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Agricultural Sciences

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## Invitation

Our PhD student Åsa Viklund will publicly defend her thesis:

### ***“Genetic Evaluation of Swedish Warmblood Horses”***

Location: Auditorium “Loftet” at SLU, Uppsala, Sweden  
Time: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at 13.00 hrs

The thesis presented comprise four studies, of which three are already internationally published, on the use of young horse test data and competition statistics for establishment of integrated breeding values of all Swedish Warmblood horses. The studies also include analyses of the genetic trends during the last three decades for the main conformation, dressage and jumping traits. The studies have been supported by the Swedish Warmblood Association and the Swedish Foundation for Equine Research. Prof. Rainer Röhe from Edinburgh will be the external examiner.

The day after the PhD defence we will arrange an international seminar together with the INTERSTALLION Committee as follows:

### ***“Genetic evaluation of sport horses – new developments in science and practice”***

Location: Uppsala, SLU (Room L)  
Time: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 9.00-17.00

At this seminar we have asked a number of prominent scientists and PhD students from various countries to report on topics of great interest for development of sport horse breeding. One specific topic will deal with the newly started Nordic INTERSTALLION project aiming at joint genetic evaluation of sport horses in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden lead by professor Odd Vangen, Norway. The project is financed by the Swedish/Norwegian Foundation for Equine research. Other topics will deal with:

- Developments in genetic evaluation of various countries
- Specialized breeding objectives within dual purpose sport horse breeds
- Genetic research on osteochondrosis and related abnormalities
- On-going research and developments in the field of genomic selection.

You are cordially invited to attend the academic session for presentation and discussion of the PhD thesis by Åsa Viklund as well as at the following INTERSTALLION seminar.

Foreign participants are invited for a reception in the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We look forward to your registration for participation by e-mail no later than 15 Sept. to [Harriet.Staffans@hgen.slu.se](mailto:Harriet.Staffans@hgen.slu.se). Please indicate in which events you plan to participate. For accommodation we recommend any of the following hotels and as regards prize, please refer to the agreement with SLU on discount prices: Hotell Svava ([www.hotelsvava.se](http://www.hotelsvava.se)), Hotell Linné ([www.firsthotels.com/Linne](http://www.firsthotels.com/Linne)), Hotell Uppsala ([www.profilhotels.se/hotel/upsala](http://www.profilhotels.se/hotel/upsala)), Akademihotellet ([www.akademihotellet.uu.se](http://www.akademihotellet.uu.se)), Park Inn Uppsala ([www.upsala.parkinn.se](http://www.upsala.parkinn.se)).

Kind regards and welcome!

Jan Philipsson  
Professor emeritus  
Chairman Interstallion Committée

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