



The purpose of the Academy

"The task of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry is to promote agriculture and forestry and their related fields with the support of science and practical experience and in the interest of society."

The Academy's mission statement, the Charter 1 5

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA) is one of the ten Royal Academies in Sweden, established in 1813 by Crown Prince Carl Johan, later King Karl XIV Johan. Carl Johan also became the first president of the Academy. Today H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf is the Patron of the Academy.



A free network organisation

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry was established as a central administrative authority but is now an independent network organisation for the advancement of the green industries. KSLA emphasises the importance of interaction between nature and man for the development of society. We work with issues that concern everyone and interest many!

The Academy administers about 40 foundations with the common purpose to advance scientific research and development within the green sectors, according to the will of the benefactors. We also administer a number of funds meant for prizes, awards, scholarships and research grants.

The Academy started its work in 1813; many current institutions within the green industries have their origins in it: the Ministry for Rural Affairs, the Board of Agriculture and a large part of the Swedish Research Council Formas are some. For several years KSLA supervised the Swedish Economic and Agricultural Societies and also directed agricultural research activities, a task that the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences later took over.



The meeting place for research and practice

Through assemblies, conferences and seminars, symposia, workshops and roundtable discussions the Academy offers a forum for illuminating complex issues where a comprehensive picture is missing and where different solutions must be weighed against each other.

The Academy's more than 600 Swedish and foreign fellows come from research, industry and public administration, but represent their personal expertise in the Academy. We find many KSLA fellows in the circle of distinguished representatives for the land-based industries.

The different experiences, skills and opinions represented by the fellows ensure versatility and a holistic view in the Academy's different activities. Free scientific interdisciplinary talks and discussions are important. KSLA's aim is to gather the highest competence available, among fellows or outside the Academy, to create constructive discussions.

The seal of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry depicts Ceres, the Roman goddess of vegetation and agriculture. The ancient Greeks knew her as Demeter.



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Organisation and structure

Within KSLA there are three sections – the General Section, the Agricultural Section and the Forestry Section – each working with issues initiated by the fellows. The practical work is carried out within the sections' different committees and working groups and in boards.

The Academy's Unit for Forest and Agricultural History (ANH) pursues interdisciplinary and knowledge-building projects in the field of forestry and agricultural history. The unit includes an active and well-stocked research library, specialised in the green industries' history and open to the general public.

The Academy Collegium is the Academy Board and comprises the President, the Vice President, the Academy Secretary General/Managing Director, the chairmen of the three sections and an additional nine fellows, three from each section.

The Academy Secretary General/Managing Director is head of the Academy office and leads the daily work.



Publications

The Academy's journal, KSLAT, contains lectures and discussions from Academy meetings, seminars and conferences, as well as reports from the Academy's committees and working parties.

KSLA also publishes books about the history of the green industries in the book series SOLMED, and the pamphlet series Miscellanea, comprising personal bibliographies, literature reviews, etc.

The newsletter KSLA Nytt & Noterat, published online four times a year, mainly provides information about activities at the Academy.

The newsletter Freja is essentially about KSLA's library and literature purchased for it. Freja also offers tips on interesting research environments and interesting databases, etc., useful in the agrarian history work.

At the KSLA website, www.ksla.se, you can order the Academy's printed publications. Except for the SOLMED and Miscellanea series, all are also available in the pdf format on the website.

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of Agriculture and Forestry
– the meeting place for the green industries



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