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## International Outlook – 27 January, 2026

### Presentation of KSLA's 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, we hope that everyone feels involved and welcome!**

At this meeting, we invite our newly elected international fellows to present themselves and their work. Geographical distance can be a challenge, but we hope that digital participation will prevent the lack of personal connections between fellows in different countries. As a step towards interaction and mutual exchange we arrange this meeting the day before the Commemorative meeting.

Take the chance to welcome our new international fellows to the Academy by listening to their presentations on current issues from different parts of the world! This year, all of our new international fellows (6) will participate in person. A nice opportunity to mingle and meet with them, especially with the fellow you nominated.

Please note that this meeting is open only to Academy fellows with guests.

*Peter Normark*  
Academy Secretary General and Managing Director

#### Date & Venue

Tuesday 27 January, 2026  
at 12.30 until 2 pm (CET)  
followed by coffee.

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

#### Registration

Please register in [this link](#)  
no later than 22 January.

#### Questions

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## Programme – 27 January, 2026

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### Presentation of KSLA's New International Fellows

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

- 12.20 pm      Opening of Zoom link
- 12.30 pm      **Welcome** – Inger Andersson, President of KSLA
- 12.35 pm      **Short Presentations by New International Fellows**  
A: General Section, S: Forestry Section and J: Agricultural Section
- Professor Thomas Keller (J)*  
*Director Markus Lassheikki (J)*  
*Professor Jón Geir Pétursson (S)*  
*Head of Section Kitty Schulman (J)*  
*Director General Petteri Taalas (A)*  
*Researcher Heidi Tuhkanen (A)*
- 1.55 pm      **Closing remarks** – Jan Stenlid, Vice President of KSLA
- 2–2.30 pm     **Coffee and mingle**
- 2.30–4.30 pm   Only new fellows: Presentation of the Academy – more info from your academy secretary

**Thomas Keller** is professor at the Department of soil and environment, SLU. His research aims to understand how land use, farming methods and natural processes affect soil properties, processes and functions. His research is of great importance for understanding how to make our soils and cultivation systems more resilient to extreme weather conditions.

**Markus Lassheikki** holds a master's degree in Agronomy and Forestry from the University of Helsinki. He is Director at The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK) and is responsible for strategy and supply security. Markus works to promote the exchange of information regarding food supply between Swedish and Finnish food producers and authorities.

**Jón Geir Pétursson** is professor at the Environment and Natural Resource Program University of Iceland. Jón Geir is a leading expert in environmental and natural resource management, with a particular focus on forests, land use and climate. He has worked in the intersection of science, policy and practice in the Nordic countries, Africa and Asia.

**Kitty Schulman** is a veterinarian and is head of section at the Finnish Food Authority. Her work includes responsibility for the operations at Finland's border control posts where animals, animal food and other animal products from countries outside the EU are controlled. Kitty also has a strong commitment to civil preparedness issues.

**Petteri Taalas** is director general of the Finnish Meteorological Institute and has earlier been director general for the World Meteorological Organization. He has a strong scientific background and has specialized in atmospheric science and climate change, relevant to agriculture and forestry. Petteri has extensive experience in leading national and international expert organizations.

**Heidi Tuhkanen** is a PhD and researcher at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Estonia. Her work encompasses governance, decision-making and assessments, with a current focus on transformation and risk management in climate adaptation. Heidi has extensive experience working at the intersection of science, policy and practice in sustainable development.