

INEF 2016 Conference Report

In June of this year Örebro University hosted the 6th INEF conference in the beautiful Örebro, Castle, overlooking the Svartån river in Örebro, Sweden. Close to 100 delegates enjoyed presentations and workshops in a wide variety of topics including; persistent organic pollutants, emerging contaminants of concern, metals, mining, multidimensional chromatography and pedagogy of environmental forensics.



With good fortune the conference coincided with Midsummer Solstice and on the first evening our hosts provided a wonderful event where we tasted delightful local foods and sipped schnapps. Fueled by the schnapps we were all in the spirit for Små grodorna, a dancing game in



which we hopped around a 'maypole' while singing about little frogs. The goofiness/absurdity was contagious. The following evening the conference dinner was held in the Grande Ballroom of Elite Stora Hotellet, a historic 1858 building. We were entertained by a wonderful re-enactment of the history of Swedish monarchs which set the scene for the final social function

the following evening, a ghost tour of the castle.

We had a large number of students attend the conference this year, which is wonderful. The quality of all their presentations was excellent and it was very challenging for the judges to pick the student prize winners. We would like to say a special congratulations to the top four presenters in our student competition; 1st (tie) - Filip Bjurlid (Örebro University) and Randolph Singh (University of Buffalo), 3rd - Christine Schönlau (Örebro University), 4th - Ulrika Eriksson (Örebro University). This year, thanks to support from the Royal Society of Chemistry, we were able to provide over £2,500 of travel grants to students.



Finally I would like to say a big thank you to the conference organisers, the sponsors, the presenters, and delegates. You all helped to make it a fantastic event and I really hope you will join us for the next INEF conference in Beijing, China in 2017.

Kind Regards,

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