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## Seminar – 27 January, 2025

### Global Outlook – Introduction of new international fellows



**Our Academy has international fellows in all parts of the world, some in or close to Sweden, some far away. The fellows are the Academy's most important resource, and we hope that everyone feels involved and welcome!**

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 are arranging a seminar on the day before the Commemorative meeting. At this seminar, our newly elected international fellows present themselves and their work.

Welcome to listen to our new international fellows and their presentations on current issues from different parts of the world!

*Peter Normark*  
Academy Secretary General and Managing Director, KSLA

#### **Date & Venue**

Monday 27 January, 2025  
at 12.30 until 2 pm (CET)  
followed by coffee.

In the Academy,  
Drottninggatan 95B,  
Stockholm or on Zoom, link  
will be sent out the day before.

#### **Registration**

Please register in [this link](#)  
no later than 23 January.

#### **Questions**

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## Programme – 27 January, 2025

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**Moderator:** Peter Normark, Academy Secretary General and Managing Director, KSLA

- 12.20            Opening of Zoom link
- 12.30            **Welcome** – Inger Andersson, President of KSLA
- 12.40            **Short Presentations by New International Fellows 2024**  
A: General Section, S: Forestry Section and J: Agricultural Section
- Secretary General Alexander Döring (J)*  
*Head of Unit Andrea Gavinelli (J)*  
*Director-General Swantje Nilsson (A)*  
*Assistant Director for Policy Support Helga Pülzl (S)*  
*Senior researcher Katrina Rønningen (J)*  
*Professor Yves Segers (A)*
- 1.50 pm        **Closing remarks** – Jan Stenlid, Vice President of KSLA
- 2–2.30 pm     **Coffee and mingle**

**Secretary General Alexander Döring** – Agronomist and Secretary General of FEFAC (European Feed Manufacturer's Federation), Belgium. He works with issues regarding the food chain within the industry and has unique experience of the industrial perspective within CAP (Common Agricultural Policy). Alexander has been a driving force in matters of European animal production in terms of use of antibiotic, animal welfare, protein supply and the climate impact of the production.

**Head of unit Andrea Gavinelli** – Veterinarian and Head of Unit Animal welfare and antimicrobial – resistance, at the EU Commission in Brussels. He is responsible for management and review of European policies and legislation in the field of animal welfare (breeding, transport, slaughter) as part of the Farm to Fork strategy. In addition, Andrea is also responsible for coordinating and implementing policies related to the European strategy on combating antibiotic resistance in connection with the Farm to Fork strategy.

**Director-General Swantje Nilsson** – Director-General for EU Affairs, International Cooperation and Fisheries at Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture in Germany. She has extensive experience in the food and agricultural sector, both nationally in Germany, as well as internationally and within the EU and has been the German representative at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Her current role involves responsibilities for the development and implementation of global food security policies related to the European Union.

**Assistant Director for Policy Support Helga Pülzl** – Political scientist with main research interests in European and international forest governance and policy change. She has worked in Austria, USA and Finland and currently puts a strong focus on policy support, notably interested in understanding policymakers needs and to couple those needs with research. She is experienced in doing interdisciplinary research with natural scientists to advance critical understanding on forest discourses and change.

**Senior researcher Katrina Rønningen** – Geographer and senior researcher at the Institute for Rural and Regional Research in Norway (Ruralis). Her expertise transcends many of KSLA's main issue of sustainability and multifunctionality of agriculture, forestry and cultural landscapes, with insights into policies and governance. She studies consequences of changing policies affecting rural land use, and people's adaptations to such changes, including food security and preparedness. She currently leads Rurails' user partner contact and collaboration and has wide European networks to offer on natural resource policies.

**Professor Yves Segers** – is a historian at the Faculty of Arts and director of the Interfaculty Center for Agrarian History at KU Leuven in Belgium. He is a leading rural historian with strong European and global networks. His centre of interest is on food systems thinking, bringing together agricultural history and food studies with comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Segers has published numerous articles in leading international journals and are engaged in several international organisations.

**Coordinator Natalia Alekseeva** – Geographer and coordinator of the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration at UNEP HQ in Nairobi, Kenya. Her career started in academia and education, and she has consulted and managed projects for many multi- and bi-lateral organisations. She is an expert in water management, climate change, biodiversity and environmental activities, with practical insights into relevant global frameworks (is not able to participate during the seminar).