The Swedish Symposium for English for Special Purposes

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After a few years in which EAP/ESP teachers in Sweden failed to meet, a symposium was held at KTH, the Royal Institute of Technology, in Stockholm on October 22nd/23rd, 2007. The two-day event was attended by approximately 30 participants from higher education institutions ranging from CTH and KTH, the Schools of Business in both Stockholm and Gothenburg, the National Defence College and a number of universities spread around Sweden. Further afield, Oslo University College was also represented.

Some fifteen short presentations were given on a variety of administrative, research, and teaching topics, including:

Christine Räisänen: Think win-win: Developing and teaching sustainable integrated content and language programmes
Ingrida Leimanis: Swedish Armed Forces’ Language Training for Officers
Jean Stevenson-Ågren: English for international nursing
Elizabeth Keller: A ‘Technical English’ programme
Sandra Brunsberg: Provision for Masters courses
Magnus Gustafsson: Integrated course provision, and electives at MSc and PhD level ‘integrated’ in different ways
Diane Pecorari: Problems and opportunities for teaching academic writing in Swedish higher education?
John Airey: Teaching writing to engineers
Rebecca Bergman, Sandra Brunsberg, Ann Torday Gulden: ‘English’ for staff: three experiences
Tom Lavelle: The first day of class: Should ESP students know what they’re doing?
John Airey: Learning Physics through English
Rebecca Hincks: Oral presentations in English and Swedish
Beyza Björkman: Spoken lingua franca English usage and use
Ann Torday Gulden: The Norwegian EAP association
Philip Shaw, Rebecca Hincks: SEED

The Forum was successful enough for a successor to be arranged, and there will be another Swedish EAP Forum on January 12th - 13th, 2009, jointly arranged by the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology. Annelie Ådel, research fellow at Stockholm
University and Paul V. Anderson, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio are featured speakers and there will be many other presenters.