

Dear Fellow Postdocs,  
here it goes our sparkling monthly newsletter!

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR POSTDOC RESEARCHERS!**

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the Swedish Government announced an addition to *Högskoleförordningen* (the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance, SFS 2017:844). Starting from **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**, KI will implement the content of the ordinance. Among other changes, the meriting position of **Assistant Professor**, previously named Forskarassistent (or “FoAss” in Swedish) will cease to exist. Instead, a meriting position called **Biträdande Lektor** (Bitr.Lekt.) will take its place.

Junior faculty at KI prepared a document to summarise the content of the amendment. KIPA invites you to download the document (Biträdande Lektor summary) at the following link

<http://kipostdocassociation.org/news-1>

Moreover, Junior Faculty will hold an information seminar about it on Friday Oct 13th at 12:00 in the Hörsalen Farmakologi, Campus Solna.

KIPA warmly invites you to attend, as this ordinance impacts the postdoctoral career stage in Sweden, too.

Indeed, the eligibility criteria to Biträdande Lektor are **reduced from the current seven to five years after PhD graduation**. It is not clear how this will impact the renewal of the fellowships and contracts for the postdoctoral researchers at KI. Now the postdoc appointment can be up to six-seven years after graduation, as summarised on our webpage:

<http://kipostdocassociation.org/important-admin-info>

Everything is happening quite fast and suddenly. KIPA thinks this sudden change compromises the academic career progression of many postdoctoral researchers. The absence of a transition period (where the current postdoctoral researchers graduated 4 to 7 years ago could still apply for Biträdande Lektor positions) jeopardises the careers of many young talents. During last year, we reported our fact-based perspective to KI leadership and the Ministry for Higher Education and Research (<http://kipostdocassociation.org/news-1>).

The Board of KIPA asked for meetings with Saco and KI leadership in the attempt to smoothen the impact of the eligibility change for the postdocs who planned to pursue an academic career in Sweden. We have no news at the moment.

Please, write us a short email (remember to state your graduation year), if your career plans are affected by the new ordinance, at [info@kipostdocassociation.org](mailto:info@kipostdocassociation.org).

### **KIPA JOINED ICoRSA**

KIPA was invited to join ICoRSA (International Consortium of Research Staff Associations. <http://icorsa.org/>). ICoRSA and KIPA share core values, so we happily became member of ICoRSA.

### **SURVEY OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF POSTDOC ASSOCIATIONS**

A kind reminder to take the ENPA survey on postdoctoral training and working conditions across Europe. The survey will close in Oct.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfADM7q-ZhVpAJqv6X15Xzz8PnvaV9rWDA6k2ife59qHvd4qw/viewform>

For more information on this network, please read the message from ENPA at the following link: <http://kipostdocassociation.org/useful-links>

### **JOIN KI POSTDOC ASSOCIATION! GET INVOLVED!**

If you like to get more involved in the association, advocate for postdocs like you, organise professional development events, and social, **join us!**

You will earn invaluable insights, new transferable skills, management and leadership experience, while working and having fun with a group of highly motivated and enthusiastic people!

If you are interested or have any further question, send an email to [info@kipostdocassociation.org](mailto:info@kipostdocassociation.org).

Cheers,  
**KIPA**

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