

**YEAR TWO
2012-2013**



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The Young Academy of Sweden's second year was a busy one. Four Academy meetings were held, including the first ever abroad. We discussed the character and impact of science at two public workshops, and seized the initiative regarding the issue of recruitment and career paths for prominent young scientists, by proposing a sustainable career system and initiating a dialogue with Swedish institutions of higher education. In collaboration with the Nobel Museum and the Swedish Society of Parliamentarians & Scientists (RIFO), we created platforms for exchange between the scientific community, the public and decision makers. In the past year, our international contacts have multiplied; we collaborate ever more with other young academies around the world. Our efforts to improve the Academy's internal organization are showing results and we have been able to welcome the first batch of new members. The Young Academy of Sweden has rapidly developed into an attractive forum for some of Sweden's most prominent young scientists and an appreciated collaboration partner for other organizations.

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Cover photo: Academy member Palle Dahlstedt launches the interdisciplinary "speed dating" event at the Academy meeting at SCAS in Uppsala, November 2012. Members sat down in pairs, and during five minutes, on a rotating schedule, had to formulate at least one collaborative project; a creative exercise that resulted in many exciting ideas. Photo: Hanna Hägg

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The Young Academy of Sweden at Steningevik, September 2012. Photo: Markus Marcetic

ACTIVITIES



Ulrika Björkstén,
Head of Science Department,
Swedish Radio
Photo: Swedish Radio



Carl-Henric Heldin,
Vice-president of the
European Research Council
Scientific Council
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ACADEMY MEETINGS

The Academy meetings, two-day colloquiums with collective boarding, provide the foundation for the Young Academy's activities. Currently, four yearly meetings are convened at different places in Sweden and abroad, in order to enable exchanges with key figures and local institutions. At the meetings, members discuss and decide upon the Academy's organization and activities. Ideas for new activities are elaborated and developed, members present their research to each other, and various interdisciplinary events are held. The Young Academy invites a wide array of leading personalities from the scientific community, and informal discussions with guests are central to the programme. During 2012–2013 we met with:

Alberto Bacci, Philippe Bousso, Sandrine Etienne-Manneville and Anna Zielinska – young scientists active in France

Ulrika Björkstén, Head of Science Department, Swedish Radio
Bengt Gustafsson, Professor and Chairman of the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science (CFRS), International Council for Science

Anders Hamsten, Vice-chancellor of Karolinska Institutet

Carl-Henric Heldin, Vice-president of the European Research Council Scientific Council

Erling Norrby, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Astrid Söderberg Widding, Vice-chancellor of Stockholm University

Torsten Wiesel, Professor, Nobel Prize Laureate in Physiology or Medicine 1981 and Scientific Patron of the Young Academy of Sweden

Eva Åkesson, Vice-chancellor of Uppsala University



Christian Forssén during a presentation of his research at the Academy meeting in Sollentuna, 22–23 April 2013.
Photo: Anna Sjöström Douagi



Henrik Zetterberg, Palle Dahlstedt and Christian Forssén at the Academy meeting, 19–20 September 2012. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Helena Sandberg, Beatrice Crona, Jonas Larsson and Stefan Jonsson. Academy meeting at Steningevik, 19–20 September 2012. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Christian Broberger during a coffee break at the first autumn meeting of the Academy, 19–20 September 2012.
Photo: Hanna Hägg



The Young Academy of Sweden convenes in Paris for its first Academy meeting abroad, 4–5 February 2013. Photo: Hanna Hägg

During two of the past year's meetings, we had the opportunity to visit other institutions. In November we gathered at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS) in Uppsala where we were marvellously received by the director, Björn Wittrock, and his colleagues. At SCAS we were given the opportunity to acquaint ourselves with a truly creative and inspiring academic environment. In February, the Academy convened in Paris for its first meeting abroad. The meeting included visits to Centre Culturel Suédois, Institut Pasteur and UNESCO. Our local hosts greeted us with warmth and we had the privilege to interact and discuss with French young scientists and highly placed decision makers and civil servants. The meeting was highly stimulating and it is a current objective to continue developing the format of the Academy meetings in Sweden and abroad. Guests and visits give the Academy members unique possibilities to gain insights into key institutions; whether they are involved in scientific decision making or the conduct and dissemination of research.



Christian Broberger and Gustav Arrhenius preparing their presentation during the Academy meeting at Steningevik. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Björn Wittrock, Director of SCAS, presenting the institute's activities. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Visit to the Pasteur Museum. Photo: Palle Dahlstedt

INTER-DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES

Many of the greatest scientific breakthroughs have come about as a result of interdisciplinary exchange. For instance, advances in crystallography led to the birth of modern biology, and geological insights gave rise to completely new knowledge in archaeology. However, science today is becoming ever more specialized and it is increasingly difficult for experts of different fields to enter into contact with one another. In the Young Academy of Sweden, prominent young scientists from a wide variety of research fields meet under stimulating conditions, and encounters that would not otherwise have happened occur repeatedly. In various manners, we try to multiply opportunities for exchange and identify potential collaborations as well as the conditions most conducive to interdisciplinary science. The formats of such collaborations are not limited to traditional common scientific projects, but also include books and exhibitions. Academy members from different disciplines have already applied jointly for project funding and frequently contact each other with questions outside their own fields of expertise. A few examples of last year's interdisciplinary activities are given below.



Emma Sparr, Marie Dacke and Helena Sandberg tie up the loose ends before the seminar "Interdisciplinary science in real life" ("Tvärvetenskap på riktigt") in Lund, 12 November 2012. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Round table discussion at the Young Academy seminar "What is a scientific breakthrough?" ("Vad är ett vetenskapligt genombrott?"), 15 January 2013. From the left: Annette Granéli, Anita Apéria, Gunnar von Heijne, Kerstin Fredga and Torsten Persson. Photo: Hanna Hägg

SEMINARS

In November 2012, we organized a practically oriented workshop at the Pufendorf Institute in Lund entitled "Interdisciplinary research in real life" ("Tvärvetenskap på riktigt"), where committed participants exchanged ideas regarding best practice for interdisciplinary collaborations. In January 2013, we celebrated the fifty years since publication of Thomas Kuhn's "Structure of scientific revolutions", and organized a well-attended seminar entitled "What is a scientific breakthrough?" ("Vad är ett vetenskapligt genombrott?"). Members and invited speakers contributed, among other things, with examples of breakthroughs and paradigm shifts from their own fields.

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS AND "SPEED DATING"

We believe that a necessary precondition for meaningful interdisciplinary exchange is to create a proper understanding of each others' research questions and ways of working, and as such, each Academy meeting includes scientific presentations by some members. New ideas for projects and activities are born more or less at every meeting. Members have already applied for external funding for joint projects; however, we expect this to increase as greater insight into each other's research is gained. We have also organized an interdisciplinary "speed dating" event where members sat down in pairs, and during five minutes, on a rotating schedule, had to come up with at least one idea for a joint project; a creative exercise that resulted in many exciting ideas.



Gustav Arrhenius presenting his field of research during the Academy meeting at Steningevik. Photo: Hanna Hägg

OUTREACH

Being young scientists ourselves, we believe that the Young Academy of Sweden has unique possibilities to reach young people. We aim to highlight the satisfaction and pleasure offered by a career in science. We also wish to communicate the latest scientific findings to the public and explain its implications for society and people. Finally, we want to create an understanding for the importance of the scientific approach. The Academy harbours great talents for such endeavours; for instance, during the past year, Marie Dacke once again won the Researcher Grand Prix thanks to her ability to present her research to non-initiated people in an engaging and entertaining manner. A few examples of the Academy's outreach activities are given below.



Marie Dacke presenting her research at the Nobel Museum's "Science Café".
Photo: Anna Sjöström Douagi

COOPERATION WITH THE NOBEL MUSEUM

The Young Academy of Sweden aims to identify partners in society and engage them in exciting and constructive collaborations. Following through on this ambition, we have initiated a few projects together with the Nobel Museum – in short, we supply the scientists and the Museum offers a well-attended forum. Academy members participate in the Museum's seminar series "Science Café", where they talk about their research in an easily accessible manner and respond to questions from the audience. Also, on the Nobel Museum web site, under the heading "Forskarhjälpen" ("Researcher's Assistance") aiming to reach young people interested in science, there are short video interviews with Academy members who talk about how and why they became scientists.



Visit to Värmdö Gymnasium, 12 December 2012. Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry, Robert J. Lefkowitz (right), during a round table with Martin Högbom of the Young Academy (middle) and Sven Lidin, Chairman of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry (left).
Photo: Hanna Hägg



The Nobel Prize Laureates in Physics 2012, Serge Haroche and David Wineland, during a round table with Annette Granéli, Vice-chairman of the Young Academy of Sweden and Per Olof Hulth, 3rd Vice-president of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, at Globala Gymnasiet, 12 December 2012. To the left, moderator Joanna Rose. Photo: Hanna Hägg

SCIENTIFIC TALK SHOW

Members of the Young Academy of Sweden have participated in a series of scientific discussions recorded for television, "The π -discussions", organized by the publishing house Fri Tanke and broadcast by Swedish public service tv channel Utbildningsradion. The titles of the programmes were: "The mystery of consciousness", "What is life?" and "Is there such a thing as an objective morality?".

SCIENTIFIC ENCOUNTERS

During the past year, we launched a completely new activity, a research summer school called "Forskarmöten" ("Scientific encounters"). Following an open application procedure, twenty high school students were selected to spend three days in August 2013 in the company of Academy members at the Kristineberg research facility at Fiskebäckskil. Besides scientific presentations adapted to this target audience, the programme included discussions about the conditions of doing research, what a typical day for a scientist looks like and how to become a scientist, as well as opportunities for informal Q&A. We hope that this summer school will become a yearly event, and the ambition is for students and Academy members to remain in contact with each other.



Kristineberg research facility at Fiskebäckskil. Photo: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences



SCIENCE FESTIVAL

In April 2013, we participated for the second time in the Science Festival in Gothenburg and organized an afternoon session on the topic “How do you know you are in control – and should you be?”. Seven Academy members talked about their research, the Executive Director introduced the Young Academy of Sweden, and an exciting round table discussion was offered by Martin Cederwall, Professor of Theoretical Physics, Henrik Björck, Professor of the History of Ideas, and Marie Dacke and Palle Dahlstedt from the Young Academy. Petra Ljung from Chalmers University of Technology acted as moderator throughout the afternoon and the session was well-attended by interested members of the public.

SCIENCE POLICY

There is much talk about improving conditions for young scientists. But a voice seldom heard is that of the young scientists themselves. We want to be that voice. However, we do not aim to be a guild or a union – others perform such tasks much better and with membership structures yielding different and greater representativeness. Our objective is to optimize the conditions in Sweden for high quality science with breakthrough potential, by contributing the unique perspective of the young scientist based upon the special opportunities and challenges such as position entails. Below are a few examples of this year’s science policy activities.



Detail. The Pasteur Museum, Paris 2012. Photo: Hanna Hägg

CAREER SYSTEM FOR SWEDISH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

During the past year, the Young Academy of Sweden drafted a proposal for a career system for scientists in Sweden, which was presented to universities and seats of learning in January 2013. The lack of transparent, quality controlled, recruitment and career systems for young scientists has been identified as a serious threat to scientific regrowth in Sweden, and the Young Academy wants to contribute to the solution of this problem. The proposal’s main objectives were to improve the quality of Swedish research, increase the attractiveness of a scientific career to young talented people, and to be applicable across disciplines and in accordance with current legislation. In order to stimulate debate on the issue, the proposal was sent to the Swedish institutions of higher education and their replies were published on our web site upon reception. Our proposal has attracted much attention; all major universities and seats of learning have responded and we have initiated a dialogue with the Ministry of Education and Research, with a view to follow-up on the proposal.

THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BILL 2012

In November 2012, the Government presented its Research and Innovation Bill for 2013–2017. During its drafting, the Young Academy of Sweden contributed its thoughts in the form of a ten-point proposal. The final bill reflected many of the Academy’s positions; however, we also had reservations about some of the proposed measures and the absence of certain important initiatives, reservations that were addressed in a full-spread article in Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet. Throughout the year, the dialogue with the Ministry of Education and Research continued along several channels.

NETWORKING WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

In the course of 2012–2013, we met with the Swedish Society of Parliamentarians & Scientists (RIFO). Eight Academy members paired up with eight members of parliament for the purpose of providing mutual insights into the work of scientists and members of parliament, respectively, and to promote a deepened understanding between decision makers and the scientific community. During one day, we visited each other's work places; MPs were given a grasp of the everyday life and conditions of doing research while Academy members learnt about drafting and decision making processes in the political world. Two full days were spent in Parliament where we met with the Speaker, the Working Committee for Education and visited the Ministry of Education and Research. For many years, RIFO has sought to engage in this kind of exchange without finding a suitable collaboration partner. The exchange was very rewarding for all parties involved and will continue with new pairings in 2013–2014.



The Young Academy of Sweden in discussion with Per Westerberg, Speaker of Parliament, 25 October 2012. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Group photo from the networking event in Parliament, 13 March 2013. Photo: Hanna Hägg



Martin Högbom, Stefan Jonsson and Annette Granéli during a visit to Parliament.

INTERNATIONAL

The Young Academy of Sweden is part of a growing international movement. Ever since the creation of Die Junge Akademie in Germany in 2000, twenty-seven similar organizations have been created all around the world, as well as the international Global Young Academy. In November 2012, we participated in a fruitful and inspiring event in Amsterdam, which gathered all the young academies of the world, and where the Young Academy of Sweden was held up as a “best practice” internationally. The meeting was very exciting and experiences and problems were discussed. Our collaborations with fellow academies abroad are growing both in number and intensity, and are often the result of Swedish initiatives. Some examples of international activities during last year are given below.



Round table discussion at ESO in Dublin. From the left: Anna Sjöström Douagi, Torsten Wiesel, Helene Andersson-Svahn, Nitsara Karoonuthaisiri and Martin Wilmking. Photo: Mususa Wiesel



All the young academies in the world gather for an exciting meeting. Photo: Global Young Academy



The Young Academy of Sweden organized a session at ESO in Dublin, 13 July 2012

EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM (ESOF) 2012

In July 2012, the Young Academy of Sweden was the first young academy ever to host a session at the interdisciplinary meeting EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) in Dublin. The session was entitled “The Young Academy Movement”. We were chosen from among 400 session proposals. Participants from three young academies as well as our scientific patron, Torsten Wiesel, discussed the need for young academies and how they can work.



Open letter to the heads of state and government of the European Union.



OPEN LETTER TO THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

As many decisions that affect Sweden are taken at the EU-level, the Young Academy of Sweden reaches outside the country borders in its effort to influence opinion. In November 2012, on the initiative of the Young Academy of Sweden, an open letter to the European heads of state and government was drafted in defence of the EU Research Budget. The letter was signed by our fellow academies in Germany, The Netherlands and Denmark. This was the first joint action undertaken by young academies from different countries, and several things testify to its impact; for instance, a commentary in Science, an invited Letter to the Editor in Nature, as well as a visit to the Government Offices of Sweden.

PHOTO COMPETITION: VISIONS AND IMAGES OF FASCINATION

In the spring of 2013, Die Junge Akademie (Germany) and The Council of Young Scientists of the Russian Academy of Sciences organized a photo competition in collaboration with the Young Academy of Sweden, De Jonge Akademie (The Netherlands) and the Young Academy of Scotland, entitled "Visions and Images of Fascination". The competition was open to scientists from all fields of study with the objective to capture the fascinating aspect of their research in an image. The jury consisted of members from the organizing academies, and in June 2013, the winning contributions were awarded a prize at a ceremony in Berlin.



Anna Sjöström Douagi, Executive Director (second row, right end) at a meeting with José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (first row, middle). Photo: EU Commission



Informal discussion with Bruce Alberts, Editor-in-Chief of Science, Torsten Wiesel and Sven-Olof Holmgren at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 8 December 2012. Photo: Hanna Hägg

INTERACTIONS/ COLLA- BORATIONS

Besides the activities above, the Young Academy of Sweden has also participated in and been invited to several different meetings and seminars. A selection thereof is presented below.

“What is the role of education and research in the society of the future? A play in two acts.”, The Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF), Almedalen, July 2012

“A research policy for the future – quality in research”, Gröna studenters forskningsnätverk, Almedalen, July 2012

“Who goes for a career in research?”, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond and Swedish Association of University Teachers (SULF), Almedalen, July 2012

“The government’s strategic initiatives for research – success or fiasco?”, Lund University, Almedalen, July 2012

“Research about higher education and research governance”, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, September 2012

“Innovation strategies for competitiveness”, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, September 2012

Stockholm meeting, Naturvetarna, September 2012

Science café, Nobel Museum, autumn 2012 and spring 2013

Student conference for natural scientists, Uppsala University, October 2012

“Technologies for the future – visions and opportunities”, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, October 2012

Invitations to Rotary clubs across the country

2nd European Gender Summit, Brussels, November 2012

High school visits together with Nobel Prize Laureates to Globala Gymnasiet (Physics) and Värmdö Gymnasium (Chemistry), December 2012

“Excellent leadership for excellent research”, Naturvetarna, Karolinska Institutet, January 2013

“Why is Swedish science falling behind?”, Uppsala University, January 2013

“Researcher mobility today and tomorrow”, SUHF and Swedish Research Council, February 2013



Almedalen, 2012. Christer Nordlund from the Young Academy of Sweden with Peter Honeth, State Secretary, and others. Photo: Ulrika Frick Lang

“Innovation Utopia”, Forum for Innovation Management, February 2013

Lecture, Ung Företagsamhet, Nyköping, March 2013

“Science in policy making”, Seminar, British Embassy, March 2013

Lecture, COFAS Marie Curie Career Seminar, Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS), April 2013

“Creative environments – what characterizes them, how do they appear and how are they maintained?”, Royal Physiographic Society, Lund, April 2013

“Career paths for young researchers in the humanities”, Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, May 2013

Participation in workshop, Future Earth for Europe, Paris, May 2013

Participation in workshop, Global state of young scientists, May 2013

“Spaces for social sciences and humanities in shifting global contexts”, informal discussion with, among others, Helga Nowotny, President of the European Research Council (ERC) Scientific Council, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS), May 2013

MEMBERS OF
THE ACADEMY
2012–2013



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NEW MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY 2013–2014

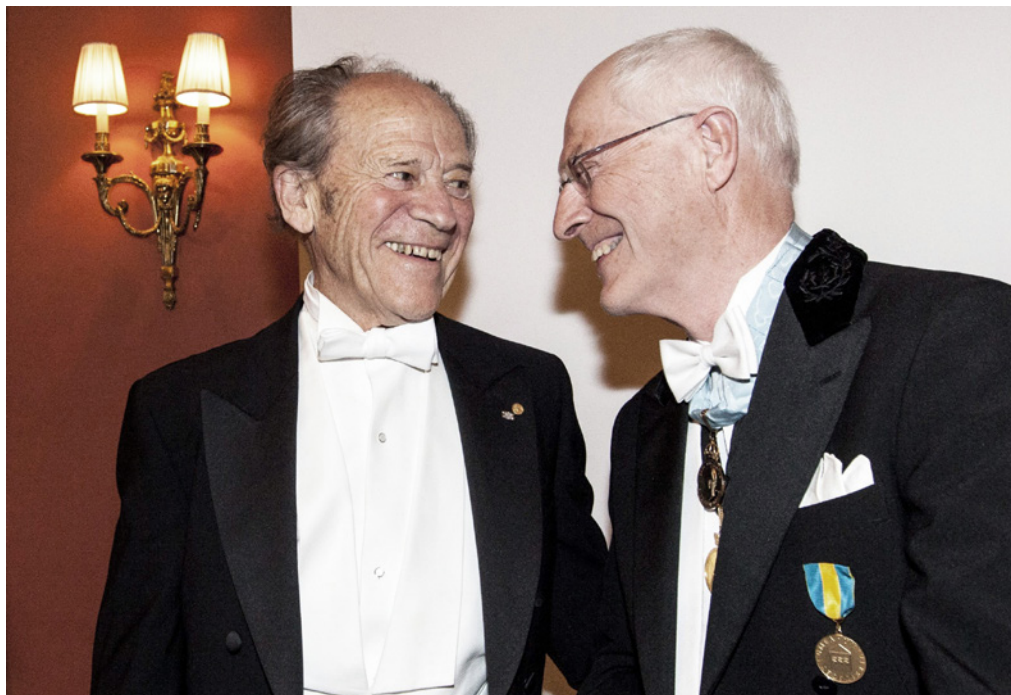
During the past year, the Young Academy of Sweden issued its second open call for new members, aimed at all scientists in Sweden having obtained their doctoral degree not more than ten years ago. The call is issued yearly in the late autumn with criteria for selection being scientific excellence and a demonstrated interest in issue areas addressed by the Young Academy. A selection committee, consisting of members of the Academy headed by Erik Lindahl, saw the process through and conducted candidate interviews, among other things. The duration of membership is five years, and on 1 June 2013, six new members entered the Academy:

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

On 27 May 2012, the Young Academy of Sweden elected two honorary members in reconnaissance of the Academy's gratitude. Such memberships are granted in exceptional circumstances only:

Torsten Wiesel, Professor, Neuroscience, Nobel Prize Laureate in Physiology or Medicine 1981, Scientific Patron of the Young Academy of Sweden.

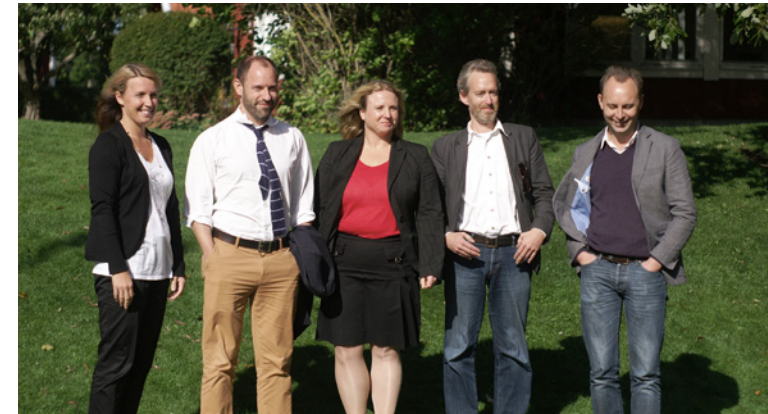
Gunnar Öquist, Professor, Plant Physiology, Permanent Secretary of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences 2003–2010, initiator of the Young Academy of Sweden.



Torsten Wiesel and Gunnar Öquist. Photo: Christine Olsson

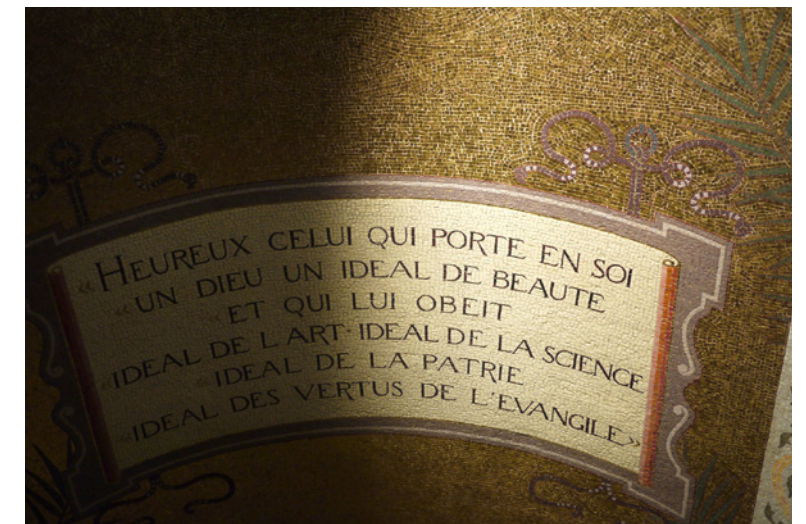
The Young Academy of Sweden is directed by the Chair, Vice-chair and Board consisting of the Chair, Vice-chair and three Academy members. The duration of appointment is one year.

BOARD



During the year of activity 2012–2013, the following members sat on the Board:

Christian Broberger, Chair
Annette Granéli, Vice-chair
Helene Andersson-Svahn
Gustaf Arrhenius
Jonas Larsson



"Blessed is he who carries within himself a God, an ideal, and who obeys it: ideal of art, ideal of science, ideal of the gospel virtues." Detail from the Louis Pasteur funeral chapel. Photo: Palle Dahlstedt

STANDING COMMITTEES

There are three main standing committees headed by a convening member and a committee secretary. Under each committee, working groups are created and closed as necessary. The standing committees are listed below, together with convenors and secretaries for the second year:

INTERDISCIPLINARY FORUM

Convenor, Palle Dahlstedt; Secretary, Helena Sandberg

OUTREACH

Convenor, Henrik Zetterberg; Secretary, Per Eklund

SCIENCE POLICY

Convenor, Annette Granéli; Secretary, Stefan Jonsson

SECRETARIAT



Anna Sjöström Douagi,
Executive Director of the
Young Academy of Sweden.

Academy activities are managed by the Executive Director, Anna Sjöström Douagi. The position of administrator was held by Hanna Eriksson Hägg until the end of April 2013. Since May 2013, the same position is held by Sara Åkerlind.

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