



### **Promoting Plant Research in Sweden 15-16 March 2018**

Place: Röda rummet, Ecology Building, Sölvegatan 37, Lund

Hotel recommendation: Elite Hotel Ideon (discount code: Lund University). NB! Back-up hotel, Hotell Lundia ([www.lundia.se](http://www.lundia.se))

During this meeting we will discuss how to strengthen the position of Swedish plant research to stakeholders and funding bodies both on the national and European level. There will also be a discussion on establishing "Swedish plant biology days". Similar days where plant scientists meet already exist in Norway, Denmark and Finland, and many other European countries.

#### **Thursday 15 March**

12:00 Lunch

#### **Theme 1: New Swedish plant research initiatives**

13:00 Welcome; Erik Alexandersson/Tina D'Hertefeldt

13:10-13:30 "ScanOats" Dennis Eriksson, SLU/LU

13:30-13:50 "Plant phenomics networks for Sweden" (NordPlant/EMPHASIS) Erik Alexandersson, SLU

13:50-14:10 "MaxIV", Edith Hammer, LU

14:10-14:30 "Food science initiatives at Lund University and in Sweden", Yvonne Granfeldt, LU

14:30-14:50 "The large forest biotechnology projects in Umeå", Ove Nilsson, SLU

14:50-15:10 Coffee

15:10-15:30 "Forest genetics and genomics projects in Umeå", Stefan Jansson, Umeå University

## **Theme 2: Swedish plant research in a European/Global perspective:**

15:30-16:00 European Plant Science Organisation (EPSO), Karin Metzloff, EPSO

16:00-16:30 Discussion on EPSO and European networks

16:30-16:45 "What role should plant research play in the emerging future bioeconomy?", Deniz Koca, LU

16:45-17:15 "Sustainability aspect on Plant research, local and global perspectives", Ivar Virgin, SEI/SIANI

17:15-17:30 Wrap-up

18:30 Dinner for presenters and PIs (PIs please email : erik.alexandersson@slu.se)

## Friday 16 March

08:30-9:00 Characterization of sRNA populations in plant gametophytes, German Martinez Arias, SLU

## **Theme 3: Outreach, stakeholders and how to build a strong plant research network**

9:00-9:30 "Mistra Biotech and working with outreach" – Lisa Beste, SLU

9:30-10:00 "Lantmännen and academia – how to join forces?", Bo Gertsson, Lantmännen Lantbruk

10:00-10:15 "Lund University Sustainability Forum – a platform to support research, communication and dialogue on sustainable development", Anna Ekberg LU

10:15-10:45 Coffee

## **Theme 4: Establishing Swedish Plant Biology days?**

10:45-11:05 "Experiences from Plant Biotech Denmark", Solveig Krogh Christiansen, University of Copenhagen

11:05-12:00 "Establishing Swedish Plant Biology days", open discussion led by Stefan Jansson, Umeå University

12:00 Lunch