



## **Annual Report for 2021 – Swedish Society for Microbiology (SFM)**

At the end of 2021 we had 88 (135) paying members involved in the society.

### *Board members 2021*

Our annual meeting was held via Zoom in May 2021. The elected board with links to their bios can be found at: <http://www.mikrobiologi.net/organization/roles.php?oid=3>

During 2021 the board held 5 meetings, all by video conference.

## **Activities during 2021**

### *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 2021 was organised as a digital meeting based in Uppsala, September 14-17 (postponed from Spring), where SFM was hosting several scientific sessions, for example:

- Keynote 1: Gensaxen CRISPR- Cas9 – ‘a new tool within the field of infection biology’
- Symposium: Microbial pathogens in the wild
- Workshop on ‘Nya IVDR-direktivet – hur påverkas den kliniska diagnostiken vid våra laboratorier’

SFM was also the co-organiser of the 9<sup>th</sup> National Infection Biology/Swedish Microbiology Meeting, November 16-18, organised as a virtual meeting with the aim to provide a broad vision on current state-of-the-art microbiology techniques and research in Sweden. SFM funded a poster award prize given out at the meeting. The meeting had high participation and good networking opportunities, despite the digital format.

### *Communication*

Updates on activities posted at [mikrobiologi.net](http://mikrobiologi.net), eg. conferences, announcement of open positions in members labs, etc.

Plans for member news letter

### *SFM Travel Grants*

SFM received one member application that was granted funding for participation in the Infection Week & Microbiology Spring Meeting. In the autumn, due to limited funds, the Board decided to put SFM Travel Grants on hold, and instead use available funds towards support of common national activities such as scientific meetings and networking events, to promote the SFM network.

*FEMS*

Keira Melican, member of the Board, attended the FEMS delegate meeting digitally in September 2021 and gave a report at the following board meeting.

*Finances*

As far as the association's results and financial position are concerned, reference is made to the treasurer's earnings statement for 2021.

for the SFM board

Per-Eric Lindgren  
Chairman

Disa Hammarlöf  
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