes offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post excursions.

The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, MTK will be very happy to assist with organizing various events in order present sustainable Nordic private forest management and to ensure that the congress is a great success.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will also look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners, MTK

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Support letter 1 (1)
May 5, 2017



UNIVERSITY
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Dear Prof. Wingfield,

University of Eastern Finland (UEF) is one of the largest universities in Finland. It is a home to approximately 15,000 students and 2,800 members of staff in four faculties: The Philosophical Faculty, the Faculty of Science and Forestry, the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies. Faculty of Science and Forestry hosts the School of Forest sciences. As a dean I am pleased to write to you in support of Sweden's proposal to organize World Congress of IUFRO.

The research and educational focus in Forest Sciences at the UEF is on the global challenge of Environmental change and sufficiency of natural resources. Having the most important IUFRO meeting, the World Congress, in the neighboring county and being able to participate on the organization of field excursions would be a great the opportunity to our research staff, including scholars and PhD students.

IUFRO World Congress, as organized every fifth year with a scientific core, attracts participants and stakeholders from all over the world. It provides also a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

Sweden is a forested country, similar to Finland and at the top international level in forest research. Our faculty has also active research collaboration with the Swedish colleagues. If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the *in congress excursions* to Sweden and Finland. We will be proud to present during excursion to Finland, for example, Siikaneva station located in southern Finland, where continuous atmospheric measurements are carried out as a collaboration by the Universities of Eastern Finland and Helsinki as part of the ICOS (Integrated Carbon Observation System).

In summary, I give my full support to Sweden's proposal to host IUFRO World Congress 2024.

Sincerely,

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Jukka Jurvelin

Dean of Faculty of Science and Forestry

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RE: IUFRO 2024 World Congress

The Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry at the University of Helsinki is a community of experts in the responsible use of renewable resources both in Finland and globally. Our disciplines range from food, agricultural, forest and environmental sciences to economics. The Faculty with its former Departments and the current Department of Forest Sciences are long-standing members of IUFRO and our scientists have been active as IUFRO officers and experts.

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The rich and diverse landscapes offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post excursions.

The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to participate in arrangements for the congress and post excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will support widening the member base for IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,


Marketta Sipi
Dean, professor



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The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the post excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO (we have already started that process).

Yours sincerely,

Auður Magnúsdóttir
Dean of Fac. of Agric. and Environm. Sci.



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Egilsstaðir, Iceland, 27 February 2017

Letter of support

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The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress in 2024, in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, the Icelandic Forest Service will be very happy to assist with the post-conference excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

Yours sincerely,


Thröstur Eysteinnsson
Director
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Jelgava

To:

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Letter of support

Latvia University of Agriculture is the leading university of science and technologies in the Latvia, specializing in the sustainable use of natural resources aimed at the enhancement of quality of life for society. We have long term collaboration between Baltic and Nordic countries within NOVA-BOVA network.

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries, regarding the bid for the IUFRO World Congress 2024, has been characterized by a strong community spirit and future expectation of an upcoming hosting of the IUFRO world congress. The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

The post excursions to the Baltic and Nordic countries will make an important contribution to the congress program. Of special interest for the application is the planning and execution of the post congress excursions in the region together with representatives from governments, NGO's and industry. The rich and diverse landscapes of the Baltic and Nordic countries offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post excursions.

The geographical position of Stockholm makes it swiftly to travel to the neighboring countries in the region around the Baltic Sea. Each post-congress tour have different themes and will take about four days. Several excursions is suggested to take place in Latvia if Stockholm is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, Latvia University of Agriculture supports the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) application and its successful implementation.

Best regards,

Irina Pilvere
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Par IUFRO kongresu

Tā kā šobrīd ir sācies process, lai izvēlētos Starptautiskās Meža pētīšanas organizāciju savienības (IUFRO) Pasaules kongresa norises reģionu un organizētāju 2024. gadā, Latvijas Republikas Zemkopības ministrija atbalsta Zviedrijas Lauksaimniecības zinātņu universitātes pieteikumu šī pasākuma organizēšanai.

Mēs gribētu akcentēt Ziemeļeiropu kā mežaināko reģionu Eiropā, ar zināšanās balstītām ilgtspējīgas meža apsaimniekošanas tradīcijām un praksi. Tādēļ šī reģiona valstis ir piemērotas IUFRO Pasaules kongresa rīkošanai 2024. gadā, un dažas no tām jau ir demonstrējušas organizatorisko kapacitāti jau agrāk. Eiropa būtu izvēle, lai nodrošinātu reģionālo dažādību, jo kongress pēdējos gados tiek organizēts citās pasaules daļās.

Ziemeļu un Baltijas valstis aktīvi iesaistās starptautiskajos procesos ar mežu saistītajos jautājumos un redz lielu potenciālu mežos, gan nacionālā, gan starptautiskā līmenī. Mēs izsakām atbalstu Zviedrijas sagatavotajam pasākumu ceļvedim IUFRO Pasaules kongresa organizēšanai 2024. gadā, tai skaitā iespējamo organizatoru plāniem iesaistīt arī savus partnerus. Post ekskursijas uz Baltijas un Ziemeļvalstīm var dot nozīmīgu papildinājumu kongresa programmai. Īpašs uzsvars pieteikumā ir pēc kongresa ekskursiju plānošana un izpilde reģionā kopā ar valdību, NVO un nozares pārstāvjiem. Bagāta un dažāda Baltijas un Ziemeļvalstu ainava piedāvā daudzveidīgus mežus, kā arī kultūru, ieinteresētās puses, tirgus un nozares. Tam vajadzētu nodrošināt stingru politisko dialogu par delegātiem kongresa laikā un pēc kongresa ekskursijās.

Latvijas Republikas Zemkopības ministrija ir atbildīga par Latvijas lauksaimniecības, mežsaimniecības, zivsaimniecības, kā arī lauku attīstību. Meža nozare ir svarīga nozare tautsaimniecībā. Iesaistot interešu grupas, ministrija izstrādā ar meža nozari saistītas politikas, stratēģijas un attīstības programmas, kas nepieciešamas nozares attīstībai, kā arī tiesību aktus, kas saistīti ar meža apsaimniekošanu, meža resursu izmantošanu, vides aizsardzību mežā, un medībām, šajā procesā iesaistot attiecīgās ieinteresētās puses. Meža nozarē Latvijā centrālais elements ir ilgtspējīga meža apsaimniekošana.

Ja reģions tiek izvēlēts rīkot IUFRO Pasaules kongresu 2024. gadā, Latvijas Republikas Zemkopības ministrija atbalsta Zviedrijas Lauksaimniecības zinātņu universitātes pieteikumu šī pasākuma īstenošanā.

Valsts sekretāre

D.Lucaua

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Letter of support

Since the preparatory process to select the region and the host of International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress 2024 has been launched, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia supports the application of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences to anchor the event.

We would like to accentuate the significance of Northern Europe as the mostly forested region in Europe with its knowledge based traditions and practices of sustainable forest management. Therefore, the countries within the region are pertinent to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024 and some of them has already demonstrated their organizational capacities in the past. Europe would be the choice to bring in the aspect of regional diversity since the congress aims to be organized in different parts of the world.

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in the international cooperation on forest issues and see the great potential of forests, both at home and abroad. We express our sympathy to the roadmap for organization of the IUFRO World Congress 2024 prepared by Sweden, as the potential organizers plan to also involve their partners. We express our particular interest for the application, as it is planned to execute post-congress excursions in the region together with representatives from governments, NGO's and industry. Post-congress excursions to the Baltic and Nordic countries can make an important contribution to the congress program. Rich and diverse landscapes of the Baltic and Nordic countries offer a variety of forest sites. It also creates a cooperation platform for diverse cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This will ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and post-congress excursions.

Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia is responsible for Latvia's agriculture, forestry, fisheries and also rural development. The forest sector has an important role in the national economy. With the involvement of relevant stakeholders, the ministry develops forest-related policies, strategies and programs for the development of the sector, drafts legal acts related to the forest management, use of forest resources, environmental protection in the forest, and hunting activities. The main focus of the forest sector in Latvia is sustainable forest management.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia welcomes the mandate of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in the organization of the event.

Yours sincerely,

Dace Lucaua



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Letter of support

Aleksandras Stulginskis University is the only state institution of higher education and research in Lithuania awarding the diplomas and degrees at PhD, MSc and BSc levels in the fields of food sciences, agriculture, forestry, water and land resources management, bioenergy and mechanical engineering, climate change and sustainable use of natural resources. Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology of the University is a member organization of IUFRO. Working together across the Baltic Sea is essential for forest research development in this region.

Aleksandras Stulginskis University appreciates collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries, regarding the bid for the IUFRO World Congress 2024. The University supports Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) application and is looking forward to support the organizational committee during the preparatory work and carry through of the Congress programme.

The geographical position of Stockholm makes it swiftly to travel to the neighboring countries in the region around the Baltic Sea during post-congress tour. Several excursions is suggested to take place in Lithuania if Stockholm is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024. The University takes active part in the planning and carry through of the post congress excursions to the Baltic countries.

Yours sincerely,

Rector

(signature)

Antanas Maziliauskas



**THE LITHUANIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

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April 25, 2017 No. 07-02

Letter of Support

The Division of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences within the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences is the main research extension and expertise body in the field of forestry sciences in Lithuania.

The Nordic and Baltic countries play an active role in international cooperation on forestry issues and see a great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. The collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries regarding the bid for the IUFRO World Congress 2024 has been characterized by a strong community spirit and future expectation of an upcoming hosting of the IUFRO World Congress. The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forestry sector in different regions.

The post-excursions to the Baltic and Nordic countries will make an important contribution to the congress program. Of special interest for the application is the planning and execution of the post-congress excursions in the region together with representatives from governments, NGO's and industry. The rich and diverse landscapes of the Baltic and Nordic countries offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post-congress excursions.

The geographical position of Stockholm makes travelling to the neighboring countries in the region around the Baltic Sea swift. Each post-congress tour has a different theme and will take about four days. Several excursions are suggested to take place in Lithuania if Stockholm is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024. Lithuanian research and study institutions will help in organizing the excursion in our country. Considering the above, we strongly recommend choosing Stockholm as the host of the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. habil. dr. Zenonas Dabkevičius
Chair of the Division of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences



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Lithuanian Society of Foresters as NGO unites over 1000 Lithuanian foresters. The Society unites foresters' efforts for country economical, ecological and social development, participate in the formation of forest and environmental protection policy, development of foresters' competences, education, patronize the youth forest mates rally, promote society awareness in nature protection. Lithuanian Society of Foresters participates in European Forest Network.

The Nordic and Baltic countries see great potential in forests at home and are active in international cooperation on forest issues. The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform to share experience in lessons learned and future development of the forest sector in the different regions. The rich and diverse landscapes of the Nordic and Baltic countries offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This should ensure strong policy dialogues for the delegates during the IUFRO World Congress and the post-congress excursions. The geographical position of Stockholm makes it swiftly to travel to the neighboring countries in the region around the Baltic Sea. Several excursions are suggested to take place in Lithuania if Stockholm is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, Lithuanian Society of Foresters supports the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) application and its successful implementation. Lithuanian Society of Foresters will be very happy to assist with the post excursions in Baltic countries to ensure that the congress has a great success.

Yours sincerely,

President

Edmundas Bartkevicius



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25-05 -2017 No. (12-3)- 28-3837

Dear Vice-Chancellor,

The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania recognizes the importance of International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and its World Congress meeting for European region. Therefore we support the application to arrange the IUFRO World Congress 2024 in Stockholm, coordinated by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

Sincerely yours,

Vice-Minister

Martynas Norbutas

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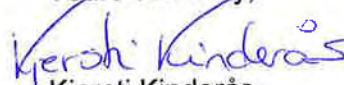
If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be happy to assist with organizing the post excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

Trøndelag is a leading forestry region in Norway with a well-functioning and complete industry cluster. The cluster includes forestry and forest industry, with pulp and paper industry, sawmills, bioenergy production, wooden container houses and nearly everything for production of wooden houses. We have good cooperation with research institutes in our region and in Norway in general, such as SINTEF, Paper and Fibre Research Institute (PFI), Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (Nibio) og Norwegian Institute of Wood Technology. Stakeholders within the whole forest related value chain are looking for new products and opportunities in the shift to a biobased economy.

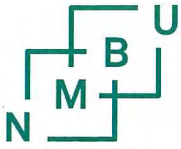
As partners in the cluster we represent the whole value chain with a wide network of companies, institutes, academy, public sector and RDI facilities

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,


Kjersti Kinderås
Project Manager





Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
International Union of Forest Research Organizations
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Our ref.

Your ref.

Date
20.04.2017

Letter of support

Forestry and the forest-based sector (FBS) is facing the deepest structural changes in more than a century. Demand for traditional products (e.g. printing and communication paper) is shrinking, while new promising opportunities develop (e.g. cross-laminated timber, micro-fibrillated cellulose, bio-chemicals and biofuel). The concept of bioeconomy or circular economy provide unique possibilities for the FBS to contribute with sustainable solutions.

The Nordic and Baltic countries has for long played an active role in international cooperation on forest issues and see great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. With rich and diverse landscapes the Nordic/Baltic region offer a variety of forest sites as well as cultures, stakeholders, markets and industries. This paves the ground for vital and lively policy dialogues for the delegates during the congress and the post excursions of IUFRO WC 2024. The IUFRO World Congress provides a solid platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the FBS in the different regions of the world.

Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) has a longstanding membership in IUFRO. Researchers and students from NMBU, in particular Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management (MINA), actively participate in various IUFRO-activities.

If Sweden becomes the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, NMBU-MINA will be very happy to assist with organizing events and post congress excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, NMBU-MINA will also utilise the opportunity to promote IUFRO as an organisation and invite relevant institutions in our network to join IUFRO and become a member.

Yours sincerely,

Sjur Baardsen
Dean



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If Sweden is selected as the hosting country for the IUFRO World Congress, in cooperation with the other Nordic countries and the Baltic countries, we think Trøndelag would be a suitable region for organizing the post excursions. The Region of Trøndelag is an active forestry region, and you may visit sawmills, papermills and other parts of the forestry within a short distance.

If the Region of Trøndelag is selected to host the post excursions, we will assist in organizing the excursion in our region. We are acquaintances with the business leaders in the forestry industry and forestry companies in our area, and we know we can be helpful with the arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Kirsten Indgjerd Værdal
County Governor's agriculture director
County Governor's agriculture department

Rune Saursaunet
County forest ranger
County Governor's agriculture department

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Hønefoss, 6th March 2017

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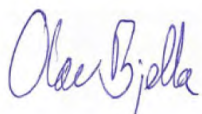
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Viken Skog is Norway's largest forest owner cooperation. If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with organizing the post excursions to ensure that the congress is a great success.

If the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will also look into the possibility of Viken Skog to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,



Olav Bjella
Assistant Director
Viken Skog SA



March 16, 2017

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
IUFRO
c/o Alexander Buck, Executive Director
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Letter of support of the Swedish application to host the 26th IUFRO Congress

Dear Prof. Dr. Wingfield,

The Swedish Government fully supports the application from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), to arrange the 26th IUFRO Congress 2024.

The Swedish Government sees great potential in forests, both at home and abroad. Sweden is a country of forests. Approximately 70 per cent of our country is covered by forests and they are of vital importance for our national economy and the prosperity and wellbeing of our people providing multiple benefits.

Throughout history forests have been a never ending source of inspiration for new solutions and innovations. Ground breaking research has led to rapid technological advances. Innovations in the last few years have opened up new possibilities. Close international cooperation in forest science and related disciplines is required to enable forests to satisfy the manifold human needs in a sustainable way.

Sweden is currently in the middle of developing a national forest program. Cross-sectorial dialogues involving forest researchers, policy makers, forest owners, industry, NGOs and the general public, are at the heart of this program. The IUFRO World Congress is in line with our vision of the national forest program.

The congress serves as a strong platform to facilitate constructive dialogues among world leading researchers creating a global arena for the science-policy interface. SLU, with its outstanding research and organizational capabilities, is well equipped to coordinate and carry out the IUFRO World Congress in 2024 in close collaboration with the IUFRO national group and the neighbouring countries to Sweden. The Swedish Government supports SLUs application and its successful implement-

ation if Sweden is selected for hosting the Congress. SLU, which is not only a university but also formally a governmental agency, will have the necessary resources to arrange the congress.

I am certain that arranging the IUFRO Congress in Stockholm would be an excellent choice. If Sweden is selected as host country, I will personally take great interest in the preparations of this conference. We are happy to be at your disposal should you require any further information.

Stockholm, March 16, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. E. Bucht', written in a cursive style.

Minister for Rural Affairs, Sven-Erik Bucht

Date
2017-03-27

Prof. Dr. Michael Wingfield, President
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AUSTRIA

Dear Director Wingfield,

I am delighted to hear that Stockholm is being proposed as the venue for the IUFRO World Congress in 2024.

The Stockholm region is the most knowledge intensive region outside the USA and it is highly ranked regarding innovation. There are 17 universities within the region and many key industries and services such as ICT, Life science, Green tech, Financial services and Creative industries.

The region is the engine of Sweden's growth and one of the most rapidly growing regions in Europe. Large international corporations as well as small entrepreneurs are established and carry out business here and reap the rewards of being a part of the stimulating environment. The region's unique expertise and resources make it a highly attractive location.

Stockholm is a city built on islands, which provides open and clear views and enhances the impression of our palaces, buildings, parks and gardens. Being surrounded by water the city has an outstanding natural setting. Should the opportunity arise I would highly recommend a tour of our unique archipelago of more than 30,000 islands.

A rich selection of culture, entertainment and gastronomic experiences on Michelin star level are also a part of what the Stockholm region has to offer, to which many visitors can testify.

I can sincerely promise you an inspiring and wonderful setting for the IUFRO World Congress.

Yours Sincerely,



Chris Heister
Governor

To:
Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President

Date:
2017-05-15

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Letters of support

Holmen is a forest industry group that manufactures paperboard, paper and wood products and runs forestry and energy production operations. The company's extensive forest holdings and its high proportion of energy production are strategically important resources for its future growth.

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Sweden is a forest country, with top quality forest research. The Nordic countries can show and share experiences from a variety of landscapes, industries and stakeholders.

Holmen Skog strongly supports the Swedish application to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in congress excursions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,



Sören Petersson, CEO Holmen Skog



ÄLMHULT 2017-04-07

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IKEA is a Swedish multinational home furnishing company founded in 1943 by Ingvar Kamprad. Wood is the mostly used raw material for IKEA product range and sustainable use of the worlds forest are of outmost importance for us and our customers.

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If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,

Ulf Johansson

Wood Supply & Forestry Manager

IKEA of Sweden



THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

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The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA) was initiated in 1811 by the Crown Prince of Sweden at the time, later King Karl XIV Johan. The task of the Academy is to promote agriculture and forestry and their related fields, i.e. the green sector of the society, with the support of science and practical experience and in the interest of the society. The Academy consists of three sections – a General, an Agricultural and a Forestry Section and a unit for Library, archives and historical projects, the BAHP.

The Academy is an impartial organisation, economically independent of the authorities, business and interest groups. One main purpose of the Academy is to act as a bridge between science and governance. Its free and independent position in society and its good name create unique opportunities for meetings and constructive discussions. The meetings and seminars of the Academy are important ways of achieving targets. By coming together for discussion of important questions it is possible to take initiatives on measures or activities that stimulate development

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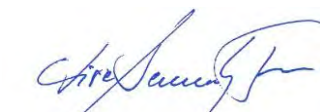
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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in congress excursions as well as the overall organization of the congress.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will invite more prospective members for IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,

ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY



Lisa Sennerby Forsse
President



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March 27, 2017

Letters of support

Linnaeus University is located in Växjö and Kalmar and offers 150 degree programmes and 2,000 single-subject courses.

Research at Linnaeus University is of high quality, nationally as well as internationally, and covers a wide range of disciplines. Particularly prominent is the research carried out within our cutting-edge research environments – our Linnaeus University Centres. Within these centres, everything from ecology and evolution to discrimination and integration, postcolonialism, intermediality, bioscience, and big data is being studied.

The region in which Växjö lies is one of the most important areas in Europe when it comes to forestry and the wood industry. At the Department of Forestry and Wood Technology we are engaged in a wide range of fields. That is to say, we work with the entire chain, from forest to finished product. We also work with the development of new wood products for construction and furniture.

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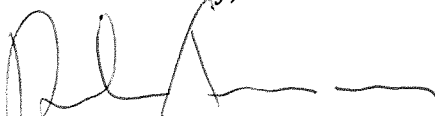
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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the *in congress excursions* to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Aronsson
Acting Vice-Chancellor

Datum
31 March 2017

Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
International Union of Forest Research
Organizations
c/o Alexander Buck, Executive Director
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Dear Sir,

We at the Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners are indeed delighted by the Swedish candidacy for hosting the IUFRO World Congress. The Federation and its four Family Forest Associations are a dominant player in the Swedish Forest sector. Of the annual forest growth, 60% takes place on family forest land.

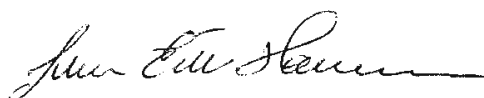
Forest research has shown to be of utmost importance for the Swedish forest sector success and is an absolutely prerequisite for future development. To be inspired by a IUFRO World Congress here in the Nordic context would be a very useful and enjoyable event. To meet with participants and stakeholders from all over the world in Sweden to share and exchange is indeed an attractive occasion.

The Nordic countries can show and share experiences from a variety of landscapes, industries and stakeholders and from a long history of forestry.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in-congress excursions describing the value chain from the individual Forest owner, Family forest association, Forest operation, Processing industry to Marketing. We believe this Swedish value chain could be very interesting for the congress participants.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will consider the possibility to become member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,



Sven-Erik HAMMAR
President of the Federation of Swedish Family Forest Federation

Luleå 2017-04-12

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Letter of support

Luleå University of Technology vision is developing an attractive, sustainable society through research results that change, courses that challenge and individuals who cooperate. The university have a total turnover of SEK 1.6 billion per year. We currently have 1,700 employees and 15,000 students. We are members of IUFOR through our Division of Wood Science and Engineering.

Wood Science and Engineering start with the needs of the wood processing industry and carry out research and provide education relating to the whole wood value chain from the final wood product all the way back to the forest. The main focus is within IUFRO division 5.

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Yours sincerely,



Johan Sterte, Vice Chancellor



Fiber and Polymer Technology

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
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Letter of support

The Wallenberg Wood Sc Ctr (WWSC) at KTH Fibre and Polymer Technology is a multidisciplinary research center focused on new materials from the forest. About 80 people are involved, and the activities have a strong international profile. One of the long-term objectives is to link forest products research to forestry-related research programs.

From the point of view of WWSC, the most important IUFRO meeting is the World Congress, organized every fifth year with a scientific core. The congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

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If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will take stronger part in the organisation by becoming a member of IUFRO and promoting the organisation to prospective members for IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Lars Berglund, director
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Letter of support

SCA is Europe's largest private forest owner with a total of 2.6 million hectares of forestland, of which 2.0 million hectares are used for timber production. The large forest holding provides an important basis for a stable flow of raw materials of the right quality to SCA's industries in northern Sweden

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SCA Skog förvaltar SCAs stora skogsinnehav samt försörjer SCAs svenska skogsindustrier med virkesråvara från egen skog och genom virkesköp från privata skogsägare.

SCA Skog ingår i SCAs affärsenhet Forest Products, som producerar papper för förpackningar och tryck, massa, sågade trävaror och förnybar energi samt erbjuder kostnadseffektiva transportlösningar.

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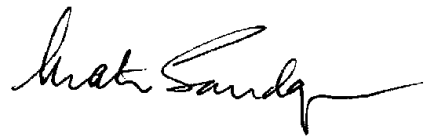
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If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,

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Mats Sandgren

President SCA Skog AB

The Think Tank for International Forest policy



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11th of May 2017

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
International Union of Forest Research Organizations
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Letters of support for the Nordic and Baltic bid for the IUFRO World Congress

The Think Tank for International Forest policy (SIFI) is an independent non-governmental organization. SIFI works interdependently with natural resources management based on a strategic environmental analysis regarding the future use of forests and trees as a resource.

The Nordic and Baltic countries are active in, and support, international research cooperation, and also stress the importance of aid and the exchange of knowledge. IUFRO is by far the largest organization in forest research cooperation and a strong platform for major joint research and innovation programmes. The IUFRO World Congress raise the international awareness of the collaborating countries and create a strong platform for sustainable local, regional and global partnerships.

Sweden is a top forest country, yet still have not been able to host a major forestry event for nearly 100 years. SIFI coordinated the last application from Sweden for the IUFRO World Congress 2019 and sincerely supports the second consecutive attempt to bring home this important arena for forest and society. The application shows that the region aims to continue to be at the forefront of international forestry.

SIFI hereby expresses its support for the Nordic and Baltic bid for the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024. If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, SIFI is willing to support the process through the following: first, to support the *Congress organizing Committee*; second, to assist with the *In congress excursions*; and, third, by inviting more prospective members for IUFRO if the region is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

Sincerely,

Fredrik Ingemarson, Program Manager



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Uppsala 21 March 2017

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Letter of support

Skogforsk (the Forestry Research Institute of Sweden) is the central research body for the Swedish forestry sector, financed jointly by the government and the members of the institute. Skogforsk has ca 100 member companies or organizations, together representing approximately 75 % of the productive forest land and the annual harvest.

Skogforsk's mission is to develop and communicate knowledge, services and products that will promote greater sustainability in the use of forest for the benefit of society.

The vision is to lead the way to sustainable development. All Skogforsk activities will incorporate the promise of a shift towards a more sustainable forestry. Our task is also to help our members, partners and society in their journey towards a vision of sustainability. By being active in the various parts of the innovation system (research, development, training, dissemination of knowledge and practical trials), we can show how forestry can improve its ability to meet human needs in a sustainable way.

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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in congress excursions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Bengtsson

CEO



14-05-2017

Letters of support

We write this letter from the Swedish Forestry Students' Union. We are linked with the highest form of forestry studies in Sweden and our main purpose is to watch over our education from a student perspective. We aim to make sure that the education the students get is the best it can be. We also try make the time around the university and studies as enjoyable as possible with activities that are purely just for fun and others that are both fun and educational.

We are an organization for students, by students.

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The IUFRO World Congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions.

Sweden is a forest country, with top quality forest research and education. Students and the forestry education are crucial for the future of the forestry sector. Still, several challenges are facing the educational curriculum. The Nordic countries can show and need to share experiences from other parts of the world regarding education.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist in the central role in the marketing, planning and implementation of the congress, through e.g. moderation of sessions and excursions in collaboration with our international partners.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Alwehammar, Vice chairman

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Dear Director Wingfield,

On behalf of the City of Stockholm I take pleasure in cordially inviting the IUFRO World Congress to Stockholm in 2024.

Stockholm is built on fourteen islands with surrounding water so clean that one can even go for a swim in the summertime in the city centre and go fishing just outside the Royal Palace. The landscape, and the unique archipelago of 30 000 islands, offers numerous excursions to all visitors. With its well-preserved medieval city centre, royal palaces and impressive monuments, Stockholm is considered to be of great beauty and historical interest. Culture, entertainment and restaurants abound catering all tastes.

Stockholm is the fastest growing city in Western Europe. We are building 140 000 new homes in less than twenty years, tens of thousands of which will be in green housing areas. The next generation's eco housing district, the Stockholm Royal Sea Port, is currently being developed in a former industrial port area using innovative green technology. The area will be fossil fuel free by 2030. Stockholm's deep commitment to sustainable urban development was awarded in 2010 by the European Commission, when the city was designated the first European Green Capital for its ambitious environmental work.

As Northern Europe's leading growth region, Stockholm is characterized by a highly innovative and knowledge-intensive climate. Among other things, the city promotes entrepreneurship through Start-up Stockholm, a centre for innovation consultancy, where free counselling is offered by professional advisors. Thanks to Kista Science City, one of the world's leading ICT clusters, Stockholm has become an international centre for wireless technology, broadband and mobile applications.

City of Stockholm

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In the world of science, medicine and literature, Stockholm is associated with Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prize. The City Hall of Stockholm, site of the annual Nobel Prize Award festivities, often hosts receptions of international conventions.

On behalf of the City of Stockholm we wish to announce our full support and welcome you to organize the IUFRO World Congress in the Swedish capital. We are happy to assist you in turning the congress into a success. We are confident that Stockholm will measure up to your highest expectations and sincerely hope that you will allow our city the privilege and pleasure of receiving you here in 2024.

Sincerely yours,



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Stockholm, 7th April 2017

Letter of Support

Stockholmsmässan, Scandinavia's largest venue for exhibitions and congresses, is pleased to support the candidature of hosting the IUFRO World Congress 2024 in Stockholm.

Our venue is jointly owned by the City of Stockholm and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. We have long experience from working with international organisations and delivering space and services for all kinds of congresses, exhibitions and events.

Stockholmsmässan is well-known for its professional approach and excellent service with a personal touch. We are proud to be able to meet and exceed the expectations of our clients. Our delivery of catering is characterised by high quality food, for the most part organically and locally produced.

We aim to contribute to a more sustainable world in everything we do by optimising our systems and by reusing and recycling. On the roof, you will find our own bees producing tasty honey and at the same time contributing to increased biodiversity.

During the past years, our premises have been expanded and today we are able to offer a total of 113,000 sqm of space. Apart from ordinary maintenance, there are no planned refurbishment or expansion projects in the near future. Our proposal reflects the true and current state of the facilities.

For Stockholmsmässan, it would be a great honour to be the venue for the IUFRO World Congress in 2024. We do not only offer optimal space and the right resources for your event; we also have the experience and the commitment to ensure its success.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2024!

Yours sincerely,



Patric Sjöberg
CEO
Stockholmsmässan AB



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Letters of support

Stora Enso is a leading provider of renewable solutions in packaging, biomaterials, wooden constructions and paper on global markets. Our aim is to replace fossil based materials by innovating and developing new products and services based on wood and other renewable materials. We employ some 25 000 people and are publicly listed in Helsinki (STEAV, STERV) and Stockholm (STE A, STE R).

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Yours sincerely,

Ulrika Lilja
Executive Vice President
Head of Communications
Stora Enso



2017-03-28

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
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Letter of support

Sveaskog is Sweden's largest forest owner and sells sawlogs, pulpwood and biofuel to 130 customers, primarily in the pulp and paper and sawmill industries.

With this letter, Sveaskog wishes to express support for the application from Sweden to host the World Congress 2024.

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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in congress excursions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO

Yours sincerely,

Per-Olof Wedin, CEO

Date
17 March, 2017

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Letter of support

The Swedish Forest Agency is the government's expert authority for forests and forest policy, under the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation. The main function is to promote sustainable management of Sweden's forests to achieve the objectives of the forest policy.

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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in-congress excursions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Herman Sundqvist
Director General

22 March 2017

Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield, President
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The congress provides a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions. The Swedish Forest Industries Federation, SFIF, strongly support Sweden to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

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The forest industry is one of Sweden's most important business sectors. It provides employment throughout the country. Thanks to its natural raw materials and products, the forest industry has a key role in the development towards a sustainable, bio based society. SFIF members are companies that use forests to provide the raw materials for their products and services are all part of the forest industry. This includes producers of pulp, paper, cardboard, packaging and biofuel.

Should this World Congress come about, SFIF and its forest owning member companies are also prepared to take active part in arranging field trips focusing on the Swedish Forestry Model and sustainable forest management and the forest-based sector as key actors and enablers of the bio-based society. Our member companies are spread all over Sweden and will be able to arrange field trips from southern Sweden to the very north.

Yours sincerely,



Carina Håkansson
Director General

The Swedish Forest Industries Federation (Skogsindustrierna) is the organisation for Swedish pulp, paper and woodworking industries. The Swedish Forest Industries Federation represents some fifty pulp and paper manufacturers owned by some twenty groups of companies and about 120 wood mechanical companies owned by some 60 companies, as well as about 40 companies that have close ties with the production of pulp and paper or sawn timber manufacture. The Swedish Wood (Svenskt Trä) department and the secretariat for BioInnovation are parts of the Federation. The Swedish forest based industry is the employer of close to 70 000 people and the value of the export was SEK 124 billion in 2014.

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Letter of support - Swedish IUFRO application

The Swedish Forest Society, dating back to 1912, is a foundation whose main objectives are to promote forest management and planning, biodiversity, and nature conservation. The Swedish Forest Society Foundation is the owner of the Swedish Forest Society Group, made up of companies in Sweden, the Baltic states and Finland and manages approximately 500,000 hectares of forests and forest land for private and public landowners, emphasising economic, ecological and social sustainability. On the foundation's own land we host around 30 different research and development projects to test new methods and practices. The foundation invests about SEK 15 million annually in funding of research and development projects in the fields of forest management and planning, forest ecology and nature conservation.

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Sweden is a forest country, with top quality forest research. The Nordic countries can show and share experiences from a variety of landscapes, industries and stakeholders.

We support the Swedish application and if Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be open to discuss possibilities to assist with the in congress excursions to contribute to presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

Yours sincerely,



Svante Scherman
CEO



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Letter of support

Swedish Hunters Association is the largest hunter organization, and one of the largest non-government organizations, in Sweden. The organization has a public commission to handle and develop hunting and wildlife management. Game – forest interactions is a question of great importance and scientific experts in this research field are part of the organization staff.

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Sweden is a forest country, with top quality game and forest research. The Nordic countries can show and share experiences from a variety of landscapes, industries and stakeholders.

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with a congress excursion regarding game – forest interactions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely

Bo Sköld
Secretary General

Göran Bergqvist
Contact person

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Stockholm 2017-03-20

Letter of support

Friluftsfrämjandet (Swedish Outdoor Association) is a Swedish non-profit organization, actively promoting an outdoor lifestyle since 1892. And we just keep going.

The core and foundation of Friluftsfrämjandet is our local clubs and their certified and experienced voluntary guides who arrange a wide array of outdoor activities for their local community. Many activities are open to the public, membership will often be required for advanced or recurring activities. We have local clubs in every corner of Sweden.

The purpose of Friluftsfrämjandet is to further health, happiness, well-being in society and environmental awareness and understanding of flora and fauna. We offer outdoor adventures for all ages, from 0 to 100 and beyond. Competition is not part of our concept, we arrange activities to win great experiences, together. We hike, bike, walk, climb, paddle, ski and skate together. We train the best outdoor guides and instructors in Sweden.

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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in congress excursion "The value of near urban forest/nature for children's education, health and well-being" to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,


Lars Lundström
Secretary General



UMEÅ UNIVERSITET

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Letter of support

Brief information about Umeå university

Umeå University was founded in 1965 and is Sweden's fifth oldest university. Today, we have a strong international presence with students, teachers and researchers from all over the world. As one of the leading comprehensive universities in the nation, we are alive with enthusiasm, innovation, creativity and fresh ideas. The university has about 4 300 employees and 30 000 students.

We have developed interaction between research, education, collaboration and innovation that challenges boundaries and plays a crucial role in the region's development.

The University is a dynamic meeting place where interdisciplinary knowledge is generated and disseminated. Creative environments attract students, researchers, teachers and collaborating partners nationally and globally.

Umeå university has a very strong research in plant physiology/biotechnology and host a research centre - *Umeå Plant Science Center (UPSC)* - together with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). UPSC is a Swedish *Berzelii Centre for Forest Biotechnology* that in a recent evaluation by the Swedish Research Council (VR) was reviewed as "Exceptional". Umeå University also is host for a governmental strategical research field - *Bio4Energy* - where research about as well energy as green chemicals from wood is conducted.

The IUFRO World Congress 2024

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UMEÅ UNIVERSITET

If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist with the in-congress excursions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will look into the possibility to become a member of IUFRO and will invite more prospective members for IUFRO.

Yours sincerely,

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Hans Adolfsson
Vice Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anders Lundin', written over a horizontal line.

Anders Lundin
Draftsman



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18/4 2017

Letters of support

We Effect was founded in 1958. We are a development cooperation organisation applying a long-term, rights based approach in order to effect change.

Our guiding principle is support to self-help initiatives. We work in 25 countries across four continents, from Guatemala, via Zambia and Moldova to the Phillipines. Our focus areas are Rural development, Housing, Gender equality and Access to land.

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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, we will be very happy to assist within our capacity with preparations.

If Sweden is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2024, we will act to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products and look forward to share our experiences from the International Development Context.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Henrik Brundin', is written over a horizontal line.

Henrik Brundin, Deputy CEO

Prof. Dr. Michael Wingfield, President
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Dear Director Wingfield,

On behalf of Visit Stockholm, I am delighted that Stockholm is being proposed as a venue for the IUFRO World Congress in 2024.

Stockholm is ranked one of the most popular congress destinations in the world. Not least due to its proven record of organization, infrastructure and typical Scandinavian attention to detail, flexibility and efficiency.

Based on innovation and fuelled by high technology, the Stockholm region's economy boasts one of the world's most prominent ICT clusters, one of Europe's largest life sciences clusters and fast growing clean-tech and fashion industries – to name but a few.

We welcome you to a destination that offers state-of-the-art conference facilities and highly developed tech infrastructure. Stockholm also offers an abundance of culture, attractions and world-renowned entertainment.

We are confident that Stockholm will provide a great foundation for your congress and would be honoured to welcome the IUFRO World Congress to Stockholm in 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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If Sweden is selected as the host country in collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries, WWF Sweden will be happy to assist with the congress excursions to ensure that the congress is presenting a diversity of future forest management and products. For more than half a century, WWF has been working to protect the world's species and natural places, pushing for a more sustainable world. By working with local communities, governments, businesses, and other NGOs, we strive to define new ways of working that will make a difference at a scale that matters to help redefine humanity's relationship with the planet.

Yours sincerely,

Håkan Wirtén
Secretary General
WWF Sweden



Appendix 2

MANAGEMENT & IUFRO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Management

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Curriculum vitae

- Scientific advisor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala (2015 to date)
- Swedish delegation, International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) (2016 to date)
- CEO, Capreolus F.I. AB, project management and market analysis, Sigtuna (2013 to date)
- Program Manager, the Think Tank for International forestry Issues, SIFI (*www.sifi.se*), Sigtuna (2013 to date)
- Coordinator, Swedish bid for the IUFRO World Congress 2019, the Secretariat for International Forestry Issues at KSLA, Stockholm (2013)
- Project Manager for the Secretariat for International Forestry Issues at KSLA, Stockholm (2010 to 2013)
- Researcher at the European Forest Institute (EFI) ATLANTIC, Bordeaux (2009)
- Post Doc at the Institute of Environment and Economy (IoEE) at Peking University and the Environmental Economics program in China (EEC) (2006–2008)
- Coordinator of the China network at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala (2007)
- Secretary of KSLA's Committee on International Forest Issues at Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA), Stockholm (2006 to date)
- Euroforester Working Group Leader at SLU, Alnarp (2005–2006)
- Coordinator of SLU's Forestry Conference at SLU, Uppsala (2004)
- Local expert for the Forest Stewardship Council, Bonn, Germany (2004 to date)
- Researcher/teacher at the Swedish agricultural university (SLU), Uppsala and Alnarp (2004–2008)
- Consultant, analyst, and adviser on forest policy, certification, marketing and organization (2004 to date)
- Published c. 30 articles and reports in the areas of small-scale forest policy, organizational theory, tenure rights, silviculture and planning systems, environmental and international forestry processes
- M.Sc. Forestry (1999), Ph.D. Forestry (2004)

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Curriculum vitae

- Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA): Secretary Forestry section, secretary of the Board of the Foundation of Mary Francke-Gustafson's Donation Barksätter Estate, secretary of the SLO-Fund (2012 to date)
- Deputy Director with the main task to control the regional growth grants with an annual budget of approximately SEK 1.5 billion. Ministry of Enterprise (2010–2012)
- Deputy Director, main areas of responsibility were the management of the Swedish Forest Agency, budget coordinator for the forest funds, responsible for the forest cooperation within the Nordic Council of Ministers, and for gender issues in the forestry sector. Ministry of Rural Affairs (2005–2010)
- Project Manager for the programme Product Development in Small Business – of Goods and Services. Swedish Business Development Agency (Nutek) (2004–2005)
- Co-worker in Nutek's organization Dialogue for Regional Growth Programs (RTP), Swedish Business Development Agency (Nutek) (2002–2005)
- Project Manager for Baltic 21 Industry, responsible for building international cooperation for sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region, Swedish Business Development Agency (Nutek) (1999–2004)
- Forest expert in Swedish and international projects with a main focus on digital mapping, geographic information systems and forest planning, program coordinator in several major international projects, Jaakko Pöyry Consulting (1990–1999)
- M.Sc. Forestry (1990)
- Assistance in management planning and forest inventory during two summers. Domänverket, Jokkmokk territory (1988–1989)
- Manual planting and cleaning, clear cutting with chain saw. SCA Skog AB, Sundsvall's Forest District (1984–1985)
- Measuring of pulp chips delivered to the local pulp mills from various sawmills in the region, timber scaling association, Sundsvall (1983–1984)

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Curriculum vitae

- IUFRO Vice President Divisions (2014 to date)
- Professor of Silviculture, Dept Forest Ecology and Management, SLU, Umeå (2000 to date)
- Coordinator IUFRO Division 1 Silviculture (2005–2014)
- Deputy Coordinator IUFRO Division 1 Silviculture (2000–2005)
- Member of IUFRO Honors and Awards Committee (2000–2005)
- The Swedish representative of IUFRO International Council (2000–2014)
- Head of Dept Silviculture, SLU (2000–2006)
- Visiting Scholar, Silviculture lab, University of California, Berkeley (2001–2003)
- Chair of 14th International Peat Congress (“Peatlands in Balance”), Stockholm (June 3–8, 2012)
- President International Peatland Society (2012–2016)
- Teaching Master and Ph.D. courses on silvicultural systems, site classification, peatland ecology and applied peatland forestry at SLU, Umeå University, and Nanjing Forestry University (China)
- Supervisor of doctoral (PhD) and undergraduate level (M.Sc., B.Sc.) theses at SLU
- Published over 100 national and international journal papers, books, practical guidelines and debate articles. Guest editor of special issues in international scientific journals
- Given a large number of presentations at international congresses, conferences, seminars, symposia, and workshops
- Chair of the IUFRO Cross-Divisional Scientific Conference: Adaptation of Forests and Forest Management to Changing Climate with Emphasis on Forest Health, Umeå (August 25–28, 2008)

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Curriculum vitae

- President, Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA), Stockholm (2015 to date)
- Advisory group of the Think Tank for International Forestry Issues, SIFI, Stockholm (2015 to date)
- Vice-Chancellor of SLU, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (2006–2015)
- Secretary General of the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas) (2001–2006)
- Honorary doctor University of British Columbia and University of Copenhagen
- Board member of NordForsk, European Forest Institute (EFI), Norwegian Institute for Forestry and Landscape planning and Zenter fur Entwicklungsforschung, University of Bonn
- Member of the Science Council for the CGIAR (Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research)
- Swedish representative and member of Scientific Committee for Agricultural Research (SCAR)
- Vice chair of the Expert Advisory Group for “Sustainable Development and Global Change”
- Member of The European Science Foundation, (ESF) and Board member of IIASA, Vienna
- Chairperson for the Nordic Panel for the Development of the “Nordic Research Area” (NRA)
- Chairperson of the Nordic Forest Research Co-operation Committee (SNS)
- Member of the Executive Board of IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organization)
- In total about 100 publications in refereed journals (in plant physiology, forestry and environment) and scientific book chapters, (including 5 as editor) proceedings from conferences, reports and information articles.



IUFRO member organizations

DENMARK	University of Copenhagen
ESTONIA	Estonian University of Life Sciences
FINLAND	European Forest Institute The Finnish Society of Forest Science Helsinki University of Technology Metsäteho Ltd Natural Resources Institute (Luke) Pellervo Economic Research Tapio Ltd University of Eastern Finland University of Helsinki, Department of Forest Sciences University of Oulu
ICELAND	Icelandic Forest Service
LATVIA	Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava"
LITHUANIA	Aleksandras Stulginskis University (Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology) Lithuanian Research Centre for Forestry and Agriculture (Forest Research Institute)
NORWAY	Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) Norwegian Institute of Wood Technology Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management Universitetsbiblioteket for miljø- og biovitenskap (UBMB)
SWEDEN	The Forestry Research Institute of Sweden (SkogForsk): Uppsala Sävar Svalöv Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences: Faculty of Forest Sciences (S) Department of Forest Products School for Forest Management Ultunabiblioteket – library Skogsbiblioteket – library Department of ecology Faculty of Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production Science (LTV) Luleå University of Technology National Board of Forestry Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Swedish Research Council, Formas





Appendix 3

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Budget 3,000 delegates

Number of delegates	3,000	Venue	Stockholmsmässan
– of which invited delegates	50	Congress dates	July 8–13, 2024

Exchange rate as of May 8, 2017 → EUR 1 = SEK 9.692

All rates exclude VAT

	SEK	EUR
REVENUE		
Contributions for Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP)	2 750 000	283 739
Contributions from research councils	2 750 000	283 739
Sponsorship	4 750 000	490 095
Exhibition	3 750 000	386 917
Congress fees*	13 250 000	1 367 107
Gala dinner fees	3 000 000	309 534
TOTAL REVENUE	30 250 000	3 121 131
<i>* Incl access to the scientific programme, congress documentation, coffee according to the programme, in-congress excursions and welcome reception.</i>		
COSTS		
Venue cost	6 931 500	715 177
Interpreter, incl technical equipment	500 000	51 589
Marketing and information to delegates	325 000	33 533
Website	200 000	20 636
PR and sponsorship coordination	650 000	67 066
Proceedings and invited speakers	635 000	65 518
Social activities	3 250 000	335 328
In-congress excursions	1 050 000	108 337
Fee to IUFRO	3 312 500	341 777
Funds for Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP)	2 750 000	283 739
Logistics management by PCO	665 000	68 613
Delegate costs	3 555 000	366 797
On-site registration office and staff	742 000	76 558
Bank fees	397 500	41 013
Unforeseen costs and rise in prices	5 000 000	515 889
TOTAL COSTS	29 963 500	3 091 570
BALANCE	286 500	29 560

REGISTRATION FEES excl VAT	SEK	EUR
IUFRO member, developed countries – early	4 600	475
IUFRO member, developed countries – late	6 300	650
IUFRO member, developing countries – early	3 300	340
IUFRO member, developing countries – late	4 400	454
Student fee	2 100	217
Accompanying person	2 100	217
Daily registration	1 900	196

Specification 3,000 delegates

Exchange rate as of May 8, 2017 → EUR 1 = SEK 9.692

				SEK	TOTAL SEK	TOTAL EUR
REVENUE						
Sponsors & Contributors						
Contributions for Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP)				2 750 000		
Contributions from research councils				2 750 000		
Sponsorship				4 750 000	10 250 000	1 057 573
Exhibitors' fees	150	25 000		3 750 000	3 750 000	386 917
Delegate fees	Qt	Price/unit				
IUFRO member, developed countries – early	1 200	4 600		5 520 000		
IUFRO member, developed countries – late	800	6 300		5 040 000		
IUFRO member, developing countries – early	300	3 300		990 000		
IUFRO member, developing countries – late	150	4 400		660 000		
Student fee	300	2 100		630 000		
Accompanying person	150	2 100		315 000		
Daily registration	50	1 900		95 000	13 250 000	1 367 107
Gala dinner fees	2 000	1 500		3 000 000	3 000 000	309 534
TOTAL REVENUE					30 250 000	3 121 131
COSTS						
Rental costs: venue, etc						
Conference halls				4 304 000		
Poster area				1 012 000		
Exhibition area				860 500		
Press room				120 000		
Office space for 10 officers				25 000		
On-site technical equipment				450 000		
Sign-posts				100 000		
Flowers, decorations				60 000	6 931 500	715 177
Interpreter, incl technical equipment				500 000	500 000	51 589
Marketing and information to delegates						
First announcement				30 000		
Preliminary programme				20 000		
Final programme				75 000		
Abstract, book/app				200 000	325 000	33 533
Website construction				200 000	200 000	20 636
Local organizing committee						
Meeting costs				50 000		
PR and sponsorship coordination				600 000	650 000	67 066
Invited delegates (10 speakers, 40 others)						
	Nights	Qt	Price/unit			
Hotel expenses	6	10	2 500	150 000		
Travel expenses		10	15 000	150 000		
Variable costs		50	1 100	55 000	355 000	36 628
Abstracts and proceedings, on-line system		1 700		280 000	280 000	28 890
Social activities						
	Qt	Price				
Entertainment, welcome reception				100 000		
Gala dinner	2 000	1 500		3 000 000		
Entertainment, gala dinner				100 000		
Board dinner	50	1 000		50 000	3 250 000	335 328
Excursions						
	Qt	Price				
Buses	60	10 000		600 000		
Lunches	3 000	150		450 000	1 050 000	108 337
Fee to IUFRO (25 % of delegate fee)				3 312 500	3 312 500	341 777
Funds for Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP)				2 750 000	2 750 000	283 739
Logistics management by university PCO						
		Hours	Price/hour			
PCO staff		700	950	665 000	665 000	68 613
Variable delegate costs						
	Times	Qt	Price			
Welcome reception	1	2 500	350	875 000		
Coffee	8	3 000	45	1 080 000		
Closing ceremony	1	2 500	250	625 000		
Congress bag	1	3 000	100	300 000		
Delegate PCO costs	1	3 000	225	675 000	3 555 000	366 797
On-site secretariat services, staff						
	Qt	Days	Hours/day	Price/hour		
PCO key staff	4	5	8	950	152 000	
Hosts/hostesses, registration	12	1	10	500	60 000	
Hosts/hostesses	4	5	8	500	80 000	292 000
On-site registration office					450 000	46 430
Other costs						
Bank fees (3.0 %)				397 500	397 500	41 013
Unforeseen costs and rise in prices				5 000 000	5 000 000	515 889
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Sponsorship	4 750 000	490 095
Exhibition	3 750 000	386 917
Congress fees*	21 801 000	2 249 381
Gala dinner fees	6 750 000	696 451
TOTAL REVENUE	42 551 000	4 390 322
<i>* Incl access to the scientific programme, congress documentation, coffee according to the programme, in-congress excursions and welcome reception.</i>		
COSTS		
Venue cost	9 056 420	934 422
Interpreter, incl technical equipment	600 000	61 907
Marketing and information to delegates	325 000	33 533
Website	200 000	20 636
PR and sponsorship coordination	650 000	67 066
Proceedings and invited speakers	845 000	87 185
Social activities	7 300 000	753 199
In-congress excursions	1 750 000	180 561
Fee to IUFRO	5 450 250	562 345
Funds for Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP)	2 750 000	283 739
Logistics management by PCO	665 000	68 613
Delegate costs	6 125 000	631 965
On-site registration office and staff	900 000	92 860
Bank fees	645 030	67 481
Unforeseen costs and rise in prices	5 000 000	515 889
TOTAL COSTS	42 270 700	4 361 401
BALANCE	280 300	28 921

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IUFRO member, developed countries – late	980	6 300		6 174 000		
IUFRO member, developing countries – early	500	3 300		1 650 000		
IUFRO member, developing countries – late	200	4 400		880 000		
Student fee	500	2 100		1 050 000		
Accompanying person	170	2 100		357 000		
Daily registration	100	1 900		190 000	21 801 000	2 249 381
Gala dinner fees	4 500	1 500		6 750 000	6 750 000	696 451
TOTAL REVENUE					42 551 000	4 390 332
COSTS						
Rental costs: venue, etc						
Conference halls				6 378 920		
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Comments on budget

- The budgeted costs are generously estimated. There is some *scope for savings*, should the need arise. Unforeseen costs and price rises are set aside at SEK 5,000,000 (EUR 516,000).
- It is proposed that *the Swedish Government* should allocate funds to the Congress Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP) to support the participation of delegates from low-income countries with SEK 2,750,000 (EUR 284,000).
- *Any potential surplus* is added to the fund for SAP.
- Funding of SEK 600,000 (EUR 62,000) is set aside to initiate sponsorship collaborations.
- The congress fees include *special rates* for students and delegates from developing countries.
- The breakdown between *early and late application fees* is based on experience from previous international and regional congresses and the budget for earlier IUFRO Congresses.
- We would like to emphasize that the 25 % of each participant *fee for IUFRO* also includes the participant fees for low-income countries.
- *Professional Congress Organizer (PCO)* refers to project management and logistical coordination.
- Costs for web pages, marketing, printed matter, decorations, signs and personnel are *estimated* in co-operation with several PCOs. The local PCO has also submitted an estimated cost for project management with full PCO service.
- As regards *printed matter*, it is assumed that the flow of information is primarily handled electronically, by means of apps or new technological innovations.
- *Technical equipment* relates to any extra requirements for technical devices or assistance.
- The rationale behind a *fee for the gala dinner* is to minimize no-shows and thus ensure a successful evening with full seating.
- *Lunch packages* are rather expensive for the host to offer delegates, given that the level of satisfaction tends to be low. The congress venue in Stockholm offers a variety of food outlets, meeting the various cultural and dietary requirements of the participants. Cost of lunch for the in-congress excursion is included in the budget, and is estimated at SEK 150 (EUR 15) per head.
- *Transportation costs* for the in-congress excursions are estimated at SEK 10,000 (EUR 1,300) per bus.
- Regarding the *post congress excursions*, the delegates will have a choice among different price ranges for food and lodging; Iceland, South Sweden, Norway and Denmark are about EUR 200, while North Sweden, Finland and the Baltic states are estimated to less than EUR 150 per day.
- Generally, congresses held in Sweden are liable to *local Swedish VAT* on the same grounds as congresses held in other EU countries are liable to VAT in the country in which they are held, see Appendix 11.
- Costs and revenues are calculated at *current prices* in SEK and Euro.

Currency conversion as of May 8, 2017 → EUR 1 = SEK 9.692.



Photo: Chris Barbalis.



Appendix 4

CONGRESS VENUE

About Stockholmsmässan

Floor plan & facts

Conference rooms

Plan 3,000 participants

Plan 5,000 participants

Sustainability

Selection of meetings/exhibitions 2009–2015

Stockholmsmässan Exhibition & Congress Centre

Stockholmsmässan Exhibition & Congress Centre is a leading venue for international meetings, offering almost 70,000 m² of exhibition space under one roof. The Centre is in operation all year round and has a permanent staff of around 200. Stockholmsmässan is owned by the City of Stockholm and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.

THE VENUE

Welcome to a purpose-built, well-equipped and highly flexible venue, which can cater to large congresses of up to 30,000 participants, parallel sessions and concurrent exhibitions, as well as to smaller conferences, seminars, banquets and other events. The venue currently accommodates up to 76 parallel meeting rooms, conference rooms for 4–860 people and larger auditoriums that can seat 3,000 or 5,000 delegates. Spacious exhibition areas are located close to the conference rooms. A full range of services and facilities are available on site, including a press centre and a bank.

FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

The Congress Centre provides an extensive range of audio, video and IT solutions to meet all the needs of the delegates. Technical project managers will provide an adaptable total solution encompassing both the facilities and technology required for the IUFRO World Congress. The Centre stays up-to-date with the latest technical innovations and supplies all the equipment needed.

Stockholmsmässan covers a total area of 113,000 m² and has tremendous potential to accommodate a variety of side events. Three conference and foyer areas, adjacent to the Main Entrance Hall, provide flexibility to produce creative solutions for all kinds of side events.

EXHIBITION FACILITIES

Stockholmsmässan offers almost 70,000 m² of flexible exhibition space under one roof, split into four exhibition halls.

Hall A is suitable for the IUFRO World Congress 2024. It is the largest, most flexible and centrally located hall for various types of exhibitions. Semi-permanent rooms and parallel conference rooms are available. With a total of 25,900 m² (length 365 m, width 71 m, height 7.6–15.5 m), Hall A is fitted with soundproof partition system walls which can be used to construct five section areas (e.g. semi-permanent conference rooms, areas for exhibition, posters, catering or other side events), sized 3,500 m² to 6,700 m².

HOSPITALITY AT STOCKHOLMSMÄSSAN

Stockholmsmässan offers hospitality throughout the venue. The main entrance is the hub of the venue, connecting the four different halls and two conference areas, with the main services close at hand and an information desk. There is a dedicated area for public transport information as well as a tourist information booth and a gift shop.

With a total of 5,000 m², the Main Entrance Hall is spacious enough to accommodate registration areas as well as capacity for advertising, information and inspiration. There are digital information screens throughout the venue.



Welcome to Stockholmsmässan! Photo: Stockholmsmässan.

Close to the Main Entrance Hall smaller rooms suitable as offices are dedicated to each conference area. A well-equipped Press Centre/Executive Lounge located on the second floor, with direct access to the Main Entrance, is suitable for press conferences, interviews, mingling and accreditation or as an office or secretariat.

EASY ACCESS

Located southwest of the city, Stockholmsmässan is easy to reach by public transport or taxi.

From the Central Station/T-Centralen, it is just 10 minutes by commuter train to Älvsjö Station. During peak hours (07.00–09.00 and 16.00–18.00) a train runs every five minutes. It is also possible to travel by commuter train all the way from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to Stockholmsmässan. The trains depart twice an hour and the travel time is about 50 minutes. From the train station it is just a few minutes' walk to Stockholmsmässan. There is also a direct link to the motorway.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Stockholmsmässan aims to be fully accessible. To ensure this, all our restaurants, congress rooms and exhibition halls have ground-level access. Restrooms for disabled visitors are available near the entrances, in the exhibition halls and in the galleries. Stockholmsmässan's permanent restaurants are accessible to wheelchair users. There may be limited access to some of our areas with level differences or to events that attract large numbers of visitors. However, all floors are served by lifts.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Stockholmsmässan provides numerous opportunities for creative solutions and is happy to create memorable, tailor-made events/dinners. The venue offers first-class cuisine and can easily cater for outstanding canapés and dinners, ranging from buffets for hundreds of guests to three-course meals for 5,000 people.

Each of the exhibition halls offers distinct solutions and can be tailored to different requirements. The large and welcoming entrance hall, which directly connects to the exhibition halls, is perfect for receptions. Other large lobby areas and versatile open spaces are also available. The Victoria Hall – one of Europe's most modern conference facilities – can be quickly transformed into a 1,200 seat banqueting hall or a reception area for 2,000 guests.

Stockholmsmässan is a perfect site for major and exacting events such as inaugurations and shows.

CATERING

Catering services can be adapted to the needs of each conference. Facilities range from a restaurant serving international cuisine to self-service restaurants and cafeterias. Mässrestauranger AB, an independent restaurant company with sole catering rights at the Centre, has partnered with Stockholmsmässan since 1960. The company can cater for all tastes, from burgers to gala dinners, all at fixed rates.

Mässrestauranger AB has an organic certification in accordance to the *KRAV certificate* and was the very first restaurant in Stockholm to be awarded the *Swan eco-label* for the environmental work. Mässrestauranger AB meets the stringent requirements in all five areas; food and beverages, chemical products and consumables, energy and water, waste and transport, as well as goals and plans for ongoing environmental work.

ÄLVSJÖ MANOR FOR HIGH LEVEL CONGRESS MEETINGS

Älvsjö Gård, built in the 16th century, is situated back to back to the congress venue. The manor has everything needed for successful meetings, both for smaller and slightly larger IUFRO board meetings. Timeless elegance is combined with modern technology. The old manor offers 10 historically furnished meeting rooms with seating for 4 to 28 people. During standing reception it is possible to accommodate up to 70 people.



Swan labeled Mässrestauranger AB caters for all tastes at Stockholmsmässan. Photo: Mässrestauranger AB (CC BY 3.0).



Älvsjö Gård, the perfect setting for IUFRO board meetings. Photo: www.alsvjogard.se.

HOTEL

The impressive 18-storey hotel adjoined to Stockholmsmässan has won several awards for its exciting design. There are 248 rooms and suites with panoramic views, a conference facility with six conference rooms for 12–50 people, a 19th floor penthouse for exclusive conferences, a restaurant, lobby bar, gym and sauna. Scandic Talk Hotel has also attained the Swan certification. Proactive sustainability efforts and a long-term plan to reduce the environmental impact in its day-to-day activities were included in the pre-planning stages for the hotel. Its environmental work has continued to develop and is now fully incorporated in the hotel's day-to-day business.

REFERENCES

The Exhibition & Congress Centre caters to the demanding requirements of international organizations, including some of the largest congresses in Europe. The European Society of Cardiology (a congress with more than 25,000 delegates), the European Respiratory Society (17,000 delegates) and the European Association of Urology (11,000 delegates) have revisited the Centre several times.

www.stockholmsmassan.se

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Facilities and technology – all rooms are fully equipped and the contract includes:

- For larger auditoriums with theatre seating the technicians are provided by Stockholmsmässan.
- For smaller rooms the technicians are provided by SLU.
- Wall-to-wall carpeting or wooden flooring.
- Furniture and seating for the required number of people.
- Stage and/or lectern and/or podium table(s) conformed to the room.
- Projector and screen, congress lighting, sound system and wired Internet connection.
- Provision of water for the speakers.
- Ventilation, heating, air-conditioning, cleaning, basic security and an open Wi-Fi network in all of the venue.

Exhibition facilities – the rate for the exhibition space includes:

- Floor markings for stands.
- Waste disposal.
- CAD (Computer Aided Program)-drawings.
- Safety inspections. The preliminary hall plan in the CAD-drawings shows technical/safety data and final hall plan for safety inspection.

Hospitality – the following services are available:

- A small store (similar to 7Eleven).
- ATMs (a total of four Automated Teller Machines in the whole building).
- Restrooms.
- Emergency/first aid room.
- Cloakroom facilities are available on request as well as a service/business centre, depending on the type of event. All services are close to the Entrance Foyer.



The Main Entrance Hall connects well to all the exhibition and conference areas and works perfectly for receptions, etc. Photo: Stockholmsmässan.



Nearly 70,000 m² very flexible exhibition space under one roof. Photo: Gustav Karlsson Frost/Stockholmsmässan.

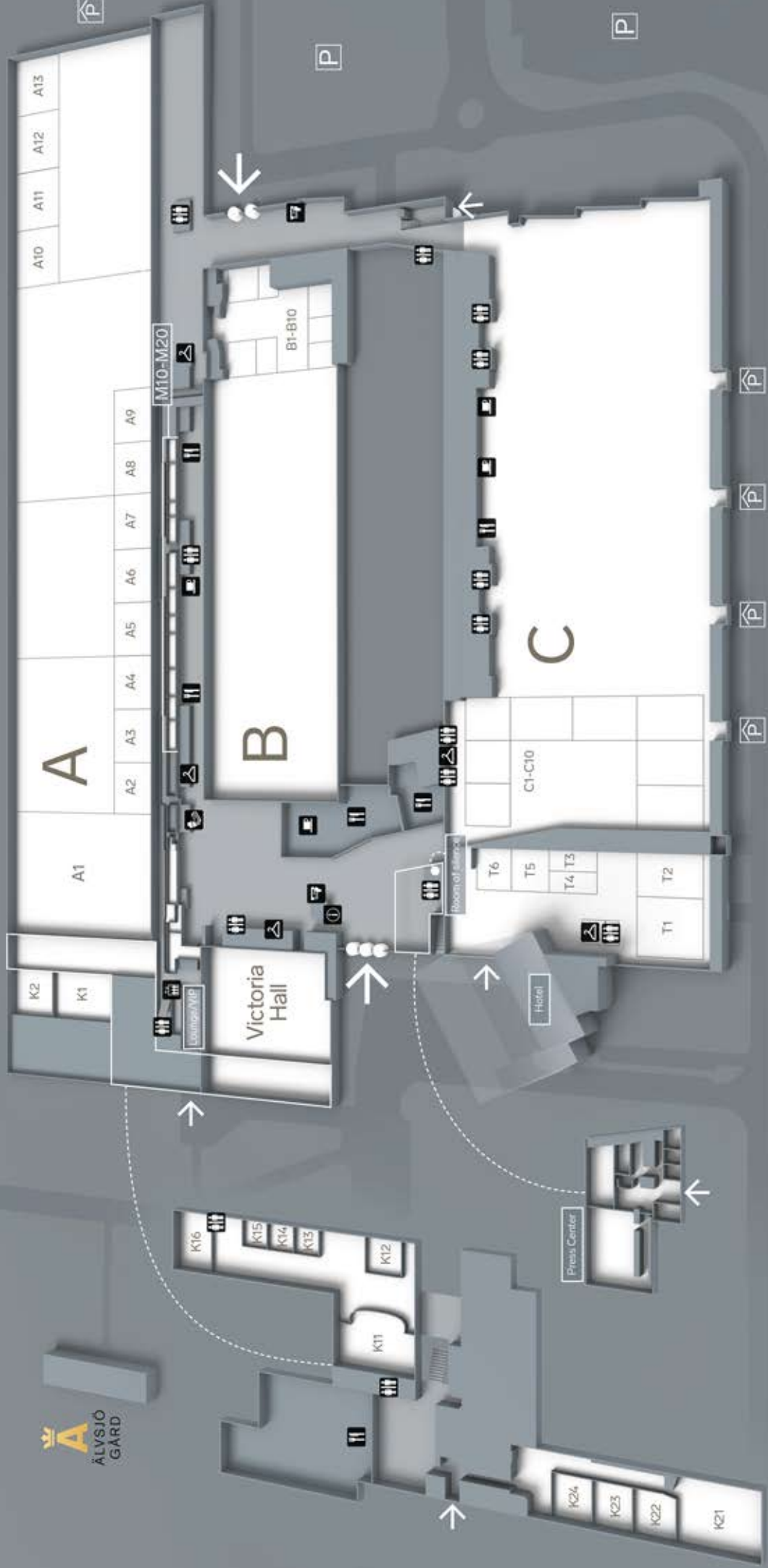


Scandic Talk Hotel, adjoining to Stockholmsmässan, offers panoramic views. Photos, left: Ylva Nordin/KSLA, right: www.scandichotels.se, Stockholmsmässan.

Our venue



 **Stockholmsmässan**



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Press Center

Hotel

Room of Silence

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Facts

Ground and floor area

Total floor area	113 000 sqm
Total exhibition area, indoors	70 000 sqm
Total number of congress halls	76 rooms
Total number of seats	17 000
Parking	4 000 spaces

Exhibition areas

Note: Different ceiling heights

Hall A	25 900 sqm
Length x Width x Height	365x71x 7,6-15,5 m
Hall B	11 400 sqm
Length x Width x Height	208x55x5-10 m
Hall C	19 000 sqm
Length x Width x Height	220x80-99x 4,1-7,2 m
Victoria Hall	2 200 sqm
Length x Width x Height	41x57x 4,3-6,9 m



Room name	Sqm	Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Banquet	Round tables	Reception	Boardroomstyle	Length x Width x Height
A1	3,586	3,000	-	-	1,761	1,120	2,500	1,120	50,5x71x10-16
A2-A13	-	240-1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B1-B10	-	60-1,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C1-C10	-	200-1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Entrance	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Gallery	2,716	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entrance Hall	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foyer K1-K2	700	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	2.5 m ceiling height
Foyer K21-K24	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8 m ceiling height
Foyer T	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	4.4 m ceiling height
K1	560	506	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.1x18.5x5,9-6.7
K2	275	309	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.2x18.5x2.5-5.95
K1+K2	835	860	-	-	-	-	-	-	46x18.5x2.5-6.7
K3/K4/K5/K6/K7	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.9x4.8x2.51
K11	155	200	72	32	-	48	-	-	10.8x21.6x3.75
K12	80	70	32	22	-	32	-	-	9.1x8.8x2.98
K13/K14/K15	48	45	20	14	-	16	-	-	6.7x7.2x2.98
K16	120	108	60	30	-	48	-	-	12.6x9.1x2.98
K21	200	213	-	-	-	-	-	-	15x15x2.9
K22/K23/K24	93	80	40	18	-	32	-	-	9.7x9.6x2.8
K22+K23+K24	280	240	124	66	-	96	-	-	9.8x28.9x2.8
K22+K23/K23+K24	186	150	78	42	-	64	-	-	19.4x9.6x2.8
Lounge/VIP +Stone room	108+130 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.1x11.7x2.64 + 5.8x6.8x2.27-2.64
M10/M12/M15/M17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
M11/M20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-
M13/M16/M19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-
M14/M18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
M50/M51/M52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
Press Center + Executive Lounge	151+69	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	15.4x10x4.6 + 11.6x5.4x4.6
T1	500	400	200	62	-	192	-	-	23.9x20x4.1
T2	372	300	160	54	-	144	-	-	23.9x15.6x4.1
T1+T2	875	710	348	88	-	400	-	-	23.9x35.6x4.1
T3/T4	138	110	64	34	-	36	-	-	19.9x7.7x4.1
T5	231	153	96	40	-	96	-	-	15.5x14.9x4.1
T6	211	153	84	38	-	96	-	-	15.5x13.6x4.1
Victoria Hall	2,050	2,200	612	144	612	810	1,500	-	40x50x4.1-6.5
Backstage Victoria Hall	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4x12.6x2.24-2.71
Älvsjö gård	-	-	-	28	-	-	70	-	-

K rooms



Our conference area consists of two attractive foyers and 13 bright, flexible conference rooms of varying sizes. The foyers adjoin the conference rooms and are suitable for smaller exhibitions or mingling.

STOCKHOLMSMÄSSAN

Congress & Guest Events

www.stockholmsmassan.se
 congress@stockholmsmassan.se
 +46 8 749 41 00



Room	Sqm	Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Round tables	Reception	Length*with*height
Foyer K1-K2	700					800	4.4 m ceiling height
Foyer K21-K24	235						2.8 m ceiling height
K1	560	506					28.1x18.5x5.9-6.7
K2	275	309					17.2x18.5x2.5-5.95
K1+K2	835	860					46x18.5x2.5-6.7
K6	56						11.9x4.8x2.51
K11	155	200	72	32	48		10.8x21.6x3.75
K12	80	70	32	22	32		9.1x8.8x2.98
K13/K14/K15	48	45	20	14	16		6.7x7.2x2.98
K16	120	108	60	30	48		12.6x9.1x2.98
K21	200	213					15x15x2.9
K22/K23/K24	93	80	40	18	32		9.7x9.6x2.8
K22+K23+K24	280	240	124	66	96		9.8x28.9x2.8
K22+K23/K23+K24	186	150	78	42	64		19.4x9.6x2.8





Stockholmsmässan



Capacity of rooms

Victoria Hall	2000 seats
K1	506 seats
K2	308 seats
K11, K21	200 seats/room
K16/T7	90 seats
K22, K23, K2	80 seats/room
K12	70 seats
K13, K14, K15	45 seats/room
A2-A9	430 seats/room
A10-A13	450 seats/room
B2	118 seats
B3	70 seats
B2/B3	194 seats
B4	120 seats
B5	70 seats
B6	90 seats
B7	180 seats
B8	180 seats
B9	70 seats
B10	118 seats
B9/B10	194 seats
C2, C3	200 seats/room
T1	300 seats
T2	423 seats
T3	300 seats
T4	110 seats
T5	150 seats
T6	150 seats
T31, T32	12 seats
T33	45 seats
T34, 35, 36	30 seats
Top Talk	16 seats



Entresol Hall C



Stockholmsmässan

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Room	Capacity of rooms
Victoria Hall	2000 seats
K1	506 seats
K2	309 seats
K11, K21	200 seats/room
K16/17	90 seats
K22, K23, K2	80 seats/room
K12	70 seats
K13, K14, K15	45 seats/room
A2-A9	430 seats/room
A10-A13	450 seats/room
B2	118 seats
B3	70 seats
B2/B3	194 seats
B4	120 seats
B5	70 seats
B6	90 seats
B7	180 seats
B8	180 seats
B9	70 seats
B10	118 seats
B9/B10	194 seats
C2, C3	200 seats/room
C4, C5, C6, C7, C8	300 seats
T1	423 seats
T2	300 seats
T3	110 seats
T4	110 seats
T5	150 seats
T6	150 seats
T31, T32	12 seats
T33	45 seats
T34,35,36	30 seats
Top Talk	16 seats



Entresol Hall C

Sustainability at Stockholmsmässan



We work on sustainability issues in a broad sense, from business ethics and employer responsibility, to the environment and community involvement.

The text below summarises our sustainability efforts, and how Stockholmsmässan works in different ways to reduce the impact on the environment from our 112,000 sqm venue, from our hundreds of events, and from more than one million yearly visitors.

Warm and bright, but only when necessary

- Maximizing the use of renewable energy sources (60% is a minimum).
- Energy-saving system, including modules for on-demand control of the lighting (LED), heating/air conditioning and ventilation.
- Environmentally friendly shutters preventing unnecessary drafts during installation and dismantling periods when the large outer gates are opened regularly.
- Continuous improvement of the insulation.
- Constant reviewing how well sealed the gates are.

Recycling and reusing

- The contracted supplier for waste management is ISO 14001 certified.
- More than 95% of all our waste is recycled.
- Crockery and cutlery used by the catering company is reusable with a few exceptions for environmentally friendly paper mugs.

Clean cleaning

95% of the detergents used for cleaning and at Stockholmsmässan are eco-labeled.

Our cleaning company, EF Miljöstäd, constantly strives to optimize its processes from an environmental standpoint and constantly increase the amount of eco-labeled products and methods.

Saving water

We strive to use as little water as possible, and one of the measures taken was the installment of sensor-controlled toilets/urinals/faucets.

Contributing to biodiversity

We have bees on the roof of the venue, and in this way we help Stockholmsmässan's immediate surroundings preserve their biological diversity, at the same as we contribute to securing the Swedish honey bee population.

Green transports

Stockholmsmässan is situated only 10 minutes by train from central Stockholm/45 minutes by train from the airport, and only 350 metres from Älvsjö Train Station. This makes it easy travel to and from our events easily and environmentally friendly way.

We have a close partnership with Stockholm Public Transport (SL), who is notified when we are expecting large number of visitors. They then offer longer trains and station hosts to point passengers in the right direction.

Social commitment

We are also committed to working in our local area to play our part in positive community development. Among others, we support Working for Change (conference on work-life and diversity) and Ung Företagsamhet (Young Enterprise, conference and exhibition). Every year, instead of giving Christmas presents we donate a gift to people who need it more than we do.

Congresses at Stockholmsmässan

- a selection of international meetings with exhibitors

2015

Annual Meeting of the International Society for Stem Cell Research	3 000
International Innovation Congress & Conference	150
Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes	15 500
Congress of the European Association for Osseointegration	3 200
Digital Health Days	500
European SharePoint Conference	1 500

2014

FTTH Council Europe Conference	3 200
Annual EAU Congress & 15th International EUAN Meeting	10 000
International Conference on DFI & EFFC	350
EuroAnaesthesia 2014	3 500
International Congress of Parkinson's disease & Movement Disorders	4 500
European Congress on Epileptology	2 800
Digital Health Days 2014	500
World Water Week	3 600
POST-EXPO 2014 Postal Courier Express	2 800

2013

World Water Week	1 500
European Congress of Psychology	2 000
Congress of European Hematology Association	10 000

2012

Congress International Neuro Psychopharmacologicum	2 000
International Congress on Social Welfare	1 000
European Symposium on Calcified Tissues	3 000
Congress of the European Federation of Neurological Societies	4 000
World Conference on Social Work and Social Development	2 500

2011

United European Gastroenterology Week	10 000
Congress of the European CanCer Organisation	10 000
International conference on oriental carpets	700
European Association of Social Psychology	1 000
European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology	7 000
European Corrosion Conference	700

2010

The World's Major International Beauty Therapy Association	1 000
ISMRR Scientific Meeting & Exhibition/SMRT Annual Meeting/	
Congress of the European Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine & Biology	5 000
International Congress on Obesity	6 000
International Conference on Cochlear Implants & Related Sciences	1 500
Congress of the European Society of Cardiology	24 000
Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes	15 000

2009

European Association of Urology Congress (EAU)	12 000
International Security Printers' Conference & Suppliers' Exhibition (INTERGRAF)	1 000
Congress of the European Federation of Periodontology (EUOPERIO)	3 500
European Stroke Congress (EUROSTROKE)	2 500
European Offshore Wind Conference & Exhibition	1 000
ITS World Congress & Exhibition on Intelligent Transport Systems & Services (ITS)	4 000



Appendix 5

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel capacity

Suggested hotels



To Stockholm-Arlanda Airport
20 min by express train

To Kistamässan
12 min by commuter train

33 000 rooms

Stockholm City
Conference Centre

CENTRAL STATION

Stockholm Waterfront
Congress Centre



10 min

7 300 rooms

To Stockholm-Bromma Airport
20 min by airport bus

To Nacka Strandsmässan
20 min by public transport



10 min

15 700 rooms

To Stockholmsmässan
10 min by commuter train

To Stockholm-Skavsta Airport
80 min by airport bus

Present hotel capacity

**Within 10 minutes walk
from the Central Station**

Number of hotels: 40
Number of rooms: 7 300

**Within 10 minutes by public
transport from the Central Station**

Number of hotels: 115
Number of rooms: 15 700

**Hotel capacity in
Greater Stockholm area**

Number of hotels: 305
Number of rooms: 33 000

Subway

Walking distance

Suggested hotels

The delegates will be able to choose among a number of hotels in different price categories. Here are a few examples, most situated within walking distance from Stockholm Central Station. From the Central Station to the congress venue it is only 10 minutes by commuter train.

July is the perfect month for hosting a congress in Stockholm, as the prices for accommodation then are lower than in the business months.

BUDGET HOTELS & HOSTELS < ★★

Room rates: EUR 25–50

Generator Hostel

251 rooms/>800 beds
Torsgatan 10
stockholm@generatorhostels.com
generatorhostels.com/destinations/stockholm
Walking distance to Central Station: 10 minutes

City Backpackers Hostel

140 beds
Upplandsgatan 2A
info@citybackpackers.se
www.citybackpackers.org/
Walking distance to Central Station: 5–10 minutes

Interhostel

73 rooms/201 beds
Kammakargatan 46
info@interhostel.se
<http://www.interhostel.se/en/>
Walking distance to Central Station: 10 minutes

STF af Chapman & Skeppsholmen

77 rooms/>100 beds
Flaggmansvägen 8
chapman@stfturist.se
www.swedishtouristassociation.com/facilities/stf-stockholm-af-chapman-skeppsholmen-hostel-house/
Walking distance to Central Station: 15 minutes

MS Birger Jarl, Hotel & Hostel

177 rooms
Stadsgårdskajen 156
frontdesk@msbirgerjarl.se
www.msbirgerjarl.se/en/hotel
Walking distance to Central Station: 20 minutes

THREE STAR HOTELS ★★★

Room rates: EUR 80–150

Best Western Kom Hotel

143 rooms
Döbelnsgatan 17
reception@komhotel.se
www.komhotel.se/en/city-hotel-stockholm.aspx
Walking distance to Central Station: 15 minutes

Comfort Stockholm

257 rooms
Kungsbron 1
co.stockholm@choice.se
www.nordicchoicehotels.com/comfort/comfort-hotel-stockholm/
Walking distance to Central Station: 5 minutes

First Hotel Kungsbron

151 rooms
Västra Järnväggsgatan 17
info@kungsbronhotell.se
www.firsthotels.com/Our-hotels/Hotels-in-Sweden/Stockholm/First-Hotel-Kungsbron
Walking distance to Central Station: 2 minutes

Hotel Tegnér lunden

102 hotel rooms
Tegnér lunden 8
info@hoteltegnerlunden.se
www.hoteltegnerlunden.se/default-en.html
Walking distance to Central Station: 10 minutes

Scandic No 53

274 rooms
Kungsgatan 53
no53@scandichotels.com
www.scandichotels.com/no53
Walking distance to Central Station: 5 minutes



From the hostel ship 'af Chapman' you have a terrific view towards Old Town and the Royal Castle. Photo: Henrik Trygg/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.

FOUR STAR HOTELS ★★☆☆

Room rates: EUR 100–200

Clarion Hotel Sign

558 rooms
Östra Järnvägsgatan 35
cl.sign@choice.se
www.clarionsign.com
Walking distance to Central Station: 5–10 minutes

Clarion Hotel Amaranten

423 rooms
Kungsholmsgatan 31
cl.amaranten@choice.se
www.nordicchoicehotels.com/Clarion/clarion-hotel-amaranten
Walking distance to Central Station: 5–10 minutes

Elite Hotel Adlon

100 rooms
Vasagatan 42
info.adlon@elite.se
www.elite.se/en/hotels/stockholm/hotel-adlon/
Walking distance to Central Station: 1 minute

Hilton Stockholm Slussen

285 rooms
Guldgränd 8
stockholm-slussen@hilton.com
www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/sweden/hilton-stockholm-slussen-STOSLHI/index.html
Walking distance to Central Station: 20 minutes

Nordic Light Hotel & Nordic C Hotel

175 + 367 rooms
Vasaplan
info@nordichotels.se
nordiclighthotel.com/
Walking distance to Central Station: 2 minutes

Radisson Blu Royal Viking

459 rooms
Vasagatan 1
guest.royal.stockholm@radissonblu.com
www.radissonblu.com/en/royalvikinghotel-stockholm
Walking distance to Central Station: 1 minute

Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel

414 rooms
Nils Ericsson plan 4
info.waterfront.stockholm@radissonblu.com
www.radissonblu.com/en/waterfronthotel-stockholm
Walking distance to Central Station: 2 minutes

Scandic Continental

392 rooms
Vasagatan 22
continental@scandichotels.com
www.scandichotels.com/continental
Walking distance to Central Station: 2 minutes

Scandic Grand Central

391 rooms
Kungsgatan 70
grandcentral@scandichotels.com
www.scandichotels.com/grandcentral
Walking distance to Central Station: 5 minutes

Scandic Talk Hotel

248 rooms
Mässvägen 2
talk@scandichotels.com
www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Sweden/Stockholm/Scandic-Talk/
Located next to Stockholmsmässan. Distance to Central Station: 10 minutes by commuter train

FIVE STAR HOTELS ★★★★★

Room rates: EUR 150–300

Haymarket by Scandic

405 rooms
Hötorget 13–15
haymarket@scandichotels.com
www.scandichotels.com/haymarket
Walking distance to Central Station: 5 minutes

Grand Hôtel

278 rooms
S. Blasieholmshamnen 8
info@grandhotel.se
www.grandhotel.se/en
Walking distance to Central Station: 10–15 minutes

Nobis Hotel

201 rooms
Norrmalmstorg 2 A
info@nobishotel.com
www.nobishotel.se/en/
Walking distance to Central Station: 10 minutes

Sheraton Stockholm Hotel

465 rooms
Tegelbacken 6
sheraton.stockholm@sheraton.com
www.sheraton.com/stockholm
Walking distance to Central Station: 2 minutes

*Stockholm Waterfront building is situated just next to the Stockholm City hall.
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Appendix 6

TRANSPORT

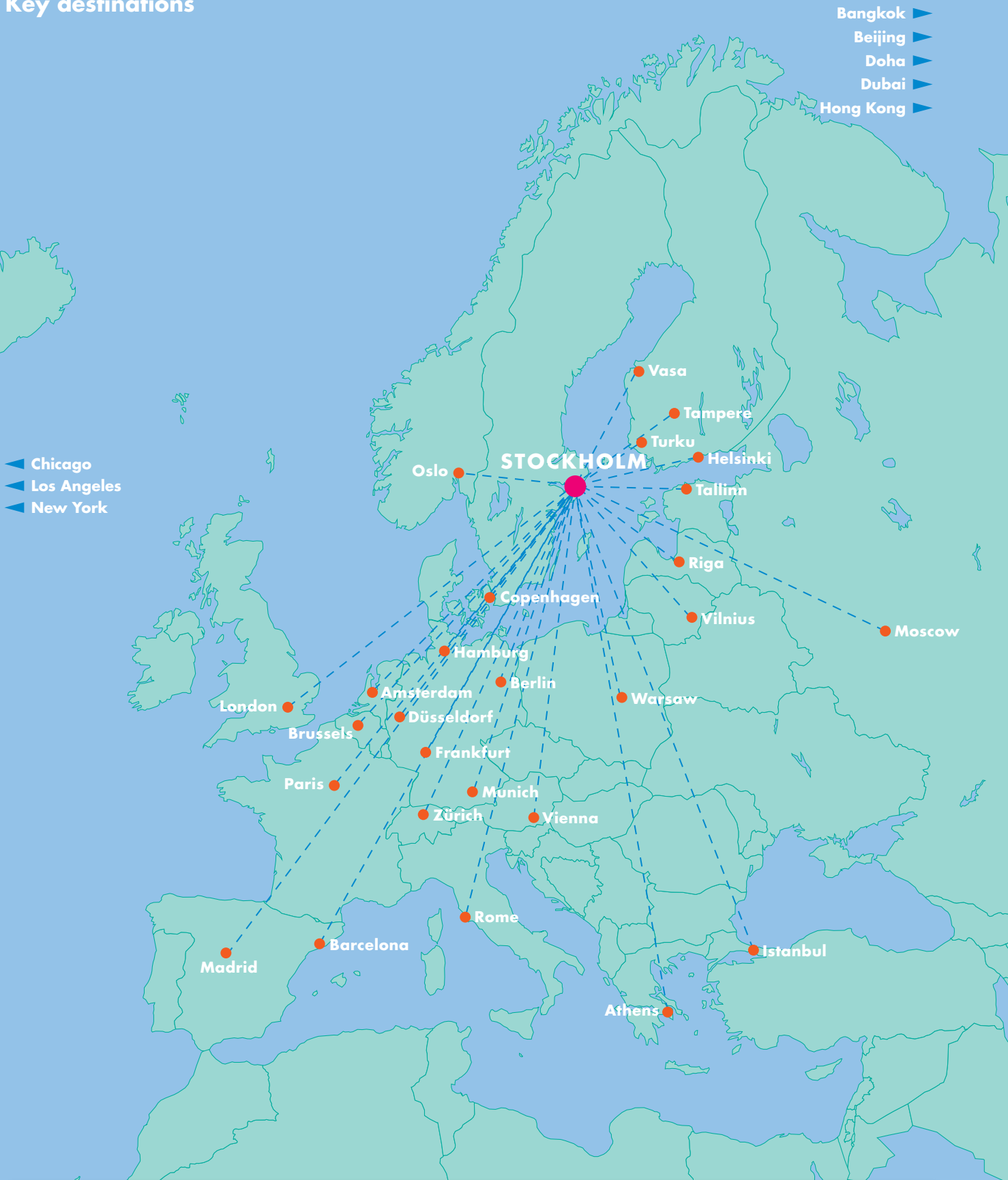
Key destinations & times

Direct flights & frequency

Operating airlines

Stockholm Subway and commuter train maps

Key destinations



- Bangkok ▶
- Beijing ▶
- Doha ▶
- Dubai ▶
- Hong Kong ▶

- Chicago ▶
- Los Angeles ▶
- New York ▶

Flying times to Stockholm from:

Amsterdam	2 h	Chicago	9 h	Hong Kong	10.5 h	Los Angeles	11 h
Bangkok	10 h	Copenhagen	1 h	Istanbul	3.5 h	New York	8.5 h
Beijing	8.5 h	Frankfurt	2 h	London	2.5 h	Paris	2.5 h

A selection of direct regular flights to Stockholm May 2016

STOCKHOLM ARLANDA AIRPORT

Destination	Arrivals/ week	Flying time
EUROPE		
Aarhus	11	1 h 40 min
Alicante	10	3 h 50 min
Amsterdam	53	2 h 00 min
Athens	8	3 h 40 min
Barcelona	19	3 h 15 min
Belgrade	8	2 h 35 min
Bergen	12	1 h 15 min
Berlin	44	1 h 30 min
Billund	14	1 h 25 min
Brussels	16	2 h 10 min
Bucharest	6	2 h 45 min
Budapest	8	2 h 20 min
Cologne	4	2 h 00 min
Copenhagen	135	1 h 10 min
Dublin	9	2 h 45 min
Dubrovnik	4	2 h 55 min
Düsseldorf	41	2 h 00 min
Edinburgh	8	2 h 20 min
Frankfurt	55	2 h 05 min
Gdansk	6	1 h 35 min
Geneva	9	2 h 35 min
Hamburg	21	1 h 35 min
Helsinki	120	0 h 55 min
Istanbul	44	3 h 20 min
Kiev	7	2 h 30 min
Kookola	7	1 h 25 min
Krakow	5	1 h 55 min
Lisbon	7	4 h 10 min
London	116	2 h 35 min
Luxembourg	7	2 h 45 min
Madrid	11	3 h 50 min
Malaga	14	4 h 15 min
Malta	2	3 h 50 min
Manchester	12	2 h 25 min
Mariehamn	11	0 h 30 min
Milan	7	2 h 40 min
Minsk	4	1 h 40 min
Moscow	16	2 h 05 min
Munich	36	2 h 10 min
Nice	16	2 h 55 min

Destination	Arrivals/ week	Flying time
EUROPE		
Oslo	128	0 h 55 min
Palma	12	3 h 40 min
Paris	44	2 h 30 min
Prague	19	1 h 55 min
Reykjavik	15	3 h 10 min
Riga	45	1 h 00 min
Rome	18	2 h 55 min
Sarajevo	2	2 h 50 min
Split	4	2 h 45 min
St Petersburg	5	1 h 15 min
Stavanger	5	1 h 20 min
Tallinn	40	0 h 55 min
Tampere	20	0 h 55 min
Trondheim	7	1 h 10 min
Turku	23	0 h 50 min
Vaasa	22	1 h 00 min
Venice	2	2 h 40 min
Vienna	30	2 h 20 min
Vilnius	23	1 h 35 min
Warsaw	21	1 h 45 min
Zurich	30	2 h 30 min
AFRICA		
Addis Ababa	6	9 h 25 min
Casablanca	3	6 h 00 min
ASIA		
Bangkok	8	10 h 20 min
Beijing	5	8 h 25 min
Doha	10	6 h 05 min
Dubai	7	6 h 15 min
Hong Kong	5	10 h 20 min
Tehran	2	5 h 35 min
Tel Aviv	2	4 h 35 min
NORTH AMERICA		
Chicago	7	9 h 00 min
Ft Lauderdale	1	10 h 05min
Las Vegas	1	10 h 30 min
Los Angeles	10	11 h 00 min
New York	18	8 h 30 min
Oakland	3	10 h 30 min

BROMMA AIRPORT STOCKHOLM

Destination	Arrivals/ week	Flying time
EUROPE		
Aarhus	7	1 h 20 min
Brussels	22	2 h 25 min
Helsinki	23	1 h 10 min

STOCKHOLM SKAVSTA AIRPORT

Destination	Arrivals/ week	Flying time
EUROPE		
Alicante	6	3 h 55 min
Barcelona	5	3 h 20 min
Belgrad	2	2 h 30 min
Beziers	2	3 h 10 min
Bremen	3	1 h 25 min
Brussels, Charleroi	3	2 h 10 min
Bucharest	2	2 h 45 min
Budapest	7	2 h 05 min
Copenhagen	5	1 h 05 min
Düsseldorf, Weeze	3	2 h 00 min
Gdansk	12	1 h 05 min
Katowice	3	1 h 40 min
Krakow	5	1 h 50 min
London, Stansted	14	2 h 25 min
Lublin	2	1 h 40 min
Malaga	3	4 h 25 min
Malta	3	3 h 55 min
Milan, Bergamo	7	2 h 35 min
Palma de Mallorca	3	3 h 35 min
Paris, Beauvais	4	2 h 30 min
Pafos (Cyprus)	1	4 h 20 min
Pisa	2	2h 50 min
Poznan	2	1 h 35 min
Rijeca	2	2 h 30 min
Rhodes	2	3 h 50 min
Rome, Ciampino	5	2 h 55 min
Skopje	2	3 h 00 min
Thessaloniki	2	3 h 10 min
Treviso	2	2 h 25 min
Tuzla	2	2 h 35 min
Warsaw	6	1 h 30 min
Warsaw, Modlin	6	1 h 30 min
Wroclaw	2	1 h 40min
Vilnius	2	1 h 25 min
Zadar	2	2 h 35 min

Operating Airlines

STOCKHOLM ARLANDA AIRPORT

Nearly 70 airlines fly international routes at Stockholm Arlanda Airport.

Aegean Airlines
Aeroflot
Air Baltic
AirBerlin
Air China

Air France
Air Serbia
Austrian Airlines
Avies
Belavia

British Airways/BA City Flyer
Bulgaria Air
Corendon Airlines
CSA Czech Airlines
Delta Airlines

EasyJet
Emirates
Estonian Air
Ethiopian Airlines
Evelop Air

Finnair
Freebird International
Germania
Germanwings
Hermes Airlines

Iberia
Iberia Express
Icelandair
Iran Air
Iraqi Airways

Jet Time
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
Kronflyg
LOT Polish Airlines
Lufthansa

Luxair
Malmö Aviation

NextJet
NIKI
Norwegian

Nouvelair
Novair
Onur Air
Pegasus Airlines
Primera Air

Qatar Airways
Rossiya Russian Airlines
Royal Air Maroc
SAS, Scandinavian Airlines
Sata

Sparrow Aviation
SunExpress
Swiss
TAP Portugal
Tarom

Thai Airways International
Thomas Cook Airlines Scandinavia
Thomson
Tuifly Nordic
Turkish Airlines

Ukraine International
United Airlines
Vueling
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British Airways
Brussels Airlines
Finnair

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STOCKHOLM SKAVSTA AIRPORT

Ryanair
Wizz Air
Source: www.skavsta.se

Stockholm - Spårtrafikarta Rail Network Map



- 10 11 Blå linjen Blue line
- 13 14 Röd linjen Red line
- 17 18 19 Gröna linjen Green line

Annan spårtrafik Other rail services

- 7 Djurgårdsbanan Tram
- 12 Nockebybanan Tram
- 21 Lidingsbanan Tram
- 22 Tvärbanan Tram
- 25 26 Saltsgårdsbanan Light rail
- 27 28 29 Roslagsbanan Light rail
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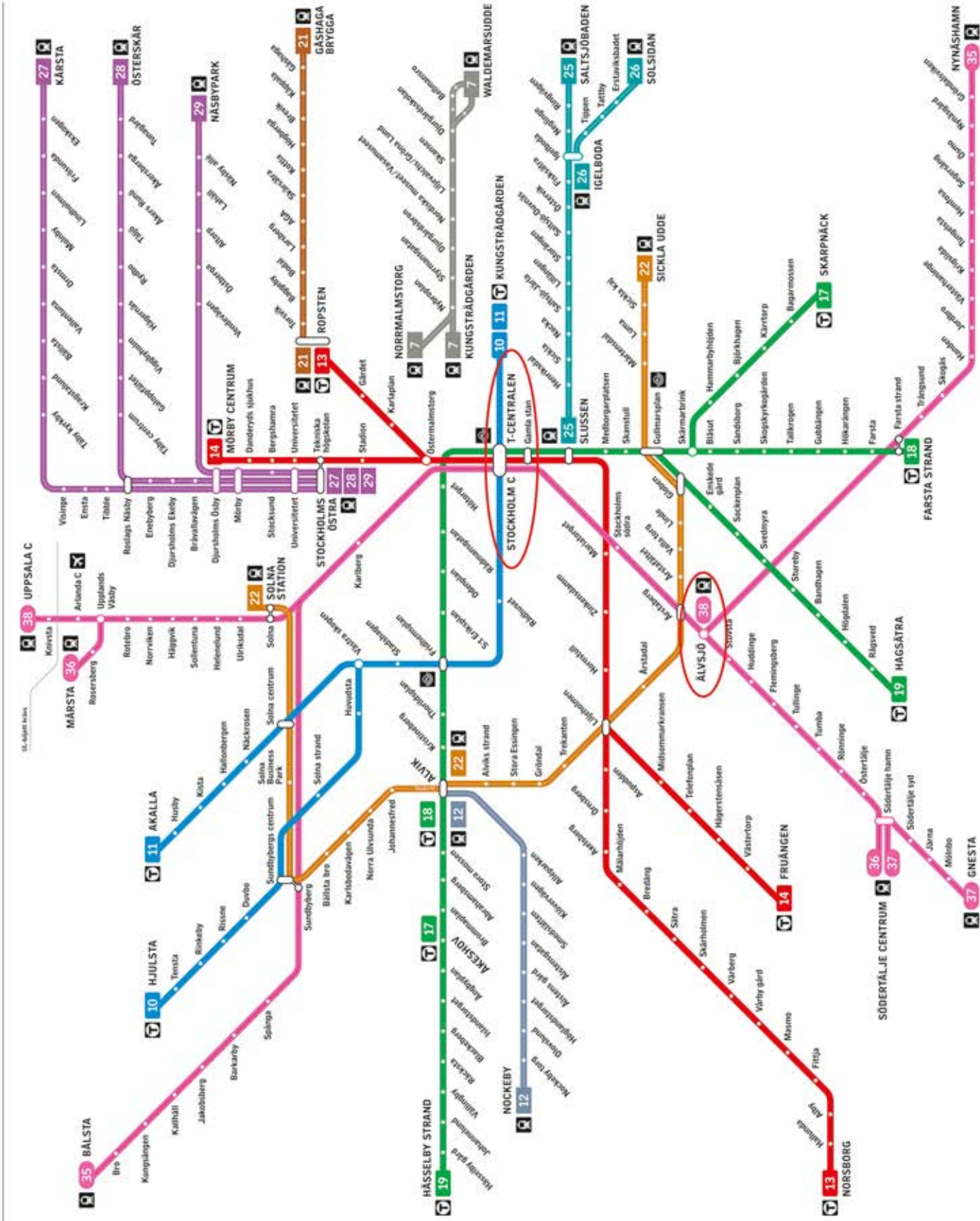
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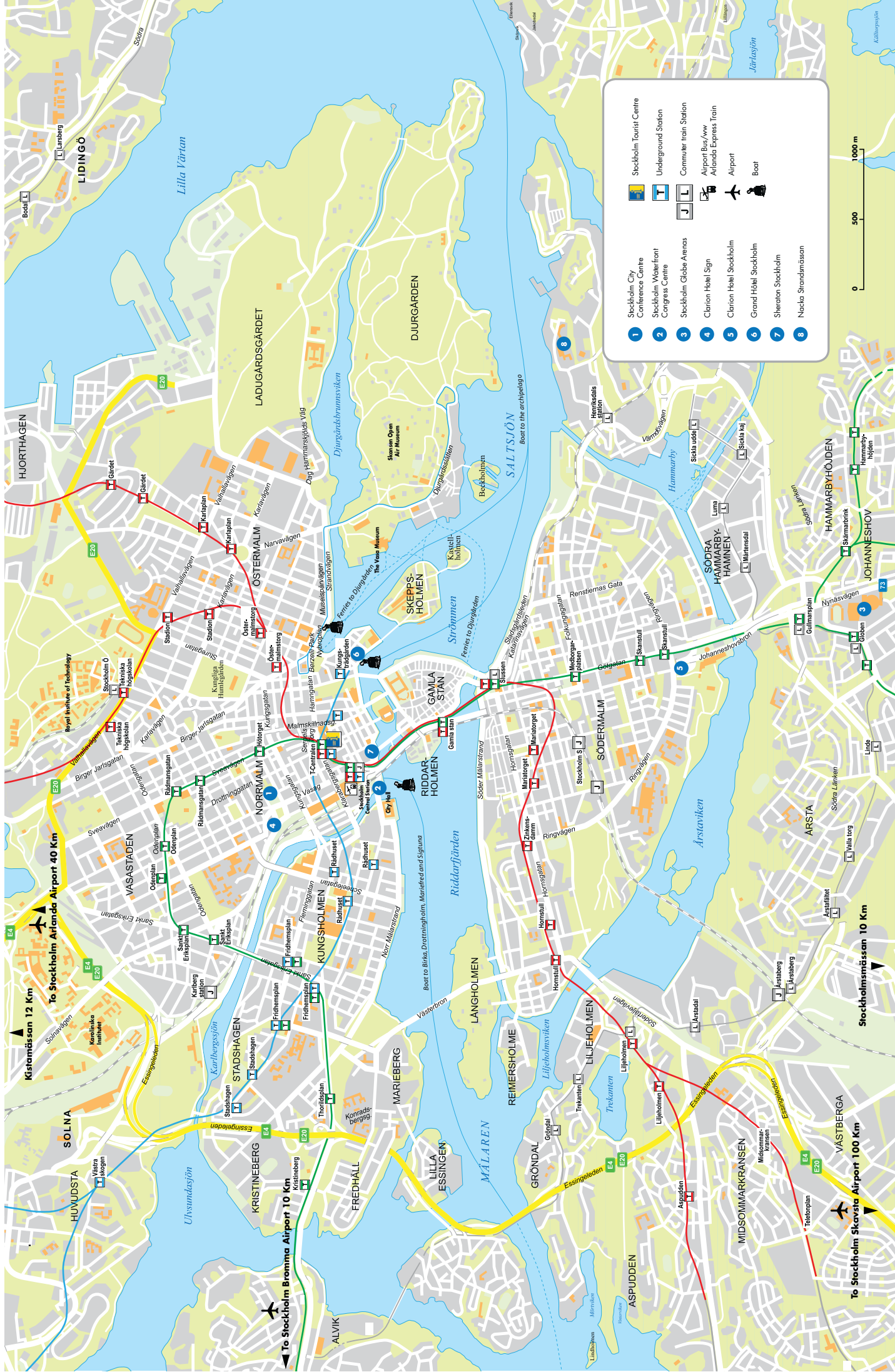
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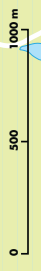
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SL Customer Services
For information about SL rail services, please visit www.sl.se or call 08-600 00 00.





1	Stockholm City Centre	1	Stockholm Tourist Centre
2	Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre	2	Underground Station
3	Stockholm Globe Arenas	3	Commuter train Station
4	Clarion Hotel Sign	4	Airport Bus/Aw Arlanda Express Train
5	Clarion Hotel Stockholm	5	Airport
6	Grand Hotel Stockholm	6	Boat
7	Sheraton Stockholm		
8	Nacka Strandamässon		



Kistamässan 12 Km
To Stockholm Arlanda Airport 40 Km

To Stockholm Bromma Airport 10 Km

Stockholmsmässan 10 Km

To Stockholm Skavsta Airport 100 Km



Appendix 7

SWEDISH CULTURE

Swedish culture

Sweden is known as a modern and progressive nation, and takes immense pride in this. Its modernity has led to the nation's emergence as a world cultural power. Swedish music, art, literature and design have been highly influential around the globe.



PASSION FOR TRADITION

Despite being ultra-modern, Sweden prizes simplicity highly. It also has a surprising passion for tradition – many of its national holidays are ancient celebrations, with midsummer one of the most important events in the calendar. This is a country that looks forward without losing sight of where it has come from.



INDUSTRY

Although Sweden is a sparsely populated country, Swedish industry has always enjoyed remarkable success internationally. In fact, the limited home market is probably an important factor in this – success has depended on looking to overseas markets. Sweden's traditional industries include automotive, engineering, domestic appliances and forestry.



DESIGN FOR LIFE

One of the world's top design nations, Sweden is best known for its minimalist style. Swedish design is characterized by lightness of form, clean lines and functionality, mirroring the purity of the Swedish landscape. Sweden is particularly renowned for furniture and product design, with names such as Bruno Mathsson and Jonas Bohlin. Not to forget Ikea of course, now one of the world's most successful companies. Glass and crystal are also notable, with brands such as Orrefors and Kosta Boda.



...AND INNOVATION

Innovation and entrepreneurship have always been key aspects of Swedish business. Sweden was at the forefront of the IT boom, and continues to be a world leader in this area. Telecoms is a particular strength in Sweden, with the legacy of communications giant Ericsson inspiring dynamic start-ups such as Skype. It's a high-tech society with many 'early adopters' of new technology.



SLEEK STYLE

Sweden is a well-dressed nation, and Swedish fashion designers are rising stars on the international stage. Fashion brands such as Tiger, Filippa K and J Lindeberg have achieved widespread acclaim and commercial success. Swedish fashion is brought to the mainstream by successful high street brands such as H&M.



IT'S IN OUR NATURE

Sweden's southernmost point is on the same latitude as northern England. Its northernmost extends beyond the Arctic Circle. From the soft sandy beaches of the south, to the mountains and glaciers of the far north, the Swedish landscape has everything. You can find vast open spaces, sparkling lakes and seas, myriad islands, rolling green hills and lush meadows within these borders. Wildlife also abounds. Elks can be found across much of the country, and more exotic inhabitants include wolves, bears, lynx and wolverines.



*Photos, from top down: Conny Fridh, Amanda Westerbom, and Tove Freij.
Dala horses: Amanda Westerbom.
All: imagebank.sweden.se.*



*Photos, from top down: Simon Paulin, Lena Granefelt, and Johan Willner.
Plate of sill: Per-Erik Berglund.
All: imagebank.sweden.se.*

For more facts about Sweden, please visit <https://sweden.se/society/sweden-an-overview/>.



Appendix 8

STOCKHOLM SUPPORT



City Support

The City of Stockholm has the pleasure of offering the following additional benefits to the International Union of Forest Research Organizations.

Stockholm Convention Bureau

Stockholm Convention Bureau is here to make things easier for you. Together with our network of professional and experienced partners, we offer highly informed, accessible help and advice, with no costs whatsoever to you. Let us help you plan a truly memorable congress in Stockholm.

Official hospitality

International congresses held in Stockholm may qualify for official hospitality in Stockholm City Hall. The City of Stockholm will then host a reception for up to 1 200 participants at the world famous and spectacular venue for the Nobel Prize festivities. Stockholm Convention Bureau will be happy to assist you with the necessary application for the event.

Site inspection

Stockholm Convention Bureau invites you to a site inspection which will be arranged according to your specific needs and requirements. The invitation applies until decision on destination for 2024 has been taken. Stockholm Convention Bureau covers all cost for flights within Europe as well as accommodation for two nights and local transport. The offer is valid for two representatives from the International Union of Forest Research Organizations.

Booking service

On request, Stockholm Convention Bureau will secure hotel rooms in Stockholm for your conference. The rooms will – when agreed upon – be handed over to your organisation or to your chosen conference organizer, in order to negotiate terms & conditions with the hotels. This service is free of charge.

Travel within Stockholm

Stockholm Public Transport Company - SL, offers international congresses a significant discount on travel cards, when purchasing 1 000 cards or more. Travel cards are valid on all public transport within Greater Stockholm Area.

- The price for a 6-day congress travel card is SEK 200 / € 21* when purchasing 1 000 – 4 000 cards and SEK 160 / € 17* when purchasing 4 000 cards or more (to be compared with the regular price which is SEK 315 / € 33*

Speed train tickets to & from Stockholm Arlanda Airport

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations will be offered 10-50% discount on the Arlanda Express train tickets, to and from Stockholm Arlanda Airport, depending on day of travel. The regular price for a one-way ticket is currently SEK 280 / € 29* and SEK 540 / € 57* for a return ticket.

Promotional material

When marketing Stockholm as your meeting destination you have the opportunity to use digital images from our Image bank, www.visitstockholm.com/imagebank.

** Currency conversion as of March 23, 2017*

www.oanda.com/currency/converter/ Above rates and conditions apply for the year 2017 and are subject to change.



Appendix 9

BANQUET & RECEPTION VENUES

Banquet and reception venues – an ocean of choices

If you're looking for something beyond the ordinary, Stockholm is the right place. It's hard to equal the experience of banqueting in the awesome presence of the 17th century Vasa warship. Or follow in the footsteps of the Nobel Laureates and choose the splendour of City Hall's Golden Hall. Either way, these will be memories to treasure.

VASA MUSEUM

When the Royal flagship Vasa was built in 1628, she was the pride of the country. But the glory was short-lived as she sank on her maiden voyage. In 1961, the Vasa was raised from the depths of Stockholm harbour where she had lain for 333 years. Now she is fully restored and housed in an award-winning museum, and seeing this Royal flagship up close is a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

Outside official opening hours the museum offers a magnificent setting for receptions, banquets and private arrangements as tables are set up under the prow of the ship. Guests will discover how the ingredients from bygone days have provided inspiration and how modern culinary skills have been applied to run a 17th century kitchen.

Vasa Museum seats up to 800 people and can host receptions for up to 2,000 guests. The Ship's Hall also offers plenty of scope for musical entertainment.

As Stockholm is at the confluence of Lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea, a ferry ride to and from the Vasa Museum is always inviting and a good introduction to Stockholm from the water!

Location: 10–15 minutes by public transportation from the City Centre. www.vasamuseet.se/en/

STOCKHOLM CITY HALL

Located in central Stockholm, the City Hall is one of Stockholm's most fascinating and aesthetically pleasing attractions. Designed by architect Ragnar Östberg, the City Hall was inaugurated on Midsummer's Eve (what else in the Capital of Scandinavia?) in the year 1923.

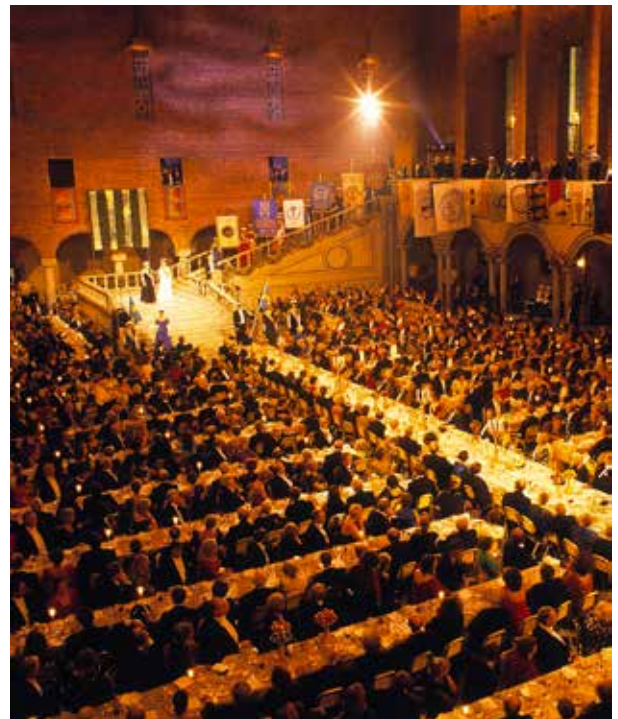
As the foremost symbol of Sweden's capital city, Stockholm City Hall hosts a large variety of activities. It is a building well known for its hospitality, unique art treasures, magnificent festivities and fascinating history. The City Hall is also the seat of the government of Stockholm.

International congresses held in Stockholm may qualify for official hospitality in Stockholm City Hall, famous throughout the world for the Nobel Prize Banquet, held in December every year – the Blue and Golden Halls, among the world's finest banquet premises, are what people most frequently associate with Stockholm City Hall. Companies and organisations can also hire these unique, historical and beautiful premises. The City Hall can host banquets and receptions for up to 1,200 guests.

Location: City Centre. www.stockholm.se/cityhall



*Dine in the shadow of this magnificent ship at the Vasa Museum.
Photo: Alexander Dokukin/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.*



*The Stockholm City Hall is where the Nobel Prize Banquet is held every December.
Photo: Jeppe Wikström/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.*



STOCKHOLM WATERFRONT CONGRESS CENTRE

Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre is the city's newest and most versatile large-scale venue. Built on the waters' edge right in the heart of Stockholm, it offers vast possibilities for experiences out of the ordinary.

The premises have been designed and built to provide maximum flexibility. High-tech solutions mean that the

venue can be easily converted in a multitude of ways to suit the needs of any event imaginable.

With a total area of 14,000 sqm in a prime city location, the Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre has capacity for about 2,000 guests in banquet seating and 3,000 for reception. The three-storey building offers fantastic views of Stockholm City Hall and the surrounding waters.

Location: City Centre. www.stockholmwaterfront.com

New meets old as Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre reflects Stockholm City Hall. Photo: Ulf H Börjesson/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.



FOTOGRAFISKA, THE SWEDISH MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Fotografiska, besides being an exhibition space dedicated to world-class photography, also offers excellent meeting facilities for conventions and other events.

Within walking distance from the public transportation hub Slussen, Fotografiska is located right at the waterfront overlooking the city

centre, the Old Town and Skeppsholmen. Fotografiska seats up to 500 and can host receptions for up to 2,000 guests. At Fotografiska the convention or event participant is offered the latest in event technology as well as a unique photographic experience, all set in a beautiful building with a first-class restaurant and bar offering a spectacular view of Stockholm by the water.

Location: 10–15 minutes by public transportation from the City Centre. www.fotografiska.eu/en/

Meet and mingle in a world class photography environment. Photo: Erik G Svensson/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.



THE BREWERY

The Brewery is a characteristic element in the skyline of Stockholm as well as being a greatly appreciated memento of a distant industrial epoch. Beer was produced here for over 100 years to satisfy the thirsts of Stockholmers and the last bottle ever to be filled was capped in 1971. Since the 1970s, the München Brewery has functioned as a conference and event venue.

The Brewery hosts an array of different events such as grand banquets, staff parties, fashion shows, musical concerts and exhibitions. One of the great strengths is the diversity and sheer size of The Brewery, making it possible to basically host any sort of event or gathering. The venue is bright, spacious and modern and offers excellent options for groups ranging between 10 and 2,600 people.

Most of the rooms and halls have access to large terraces and balconies, and some are located on the top seventh floor giving a splendid panoramic view of the characteristic City Hall building as well as the city centre of Stockholm and the water that surrounds it.

Location: 10–15 minutes by public transportation from the City Centre. www.m-b.se/en/

The München Brewery is prepared to take on almost any kind of event. Photo: The Brewery/Münchenbryggeriet.



STOCKHOLMSMÄSSAN

Stockholmsmässan can provide numerous opportunities for creative solutions and is able to create tailor made events worth remembering. The venue offers first-class cuisine and can easily cater for outstanding functions and dinners ranging from buffets for hundreds of guests to three course meals for 5,000 people.

Each of the exhibition halls offers specific solutions and can be tailored to differing requirements. The large welcoming entrance hall, immediately connecting to the halls, is perfect for events. Other large lobby areas and versatile open spaces are also available. The Victoria Hall, one of Europe's most modern conference facilities, can be rapidly transformed into a 1,200 seat banquetting hall or a reception area for 2,000 guests.

Stockholmsmässan is a perfect site for major and demanding events such as inaugurations and shows.

Location: 10 minutes by public transportation from the City Centre. www.stockholmsmassan.se/?sc_lang=en

Exhibitions, meetings, convents, dining and mingling – Stockholmsmässan has all the facilities. Photo: www.stockholmsmassan.se.



VAXHOLMS KASTELL FORTRESS

On the seaward side of Stockholm lies Vaxholms Kastell (Vaxholm's Citadel), an island fortress built in the 19th century in order to deter waterborne attacks.

Today it is one of the most magical locations for banquets and dinners in the Stockholm area, able to cater for over 2,000 people. There are also several fascinating options for more

intimate events.

The unique environment with massive brick walls, tower and open courtyard, offers a historical atmosphere with flexible logistics solutions for all sorts of larger events. Boats can be chartered to bring the guests by water from the city centre of Stockholm to the fortress situated in the beautiful archipelago. A magnificent start to a magnificent evening!

Location: Travel time from city centre is approximately 40 minutes by boat or bus. www.kastellet.com

Exciting events take place in the citadel, Vaxholms Kastell. Photo: www.kastellet.com/galleri/



WINTERVIKEN

In beautiful Vinterviken, only 15 minutes away from Stockholm city, sits the old factory of Nobel from 1891.

In this incredible building there are neither crystal chandeliers nor velvet chairs, instead our ceiling is adorned by wooden beams, brick inner and outer walls and wooden floors. Daytime light flows through the enormous arched windows and nighttime we illuminate

the walls to create that special feeling you require for your particular event.

Winterviken's halls are rough and beautiful. The house is approximately 2,000 m² large and there is ample space for people to mingle! The main hall has dining capacity for up to 500 guests.

Location: Travel time from the city centre is approximately 15–20 minutes by bus.

www.winterviken.se/conference-banqueting-stockholm

Flexible dinner arrangements at Winterviken. "Etaget" is four rooms on two floors. Photo: [Alicia Swedenborg/www.winterviken.se](http://AliciaSwedenborg/www.winterviken.se)

ARTIPELAG

Artipelag is a unique venue where art exhibits, inspiring cultural activities, architecture, music, Swedish design and great dining live side by side with the beautiful archipelago environment.

The venue is situated about 19 km east of Stockholm and is carefully located amongst the pine trees and the rocks with a magnificent view over Baggen's Bay. Arrive by boat from the city and start the party onboard. Continue with a mingle in

our beautiful entrance hall or on the roof top terrace before you enjoy dinner.

The largest hall, Artbox, encompassing nearly 1,200 m² with a 12 m high ceiling, is a central part of Artipelag's production work and is also available to rent. The venue can host receptions for up to 1,500 guest as well as seated dinners for 800 guests.

Location: Travel time from city centre is approximately 45 minutes by boat or 30 minutes by bus. www.artipelag.se/en/



Meetings and events in a surrounding of art and nature. Photo: Artipelag.



Appendix 10

NON-PROFESSIONAL EXCURSIONS

Pre and post congress tours

Social activities

Pre and Post Congress Tours – so far and yet so near

If you can bear to drag yourself away from the beauty and delights of Stockholm, you will find dramatically different environments and cultures within easy reach. From the magnificent rocky landscape of Gotland, to the splendour of the midnight sun in the far north. And beyond Swedish shores to the neighbouring eastern lands, new worlds await your discovery.

SWEDISH LAPLAND

Lapland, a province north of the Arctic Circle, could well be the last wilderness in Europe.

This is the land of the Midnight Sun where, from May until August, there is daylight around the clock. In wintertime, you can experience the spectacular Northern lights (*Aurora Borealis*).

Lapland presents a rare combination of peace and quiet, adventure and excitement. You will be introduced to the culture and traditions of the indigenous Sami people and the countryside and wildlife of Lapland, including activities such as fishing, hiking and whitewater rafting.

www.visitsweden.com



King's Trail (Kungsleden) in Lapland is Sweden's longest and most famous trail. Photo: Michael Jönsson/Scandinav Bildbyrå/imagebank.sweden.se.

GOTLAND, SWEDEN

Gotland is an island in the Baltic Sea some 90 kilometres from the Swedish mainland. It has a fascinating history, and has more registered ancient monuments than any other region in Sweden.

Visby, a typical Hanseatic town, has been perfectly preserved and is on the UNESCO world heritage list. The town is ring walled and boasts a well-preserved street grid with buildings from the Middle Ages and onwards. Medieval church ruins and ancient storehouses stand close together with low wood and stone houses from later periods.

Gotland offers a wide variety of activities. Why not offer your guests a trip to the "raukarna", rock formations on the small island of Fårö combined with a coffee break in a picturesque fishing village? Sea fishing, a visit to the Lummelunda Caves or a medieval adventure for the adventurous. A guided city walk and a visit to some of Visby's ruins for the culturally interested.

The island of Gotland offers dramatic landscapes and idyllic pastoral scenes in a unique mix, with everything from rugged, leafy woodlands and flowery meadows to chalky coastal cliffs.

www.gotland.com/en/

www.visitsweden.com



A medieval defensive city wall surrounds the town of Visby, Gotland. Photo: Emelie Asplund/imagebank.sweden.se.

KINGDOM OF CRYSTAL, SWEDEN

The small area in the counties of Kronoberg and Kalmar in Småland receives over a million visitors each year. There is adventure waiting round every bend in the road in this part of Sweden. Here you can stroll through deep enchanted forests and let yourself be dazzled by the magic of glass.

About 15 glassworks within a radius of a few Swedish miles create the everyday glassware and colourful works of art that are renowned worldwide for their beauty. This region, from which many people emigrated and travelled to America, is now bustling with life, art and activity.

Many people return here over and over again. It is easy to see why. One never tires of the spectacle of red-hot molten glass being transformed into fragile crystal or robust bowls.

After leaving the warmth of the hot glass studios, many things to experience remain. The area is rich in cultural history and offers opportunities for country pursuits, sport and shopping.

www.glasriket.se/en



Målerås Glassworks in Småland.



Hand-blown glass holds a special place in Sweden. In the Kingdom of Crystal (Glasriket), hand-blown glass has been made since 1742. Photo above: Tina Stafrén/imagebank.sweden.se. Right: Melker Dahlstrand/imagebank.sweden.se.

HELSINKI, FINLAND

Helsinki is one of the greenest metropolises in the world: over one third of the city consists of parks and other green areas, and it is surrounded on three sides by the sea. There are also 42 nature reserves in the city. The surrounding sea creates a special atmosphere and offers a wide range of recreational opportunities, from fishing and swimming to skating and sledding in wintertime.

The city is also one of the cleanest capital cities in the world. The noise, pollution and congestion that are often associated with capital cities are noticeably absent here. The safe and tidy streets combined with the compact size of the city make Helsinki a pleasant place to visit.

Wooden architecture is still as much a part of the Finnish soul as “sauna, sisu and salmiakki”. The freshest examples of contemporary wooden architecture are the Kamppi Chapel of Silence and the Kulttuurisauna “Culture Sauna”.

Helsinki’s open and friendly residents wish visitors, along with new events and trends, a very warm welcome to this dynamic and lively city.

Daily ferry services and Sweden Car ferries operate on the Sweden–Finland routes.

www.visithelsinki.fi/en



Helsinki Cathedral and Senate Square, a must for all visitors coming by boat from for example Sweden. Photo: visitfinland.com.

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Few cities can offer so many stunning attractions and intriguing moods as St. Petersburg – City of the Tsars.

From the vibrant colours of spring, through the sunny summer days and endless twilights of the famous White Nights, the brilliant golden sun of autumn and into the crisp and brittle brightness of a St. Petersburg winter, the City casts its own unique spell over visitors.

Created by Peter the Great in 1703 to be his “window on Europe”, St. Petersburg combines its fascinating Russian heritage with a distinctly European outlook. Considered the cultural heart of modern day Russia, St. Petersburg is rapidly regaining its reputation as one of the Great Cities of Europe.

www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/



*The impressive St. Isaac's Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Russia.
Photo: Ilia Schelkanov.*

TALLINN, ESTONIA

Tallinn is one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe with a web of winding cobblestone streets, developed from the 11th to 15th centuries, preserved nearly in its entirety. The Old Town of Tallinn has been added onto the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The golden era in Tallinn's history lay in the period between the early 15th and mid-16th centuries. A walk through Tallinn's Old Town brings a heightened understanding of the rich history of the town, as well as a mysterious sense of the atmosphere of the old days, a unique chance to experience the layers of time.

www.tourism.tallinn.ee/



*Town Hall Pharmacy in Tallinn, first mentioned in town records in 1422.
Photo: Toomas Vollmer/Tallinn City Tourist Office & Convention Bureau.*

NORWEGIAN FJORDS

Get back to nature and experience the untouched splendour of the Norwegian fjords.

The fjords were carved out in succession of the Ice Age. When the ice retreated 10,000–12,000 years ago, valleys were formed by glaciers and filled with sea water to form steep-walled inlets. You will find two of the world's three longest fjords in Norway. UNESCO has included Norwegian fjords on its World Heritage List, and National Geographic has ranked Norwegian fjords the most popular of all World Heritage sites.

Each fjord has its own characteristics and attractions. Experience a fjord cruise, try hiking on a glacier or go skiing in the middle of the summer.

www.visitnorway.com



*The Geirangerfjord offers some of the most spectacular scenery in the world.
Photo: Terje Rakke, Nordic life/visitnorway.com.*

Social Activities – expand your horizons

Beautiful nature, magnificent art, dynamic culture, ornate palaces, medieval history and the oldest university in Sweden. Whatever you could possibly be interested in, you'll find it. You can even see mooses, bears and wolverines at nearby Skansen.

OLD TOWN WALKABOUT

Gamla Stan (Old Town) is one of Europe's best preserved. Built on four islands in the heart of the city, this is where Stockholm was originally founded in the 13th century. A medieval atmosphere still prevails, with narrow cobbled streets, low-rise old-style houses, squares, workshops, boutiques – and car-free!

The best way to explore Gamla Stan is on foot, and you will quickly discover that there are many interesting cultural sights and museums to see.

The Royal Palace is the most prominent building in the Old Town and holds a special place among the royal palaces in the world. Not so much for its size and beauty, but because it is open to the public.

Alongside Slottsbacken the palace displays its most attractive façade, with the entrance to the Royal Treasury, State Room (Rikssalen) and Palace Church (Slottskyrkan). You will find Stockholm's cathedral, Storkyrkan, right next door to the palace and if you're on time, you will also see the changing of the Palace Guard.

www.visitstockholm.com/en/see--do/attractions/gamla-stan/



The Royal Palace is the most prominent building in Old Town, a contrast to its narrow streets. Photo: Staffan Eliasson/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.

ART TOUR

A visit to Waldemarsudde, the former residence of Prince Eugene (1865–1947) – one of the most well-known and finest landscape painters of his generation – is a memory to cherish. The property consists of the palace itself and an adjoining gallery, as well as the Old House and the Oil Mill, both of which date from the 1780s. The flower-filled villa houses the Prince's extensive collection of Scandinavian art dating from 1880 to 1940.

The tour continues to Millesgården, home of the sculptor Carl Milles. His collection of art from ancient Greece and Rome, as well as from medieval times and the Renaissance, is unique in our country.

The park is spectacularly situated on terraces carved from the steep cliff face and beautifully landscaped to provide an appropriate setting for Milles' sculptures, which have been reproduced and displayed throughout the world. These famous gardens with their flowers and sculptures afford magnificent views of the sea-approach to Stockholm.

www.waldemarsudde.se/in-english/

www.millesgarden.se/index.aspx?languageID=2



Sculptures by Carl Milles at the Millesgården. One part of the fascinating art tour. Photo: Yanan Li/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.

TOUR OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

With its 30,000 islands, islets and reefs, the Stockholm archipelago is a world of its own. The serene beauty of its calm waters and lush, green islands interspersed with barren rocks makes the archipelago a treasured summer resort.

Close to the mainland, the islands are larger and more lush, the bays and channels wider and year-round residents more numerous. Further out towards the sea, the scenery becomes more rugged and finally ends in a scatter of barren, windblown islets. Only a few people live there all year round, but the beauty of the archipelago can be appreciated in any season.

For over 150 years one of Stockholm's most distinctive features has been the steamboats that traffic the archipelago's waters. In addition to the many modern vessels, eight traditional steamboats – some from the turn of the century – are still in operation in what is the largest fleet of passenger steamboats in the world.

One of many popular ways of experiencing the archipelago and the vintage steamboats is the three-hour cruise that takes you through the enchanting inner archipelago to Vaxholm, a fortress town founded in 1647. The town is compact and easy to explore on foot, and on a small island opposite the quay stands the 16th century fortress from which the town is named. During the cruise, lunch or dinner may be served.

www.visitstockholm.com/en/Stockholm-Archipelago/



*Take a full day in the archipelago with the Thousand Islands cruise.
Photo: Claes Helander/www.stromma.se.*

SKANSEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

Skansen is Sweden in miniature and the biggest tourist attraction in Stockholm.

Opened in 1891, Skansen was the first open-air museum in the world and is also a zoological park specialising in Nordic animals. Skansen was founded by Artur Hazelius to show how people had lived and worked in different parts of Sweden in times gone by.

Since then, about 150 historic buildings have been moved here from virtually every part of Sweden. Visitors to the houses and farmsteads are met by hosts and hostesses in period costume. The resident zoo is home to moose, reindeer, the Swedish brown bear and other native species.

Within the park there are facilities to accommodate meetings, conferences, receptions, concerts, events and other corporate activities for 2 to 5,000 people. Many international conferences and conventions in Stockholm include a social event at Skansen. Such days or evenings offer Swedish culture, traditions, music, dancing, animals and delicious food in beautiful surroundings. Music or other entertainment can be arranged on the out-door stage that offers magnificent views of Stockholm.

Skansen Open-air Museum is located a mere 15 minutes' walk from the city centre.

www.skansen.se/en/

www.skansensrestauranger.se/?lang=en



*Musicians at the autumn market at Skansen.
Photo: Gunilla Westberg/Skansen.*

DROTTNINGHOLM PALACE

Drottningholm Palace, situated on Lake Mälaren just 15 km from Stockholm, dates from the 17th century. The palace, which is Sweden's Royal Residence, was built along the lines of Versailles and stands in breathtaking grounds.

The 18th century Royal Court Theatre is the world's oldest playhouse still in use and its original scene-changing machinery is still intact. Visitors entering this unique environment find themselves surrounded by fabulously complex and ornate theatre machinery, including some thirty complete 18th century sets.

The palace – along with the court theatre, park and Chinese Pavilion – is one of the UNESCO cultural heritage sites in Sweden.

www.royalcourt.se
dtm.se/home

Drottningholm Palace, home of the royal family, was built with Versailles as a model. Photo: Jeppe Wikström/mediabank.visitstockholm.com.



SIGTUNA, SWEDEN'S FIRST TOWN

Sigtuna is the oldest medieval town in Sweden, already in existence by the end of the Viking Age. The founding of the town in the year 980 was an important step forward in the growth of the Swedish kingdom when heathen tribes and independent chieftains gathered together under one banner: One Country – One King – One God. Sigtuna was a town of Kings and the home of Vikings.

Today Sigtuna is a small, cosy, picturesque town, where much of the medieval town plan remains to this day. No other town in Sweden, or for that matter in the world, boasts as many runic stones as Sigtuna. In the town more than ten complete runic monuments can be seen next to church ruins from the 12th century. The church of St Mary's, built by Dominican friars during the mid-13th century, is one of the oldest brick buildings in Sweden.

Explore the town with its charming small wooden houses; stroll along the main street lined with shops, restaurants and cafés. Combine history, art, palaces, and shopping with culinary experiences – the choice is entirely yours.

And Sigtuna is close. Next to Stockholm Arlanda Airport, 35 minutes' drive from Stockholm, by the glittering waters of Lake Mälaren.

destinationsigtuna.se/en/

In 980 Erik Segersäll pointed out where Sigtuna should be built. The same street is still there! Photo: Linus Hallgren/destinationsigtuna.se.



UPPSALA

Uppsala is a city of knowledge and inspiration, just 45 minutes from Stockholm.

Here you will find the largest and oldest university in Scandinavia, founded in the year 1477; Scandinavia's largest cathedral, built in the 15th century and visited by half a million people every year; the University library Carolina Rediviva, which houses the unique 6th century Silver Bible, as well as ancient monument sites from the "Viking era" in Gamla Uppsala. We must not forget the Linnaeus Garden, where there still are plants from the days of Carl Linnaeus (1707–1778). His home is also open to the public.

Uppsala has retained its small town charm but also boasts a big city selection of shops, restaurants and events, well worth visiting.

www.destination uppsala.se/en/



You will find Scandinavia's largest cathedral in the center of Uppsala.

Photo: Paulina Bengtsson/Destination Uppsala.

MARIEFRED & GRIPSHOLM CASTLE

The small picturesque town of Mariefred lies on Lake Mälaren, 70 km southwest of Stockholm.

Take time to explore an idyllic, small old town with typical old-fashioned red-painted wooden buildings from the 18th century. In the heart of Mariefred you will find a church, a castle and an inn, all dating from the Middle Ages.

Right next to the inn lies Gripsholm Castle, a massively constructed brick and stone fortification built by King Gustav Vasa (founder of the Vasa dynasty) in the early 16th century as a refuge for his family, should Stockholm itself be attacked. The castle, which dominates the town, has on display objects, portraits and décor that highlight Swedish history in a unique way.

Today, Gripsholm houses samples of Swedish interior design from the 16th to the late 19th centuries, a unique collection of furniture and decorative art spanning 400 years. Gripsholm castle also boasts an exquisite 18th century theatre.

www.royalcourt.se



Gripsholm Castle, founded in 1537 and built by King Gustav Vasa, houses the state portrait collection with over 5,000 works.

Photo: Sörmlands Turistutveckling AB/www.stua.se.



Appendix 11

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON VAT IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESSES HELD IN SWEDEN

Congresses held in Sweden are liable for local Swedish VAT, generally speaking, on the same grounds as congresses held in other EU countries are liable for VAT in the country where they are held.

Foreign principals of congresses held in Sweden should therefore either VAT-register themselves in Sweden through a local Swedish VAT-representative, or appoint a VAT-registered local Swedish PCO to act as their local “technical principal” for the congress.

The general VAT terms for congresses held in Sweden are the following (*the below applies to foreign principals when charging delegate, sponsorship and exhibitor fees by themselves*):

- Delegate fees payable by taxable persons (companies, associations, organisations, institutions and other legal entities as well as business persons conducting economic activities) shall be charged without Swedish VAT.
- Delegate fees payable by non-taxable persons (private persons as well as associations, organisations, institutions and other legal entities not conducting economic activities) shall be charged with Swedish VAT.
- Sponsorship & exhibitor fees payable by both taxable and non-taxable persons shall be charged without Swedish VAT (with the exemption of sponsorship & exhibitor fees payable by Swedish non-taxable persons, who shall be charged with Swedish VAT if the principal is located outside the EU).
- Fees for accompanying persons, social events and excursions payable by both taxable and non-taxable persons shall be charged with Swedish VAT (however at a lower VAT rate in some cases).
- All VAT paid on goods and services purchased in Sweden is normally fully deductible/refundable for all foreign principals of congresses held in Sweden, provided they have either VAT-registered themselves in Sweden or appointed a VAT-registered local Swedish PCO.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Access

In general, access for international participants to conventions in Sweden is not a problem. However, if you wish to visit Sweden for business or to attend a conference and are a citizen of a country outside the EU, you will in most cases need a visa.

Sweden is member of the Schengen Cooperation. The Schengen Cooperation allows those who have a visa to travel to Sweden also to travel to the other member countries. The countries that form part of the Schengen Cooperation are often referred to as Schengen countries. Today 26 countries have become a party to the cooperation.

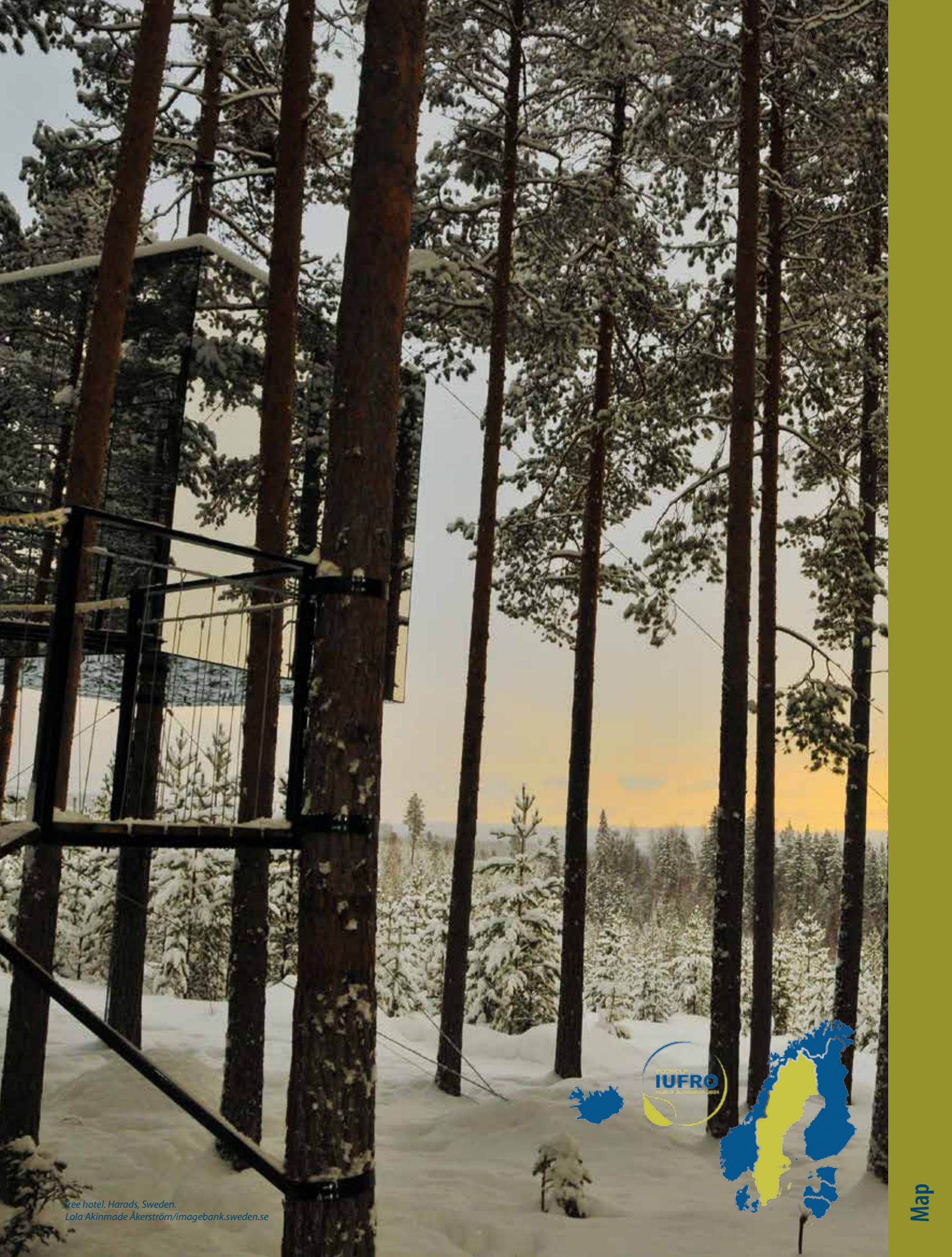
A visa granted by any one of these countries is also valid for visits to the others. In exceptional cases — for example, if the holder’s passport is not approved by all Schengen countries — the visa may only be valid for entry into the issuing country or only for certain countries.

Further information

For further information, the latest updates and how to apply, please see the Swedish Migration Board’s website, www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-on-business-and-for-conferences.html

Countries whose nationals are required to get a visa for Sweden

www.government.se/government-policy/migration/list-of-foreign-citizens-who-require-visa-for-entry-into-sweden/



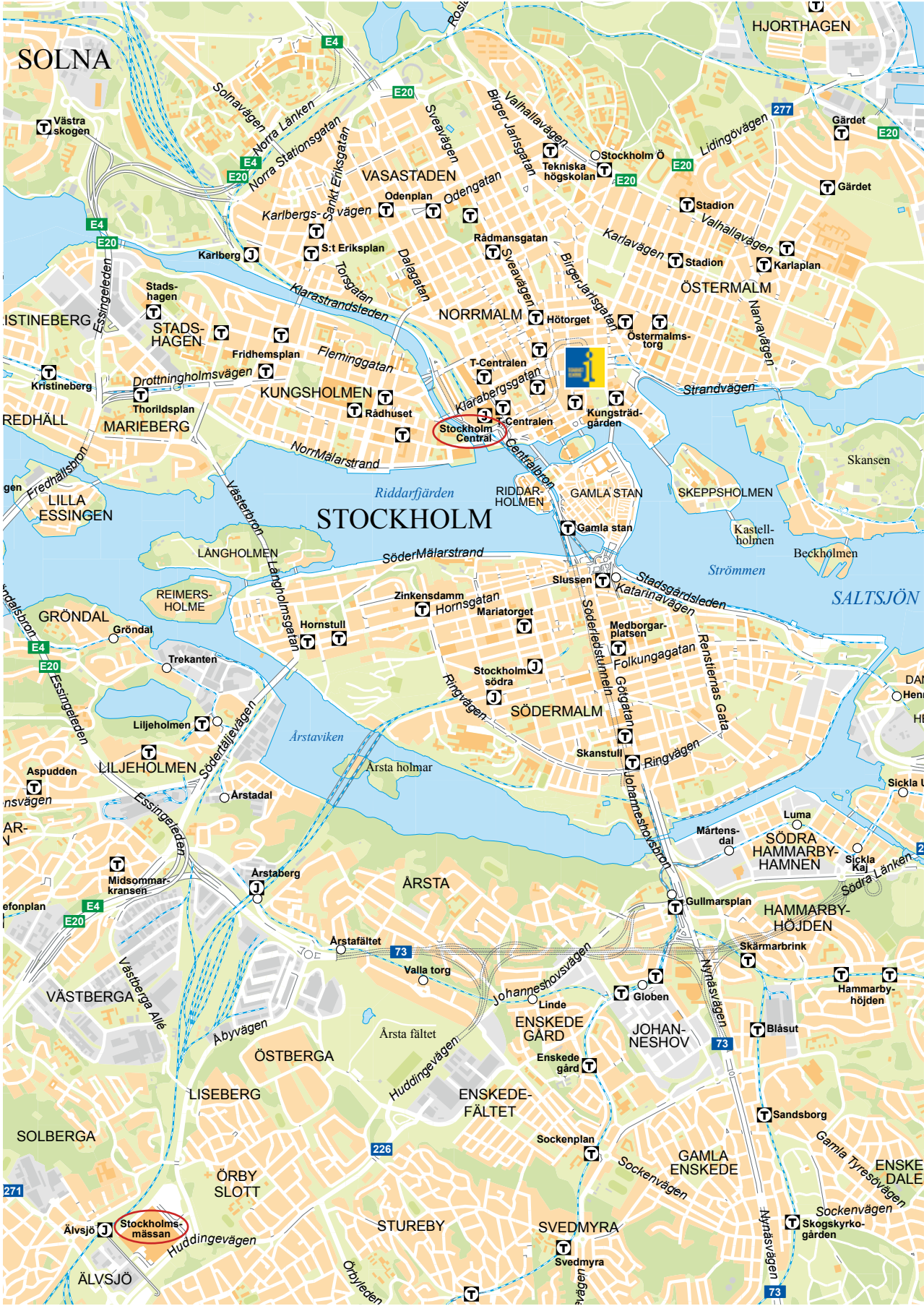
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