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Seminar for Academy fellows and guests

International outlook

– Introduction of new international fellows 2021

Time	Wednesday 27 January 2021, at 10.00-11.30 am (9.00-10.30 GMT)
Venue	Webinar via Zoom, Link will be e-mailed 26 January 2021.
Registration	No later than 25 January via this link or through our website www.ksla.se
Fee	No fee
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Our Academy includes international fellows in all parts of the world, some close to Sweden and some far away. Some are quite frequent guests at the Academy, others disappear out of sight soon after their election, which is a great loss for the Academy.

Geographical distance is, obviously, a challenge, but also the lack of personal connections between fellows in different countries. As a small step towards interaction and mutual exchange we arrange a webinar on the day before the Commemorative meeting to give our recently elected fellows a chance to present themselves and their work in an informal way, and to discuss common, current affairs with other fellows.

Please help us welcome our new fellows by listening to their presentations and by engaging in discussions on current issues from different parts of the world. There is no strict program for the webinar, but each new fellow will give a personal presentation, about 10 minutes long, including a few minutes for discussions and questions.

Welcome!

Eva Pettersson
General Secretary and Managing Director, KSLA



Programme

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- 10.00 **Welcome**
Eva Pettersson, General Secretary and Managing Director, KSLA
- 10.05 **Short presentations by new international fellows**
(Ag, Fo and Gen for section):
- Eeva Primmer (Gen)
 - Peter Sandøe (Gen)
 - Anthony Simons (Ag)
 - Andrew Wiltshire (Fo)
- 11.00 (ca) **Discussion**
- 11.25 (ca) **Closing remarks**
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Ms Hannele Arvonen holds a Master's degree in forestry from Helsinki, Finland, and a Bachelor's degree in international relations from Wisconsin. She is the CEO of the Swedish, state owned company Sveaskog, which is Sweden's largest forest owner. Before joining Sveaskog, Hannele worked for several Swedish paper and forestry companies. (Hannele Arvonen can unfortunately not participate).

Professor Eeva Primmer has a PhD in Agriculture and Forestry and is Docent (Adjunct Professor) in environmental policy at the University of Helsinki. She is the Research Director of the Finnish Environment Institute, SYKE, a sustainability advancing multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research organisation. Her expertise lies in policy and governance of forests, biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Professor Peter Sandøe, Denmark, is a philosopher with a DPhil from Oxford University. He has been professor of philosophy in Copenhagen since 1994. For 30 years, his research has focused mainly on bioethics, with emphasis on ethical issues related to animals, biotechnology and food production. He is committed to interdisciplinary work combining perspectives from natural science, social sciences and philosophy. He has served on many national and international committees and is convinced that research must benefit society.

Dr Anthony Simons was raised in New Zealand and after his Bachelors' Degree moved to the UK. He got his PhD in forest genetics at Cambridge University before joining Oxford University as a Research Fellow on tropical forestry. To follow his two interests of science and development, 26 years ago he joined ICRAF in Kenya as a scientist. He is now the Executive Director of CIFOR-ICRAF which is a centre of science and development for agroforestry, forestry and landscape restoration. He is based in Nairobi, Kenya – and works in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Anthony (aka Tony) is passionate about the positive roles that private sector and private investors can play in development and wise environmental stewardship.

Mr Andy Wiltshire grew up in New Zealand, where he studied forestry and later earned an MBA degree. He worked with forest management in state owned and privately owned forest companies for two decades before moving to the US. He has since worked as a forester and businessman, specializing in global investments in agriculture and forestry. He has moved back to his home country and now shares his time between New Zealand and the USA.