

Dear Fellow Postdocs,

here it goes our sparkling monthly newsletter!

KIPA REFERRAL RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION ON THE ACADEMIC CAREER SYSTEM

Thank to all the postdocs who filled the survey we, together with JF, sent out last May on the government proposal to change the Swedish academic career system. 361 postdocs responded. This made KIPA referral response much stronger and helped us drafting a response in line with YOUR opinion. THANK YOU for your collaboration!

The chair of KIPA sent this response to KI leadership and the government. If you want to read KIPA referral response and the results of the related survey, you can download them at the following web page:

<http://kipostdocassociation.org/useful-links>

To note, the referral response is written both in Swedish and English.

KIPA SURVEY 2016

KIPA also prepared a new survey. This survey focuses on 4 aspects of postdoctoral life:

- 1) the **information** you got before and after you joined KI. KIPA worked with the Dean of Research and HR central to improve the quality and clarity of it. It is now time to revise if those changes are effective;
- 2) **your working conditions**;
- 3) your opportunities to **develop your career** as a postdoc at KI;
- 4) let us know what you think of KIPA and give us suggestions **to better represent the postdoctoral community at KI**.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to fill in. You can fill in the survey at the following link . The survey will be open until 30th June. Your feedback is fundamental and will help KIPA reporting your perspective to KI leadership.

The survey is anonymous.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

JOIN KI POSTDOC ASSOCIATION!

If you like to get more involved in the association while gaining invaluable management experience, **join us!** Beside professional development, you will contribute to the formation of a strong postdoc community at KI, while working and having fun with a group of highly motivated and enthusiastic people!

We are currently looking for highly motivated postdocs who would like to help forming the Swedish Postdoc Association Network or organise our professional development events (like the “Explore your career options after postdoctoral training” we hosted in May. http://kipostdocassociation.org/kipa_explorecareeroptions_2016).

If you are interested or have any further question, send an email to info@kipostdocassociation.org.

FINDING ACCOMODATION IN STOCKHOLM

KIPA met with KI housing. They are doing a great job in expanding the possibilities for the scientist at KI to find an accommodation, despite the difficult Stockholm real estate market. Some of these solutions will be concrete options in 3-4 years time, but they constantly work on increasing our options in the short-term, too.

They recently updated a guide ([Finding housing in Stockholm](#)) **especially for the postdocs at KI**: thank you KI housing!

Keep in mind, KI housing has a focus on finding accommodation to new incoming scientist, therefore, you can apply within 3 months from your arrival in Sweden: spread the word to the new postdocs!

However, their guide has a lot of useful tips for **all scientists in search of accommodation**.

You can download the guide at the following link

<http://kipostdocassociation.org/tips-for-accommodation>

UPCOMING INFORMATION SEMINARS

“Working in Sweden” seminar hosted by SULF

SULF, one of the Swedish academic unions, will host a seminar on "Working in Sweden" at Karolinska Institutet.

When: June 14th, at 12:00 - 14:00

Where: Inghesalen at Tomtebogatan 18A, Solna Campus

For more information on <http://www.sulf.se/Sokresultat/?q=working+in+sweden>

Registration is needed. To register send an email to: karl.Bodell@ki.se
Sandwiches will be served.

Enjoy your summer!

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