



SFM Annual Report 2020

The Board of the Swedish Society for Microbiology (SFM) hereby announces our Annual Report for 2020.

At the end of 2020 we had 111 paid members involved in the society.

During 2020 the board held 5 meetings, all by video conference.

Activities during 2020

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the events we had planned for 2020 were unfortunately cancelled in the most part.

Conferences:

SFM is a co-organizer of the Infection Week & Microbiology Spring Meeting, a week-long microbiology meeting held in conjunction with Microbiological associations (FKM, RFM and SFM), and the Infectious Diseases associations (SILF and IFIS). Infection Week 2020 was planned to be held in Uppsala in May 2020. The decision was taken to delay the meeting and ultimately cancel the meeting for 2020. The meeting had been reorganized for September 14-17 2021 in Uppsala as a hybrid-type meeting.

Travel Grants:

SFM Travel Grants are announced on our website: Mikrobiologi.net. With the lack of meetings in 2020, we did not receive many travel grant applications in 2020 but hope to see that increase in 2021.

FEMS: Per-Eric Lindgren, our Vice-President attended the FEMS delegate meeting digitally in 2020 and gave a report to the board at the following board meeting.

SFM supported 1 application for a FEMS travel grant in 2020. We endorsed a FEMS meeting grant which was granted for the Lancefield International Symposium, which has subsequently been delayed until 2022.

Board for 2020: Our annual meeting was held via Zoom for the first time in May 2020. The elected board with links to their bios can be found at:
<http://www.mikrobiologi.net/organization/roles.php?oid=3>

Finances: As far as the association's results and financial position are concerned, reference is made to the treasurer's earnings statement for 2020.

Keira Melican, SFM Chairman, for the SFM board.