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Webinar – 21 November, 2022

The Veterinary Profession in the Nordic Countries – Challenges and solutions for the future



The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA) would like to warmly welcome you as participant in a Nordic webinar, on Monday, 21 November, 2022

It is obvious that the Nordic countries face similar – but not always identical – challenges, including education, the labour market and the working milieu for today's veterinarians. It would probably be worthwhile for stakeholders in the region to meet and exchange experiences and discuss solutions.

Several Nordic countries are facing similar but not necessarily identical challenges when it comes to the availability of veterinarians. It may be about the number of new graduates, the attractiveness of traditional sectors such as production animal practice, food safety and quality, or about difficulties in recruiting veterinarians to sparsely populated areas. Another factor that plays a major role is the last decade's rapid structural change in companion animal healthcare. Last – but not least – many veterinarians feel exposed and questioned through social media. The challenges are not identical but still similar - a number of approaches to solving the problems are underway. In all countries, the intake of veterinary students has been increased or taken into consideration. In Denmark an additional veterinary education will be established in Jutland, in Sweden, Norway and Finland government investigations are reviewing the veterinary supply and how the whole country should have access to adequate veterinary service. Against this background, KSLA has taken the initiative to this Nordic “virtual seminar” and would greatly appreciate if you have the opportunity to attend the webinar and in that way contribute to the seminar's success and impact. The Academy looks forward to your registration.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Pettersson
Academy Secretary General and Managing Director

Göran Dalin
Project Chairman

Time & Venue

Monday 21 November, 2022
kl. 10.00 – 13.00 CET on
Zoom. The link will be e-
mailed out the day before.

Registration

No later than 14 Nov, 2022
in [this link](#)

Questions

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Programme – 21 November, 2022

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All times are according to Central European Time, CET

Moderator: Antti Sukura*

- 09.45 **Webinar link opens**
- 10.00 **Welcome** – Eva Pettersson* and Ann-Britt Karlsson*
Introducing “the common challenges” – Yngwild Wasteson*
Country presentations
Denmark – Charlotte Reinhard Björnvad, Annemarie Thuri Kristensen
Finland – Taina Aaltonen, Katri Kiviniemi
Norway – Ellef Blækstad, Anne Storset
Short break
Veterinary training in the Nordic countries (and in Europe) – Göran Dalin
Short country presentation Sweden (TBA)
Utredningen om en hållbar och långsiktigt välfungerande hälso- och sjukvård för djur
(N 2021:04) (The governmental report on organization of a long-term, well functioning and sustainable animal health care) – Märith Bergendahl
Questions and comments
- 13.00 Webinar closes

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