



Strömstad Akademi is a multidisciplinary international scientific institution located in the Strömstad city hall in the west coast of Sweden. Local departments are present in Stockholm, Uppsala, Gothenburg, Malmö / Lund and Falun.

Background; It is crucial in Sweden, as in all countries, to take advantage of the experience and intellectual resources. In Sweden today, despite a political consensus on the importance of elderly to work, many researchers are forced to leave their faculties and ongoing research activities due to age and disability pension schemes. This is not in Sweden's interest.

Just some consequences are that large networks may be lost as well as unique scientific resources. We try to actively change this through Strömstad Academy, an academy that was started by three retired professors in 2008, in cooperation with the municipality of Strömstad.

The Academy offers both elderly and younger researchers a virtual academic residence, and, if possible, access to workrooms in Strömstads Stadshus.

Articles are published in an academic series, AAS, and other material is also published. Newsletters are published monthly, and conferences are organized, see page 2. Every year in June, a scientific conference in Strömstad is organized.

In February 2018, Strömstad Academy has 130 members from 14 countries and the number is increasing steadily. What it means to be the Academy member and the current Board, Work Committee are described on page 3.

Opportunities offered through Strömstad Academy are described on page 4, as well as challenges. Among other things, the academy needs its own economy.

Some activities in Strömstad academy;

Web site; www.stromstadakademi.se



In 2011 the first publication in the series Acta Academiae Stromstadiensis was published. Today there are 35 articles in the series, and 2012 an agreement is signed for cooperation with the University of West - Trollhättan



In 2010 the anthology of Strömstad Academy - Vision and reality was published, followed in 2016 by the Grandchildren's century. The Anthologies "Health and Environment" and "Values" are planned for release in 2018



In June 2017 the Academy is hosting the International Energy Conference 12th ISREE



On the website, a newsletter is published every month, a chronicle is written in the city newspaper, and public lectures are held at the museum or in the library. Science days are organized in the different local departments throughout Sweden



Scientific disciplines represented in Strömstad Academy;

Architecture, Astronomy, Biology, Economics, Ethics, Ethnology, Physics, Renewable Energy, History, Information, Climatology, Cultural Geography, Communication, Literature, Medicine, Environmental Systems Analysis, Museology, Music, Neurolinguistics, Nursing, Religion, Oceanography, Pedagogy, Psychology, Social Sciences , Sociology, Language, Technology, Tourism, Interdisciplinary, Educational Science, Science Communication.

Being an Academy member means;

- the same academic degree as at the previous university
- an academic address with place on website and with personal e-mail address;
- access to work rooms, telephone, computer network connection and meeting rooms in Strömstad Town Hall,
- Members are invited to an annual interdisciplinary conference and academic feast in June in Strömstad;
- Member is also a member of the Strömstad Academy Association and is full voting rights at the annual meeting,
- A member of the Academy can conduct research and publish scientific articles without regard to external funding providers,
- the appointed member pays an annual fee to cover the costs of website, email address and administration of the academy; toady SEK 600: - (approximately 60 EURO, or 75 US dollar)

The Board of Strömstad Academy 2017-2018

Chairman: Peter Fritzell, Associate Professor of Orthopedics

Vice Chairman: Mariana Back, Research Assistant in Science Communication

Secretary: Marie-Louise Wadenberg, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology

Treasurer: Sanne Godow-Bratt, Research Assistant in Social Development

Plus members: 7, **Deputies:** 6

Principal: Lars Broman, Professor of Physics

Professor Anders Gustavsson, Professor of Ethnology

Auditors: 3, **Nomination Committee:** 3

Work Committee (AU) 2018

Mariana Back, Lars Broman, Anders Gustavsson, Peter Fritzell

Opportunities and Visions for Strömstad Academy - being able to;

- retain research skills in Sweden after retirement
- still be able to research as older
- cooperate with other colleges / universities – maintaining scientific networks
- offer both basic academic courses and academic courses at the research level
- be a resource for younger researchers / tutoring
- provide supportive supervisor function to PhD students
- convey national / international contacts for young researchers
- continue organizing national / international conferences
- deliver research in the name of the academy and other higher education institutions
- continue the local outward work in Strömstad with monthly lectures and chronicles in Strömstad's newspaper
- continue with projects as "Sustainable Fossil Free Koster" (an Island west of Strömstad)
- continue giving out anthologies
- deliver scientifically based debate in the media
- offer "research placement" without competing with younger researchers
- deliver "ideal work" (meaning without payment)
- continue to attend members of the academy to increase the ability to realize our visions
- continue running scientific projects
- organize scientific courses
- become an independent academy with its own economy of SEK 3 million / year

Challenges

- Economy
- IT
- Website
- Administration
- More and more young people join - Research / Travel contributions
- Build contact networks with other institutions

For further information, please refer to the Home page; www.stromstadakademi.se
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