

BEHAVIOR GENETICS ASSOCIATION

28th Annual Meeting

Salénhuset

Stockholm, Sweden


June 8-10, 1998

The 28th Annual Meeting will be held at Salén Konferens & Matsalar (Salén's Conference and Restaurant Center) in Stockholm. The meeting will start after lunch on Monday with a plenary session, and then parallel sessions as usual. Monday evening we will meet at the Stockholm City Hall at 6 pm for a tour and a complementary buffet dinner. No activities are planned for Tuesday evening. The meeting will conclude with the banquet on Wednesday to be held at the Vasa Museum. (See home pages: <http://www.vasamuseet.se> and <http://www.stockholm.se/>).

Salén's is located in the center of Stockholm, with restaurants, department stores, banks, post office, theaters, opera, and the concert hall a short walk away. The main entrance is at Norrlandsgatan 15; an alternative entrance from a parallel street where one can take a city bus is Regeringsgatan 48.

The 9th International Congress on Twin Studies will be held in Helsinki June 4-6. Many of you may want to take this opportunity to visit Helsinki first and then Stockholm. Stockholm is the Cultural Capital of Europe for 1998. Be sure to make your reservations early (More info on hotels is provided below.)

HOW TO GET TO STOCKHOLM

American Airlines has direct non-stop flights from Chicago; SAS has direct flights from Newark. For those attending the Twin Congress in Helsinki prior to BGA, it is possible to get a circle ticket  USA → Helsinki → Stockholm → USA for not so much more than a round-trip between US and Stockholm. Both SAS and Finnair fly between Helsinki and Stockholm.

Viking Line and Silja Line ferries leave Helsinki at 6 pm every day, and arrive in Stockholm at 8:30 or 9 am the next morning. Because there will be only a few hours of darkness that time of the year, the ride through the Finnish and Swedish archipelagos will be spectacular.

Examples of prices:

Viking Line deck price (no cabin): 169 crowns (we don't recommend this option)
 additional fee for cabin: 444 -1032 crowns, depending on the cabin

tel: +46-8-452 40 00

fax: +46-8 452 40 50

Silja Line 300 crowns and up for a cabin

tel: +46-8-22 21 40

fax: +46-8-667 86 81

ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM

Arlanda Airport → Stockholm (26 miles, 41 kilometers)

By taxi: There are fixed-price taxis to Stockholm with different rates from different companies ☒ 345 Swedish crowns being the cheapest at this time. The price is usually displayed on the side of the taxi. Be sure that you and the driver agree on a price before you get into the taxi.

By airport bus and taxi: Airport buses leave Arlanda for Stockholm City Terminal (above the Central Station) every 10 minutes from 6:25 am until 11:00 pm for a price of 60 Swedish crowns one way. When you get on the bus, tell the driver that you will want a taxi from City Terminal. The taxi price will be about 80 crowns to your hotel - cheaper than getting your own taxi from the City Terminal. Hotels and the conference center are a short taxi ride from City Terminal. (Be sure the bus is going to Stockholm City Terminal. There are several similar-looking buses going to different parts of Stockholm.)

From Viking ferry: Taxi to the hotels or Saléns cost about 80 crowns. One can take the Viking Line bus (20 crowns) which runs continuously from 9.15 am from the boat to Slussen. From Slussen one can take a taxi or bus number 46, 55, or 59 to Norrmalmstorg and walk. Buses within the city cost 14 crowns.

From Silja Line Ferry: Buses run from the boat to the subway station at Ropsten continuously. Take subway to the Östermalmstorg station. Walking distance is 5-10 minutes from there to the conference center.

Stockholm residents are quite helpful! Ask anyone for directions.

Getting around in Stockholm: It is possible to walk to Saléns from the hotels, and even from the youth hostel. One can buy a strip of 20 coupons for 95 Swedish crowns which can be used for unlimited travel on city subway, bus and rail services. Buses within Stockholm cost 14 crowns or 2 coupons from a strip. You can travel for 1 hour, including transfers, on the 2 coupons. Or ☒ one can buy a 1-day Stockholm Tourist Card for 60 crowns or a 3 day card for 120 crowns giving unlimited travel on city transportation. There is also a Stockholm card (18 crowns for 1 day, 350 crowns for 2 days and 470 crowns for 3 days) which gives entrance to museums in addition to transportation.

Bus 43 (which connects with both buses 65 from the youth hostel and 47 from Central Station) passes Salén's back entrance on Regeringsgatan--get off at bus stop called Oxtorgsgatan and walk back a few steps. Ask the driver to tell you where to get off.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR BGA 1998

Because Stockholm is the Cultural Capital of Europe for 1998, it is best to **make your reservations as soon as possible** and get a written confirmation. The hotels listed below are all within a short walk of Saléns. Rates quoted are for 1997^(☞) hotel rates are expected to go up about 3% in 1998. Remember that a buffet breakfast is included in the price of all hotel rooms, and that most Swedish hotels have no “bell-boy”/porter service. I have quoted weekday prices— rates are lower on weekends.

Those having trouble finding an available room can contact:

Hotellcentralen, Central Station, 11 20 Stockholm

Tel: +46-8-789 24 25, Fax: +46-8-791 86 66,

E-mail: hotels@stoinfo.se

<http://www.stoinfo.se/england/accommodation/>

Prices have been converted to USD at the rate of 7.5 crowns/USD. Just now the dollar is worth 7.8 crowns. If that holds, you will pay less!

We have tentatively blocked **16 beds** in 2-bed rooms on the af Chapman and their annex **until 28 February. Please tell them you are with BGA when you book.**

af Chapman STF Vandrarhem (**Youth hostel**)
Västra Brobänken
S-111 49 Stockholm

tel: +46 8 679 50 15

fax: +46 8 611 98 75

Breakfast and sheets are not included in the price of 150 crowns (approx. \$18). Breakfast is an extra 45 crowns (approx. \$6), paper sheets 30 crowns (approx. \$4), cloth sheets 50 crowns (approx. \$7).

af Chapman is moored by the shore of Skeppsholmen, about 15 minutes walk from Salén's and with view of Gamla Stan and the Royal Castle just opposite the water. The fullrigger was built 1888 in England and is one of the very few remaining vessels of her kind. She has had quite an interesting history before becoming youth hostel in April 1949.

af Chapman offers berths for 136 guests in rooms for two to ten persons.

Home Page: <http://www.sunet.se/stockholm/STF/chapman.html>

We have tentatively blocked **40 rooms** in the Kung Carl **until December 20. Please tell them you are with BGA when you book.**

Hotell Kung Carl
Birger Jarlsgatan 21
Box 1776
S-111 87 Stockholm

Tel: +46 8 463 50 00

Fax: +46 8 463 50 50

This is one of the hotels closest to Salén's! First class hotel— each room is tastefully unique with turn-of-the-century decor, and is equipped with outlet for a modem. There is a courtyard, library, and complete bar.

Single room/one person in double room 1125 crowns (approx. \$150)

Double room with 2 persons 1285 crowns (approx. \$170)

We have tentatively blocked **50 single rooms** in the City Hotel Slöjdgatan **until December 31, 1997. Please tell them you are with BGA when you book.**

City Hotel Slöjdgatan
Slöjdgatan 7 Tel: +46 8 723 72 00
S-111 81 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 723 72 09

One of Stockholm's largest hotels, about 4 blocks from the conference center, with a lunch restaurant open weekdays. Non-smoking rooms and rooms for the disabled available. Sauna. Hair drier, trouser press, radio, cable TV and telephone in each room.

Single room 1145 crowns (approx. \$150)

<http://www.cityhotels.se/citysite/slojf0.htm>
info.slojdgatan@cityhotels.se

We have tentatively blocked **40 single rooms** in the Crystal Plaza Hotell **until December 31, 1997. Please tell them you are with BGA when you book.**

Crystal Plaza Hotell
Birger Jarlsgatan 35 Tel: +46 8 406 88 00
S-111 45 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 24 15 11

A modest hotel located in one of Stockholm's oldest hotel buildings (1895). Facade, reception area and a number of rooms have been renovated. Restaurant and bar.

Single Room 995 crowns (approx. \$135)
Double Room 1190 crowns (approx. \$160)

Home Page: <http://www.orionet.se/Crystalplazahotel/index1.htm>
E-mail: central@crystalplazahotel.se

They say they reserve rooms only 3 months in advance, but it can't hurt to try for a room now!

Hotel Örnsköld
Nybrogatan 6 Tel: +46 8 667 02 85
S-114 34 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 667 69 91

A modest hotel situated behind the Royal Theater, very close to the conference center.

Single Room 875 crowns (approx. \$120)
Double Room 975, 1175, and up (approx. \$130, 155, +)

We have tentatively blocked **40 rooms** in the Good Morning Syd **until December 31, 1997. Please tell them you are with BGA when you book.**

Good Morning Hotels Stockholm-Syd

Västertorpsvägen 131 Tel: +46 8 18 01 40
S-129 44 Hägersten Fax: +46 8 97 64 27

Poor location, far from Salén's and just beside the freeway– but cheap! From hotel to Salén's–10 minute walk to subway, 20 minute subway ride, and then 5-10 minute walk to Salén's.

Single Room and double room 695 crowns (approx. \$93)

Castle Hotel

Riddargatan 14 Tel: +46 8 679 57 00
114 35 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 611 20 22

Another first class hotel in pure Art-déco style. About 3 blocks from Salén's. Many famous jazz musicians have stayed here. You might be lucky!

Single room 1075 crowns (approx. \$145)
Double room 1300 crowns (approx. \$175)

Home page: <http://www.castle-hotel.se/enter.htm>

Hotel Stockholm

Norrmalmstorg 1 Tel: +46 8 678 13 20
S-111 46 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 611 21 03

One of the closest hotels to Salén's. On the 6th and 7th floors of a large, centrally located office building. Rooms for non-smokers are available. First class hotel, with unattractive lobby .

Single Room 1100 crowns (approx. \$145)
Double Room 1310 crowns (approx. \$175)

Hotel Esplanade

Strandvägen 7A Tel: +46 8 663 07 40
S-114 56 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 662 59 92
Single Room 995 crowns (approx. \$130)
Double Room 1500 crowns (approx. \$200)

About 4 blocks from the conference center

Strand Hotel (A Radisson SAS hotel)
Nybrokajen 9 Tel: +46 8 678 78 00
Box 16396 Fax: +46 8 611 24 36
S-103 27 Stockholm

About 4 blocks from Salén's. Old World yellow-brick first class hotel, built in 1912 and modernized in 1986. Waterside location across from the Royal Dramatic Theater. No two of its rooms are the same; many are furnished with antiques and have rustic touches such as flower painting on woodwork and furniture. Restaurant, sauna, kiosk.

Single Room 1740-2240 crowns (approx. \$232-300)
Double Room 2240-2440 crowns (approx. \$300-325)

Home page: <http://www.sunet.se/IETF33/hotels/strand.txt>

Berns' Hotel (A Radisson SAS Hotel)
Näckströmsgatan 8 Tel: +46 8 614 07 00
S-111 47 Stockholm Fax: +46 8 611 51 75

“A favorite among travellers who appreciate the special blend of personal attention, hospitality and enjoys the experience of an extraordinary hotel.” Outlets for PC and fax.

Single Room 1690 crowns (approx. \$225)
Double Room 2240 crowns (approx. \$300)
(Home Page: <http://www.sunet.se/IETF33/hotels/Berns.html>)

From Fodor's Sweden:

Set at the point where the waters of Mälaren (Lake Mälär) rush into the Baltic, Stockholm is one of Europe's most beautiful capitals. Nearly 1.6 million people now live in the greater Stockholm area, yet it remains a quiet, almost pastoral city.

Built on 14 small islands among open bays and narrow channels, Stockholm is a handsome, civilized city, filled with parks, squares, and airy boulevards, yet it is also a bustling, modern metropolis. Glass-and steel skyscrapers abound, but you are never more than five minutes' walk from twisting medieval streets and waterside walks.

The first written mention of Stockholm dates from 1252, when a powerful regent named Birger Jarl build a fortified castle and city here. King Gustav Vasa took it over in 1523, and King Gustavus Adolfus made it the heart of an empire a century later.

During the Thirty Years' War (1618-48), Sweden gained importance as a Baltic trading state, and Stockholm grew commensurately. But by the beginning of the 18th century, Swedish influence had begun to wane, and Stockholm's development had slowed. It did not revive until the industrial Revolution, when the hub of the city moved north from the Old Town area.

Nowadays most Stockholmers live in high-rise suburbs dotted in pine forests and by lakesides around the capital, linked to it by a highly efficient infrastructure of roads, railways, and one of the safest subway systems in the world. Air pollution is minimal and the city streets are relatively clean and safe.