

The Swedex newsletter is intended to provide all test centres and examiners with Swedex news and information on current developments. With this newsletter we hope to keep you updated a couple of times a year.

Ulla Nissen and Andreas Eraybar

■ Reorganisation and new colleagues

In autumn 2009 Folkuniversitetet in Göteborg will take over the responsibility for Swedex from Folkuniversitetet's national office in Stockholm. Ulla Nissen, who has supervised Swedex work in Sweden, will be retiring but she will still work with us for a year or so in an advisory capacity. Her successor is Andreas Eraybar from Folkuniversitetet in Göteborg. Andreas worked for many years within higher education and has also worked as a legal translator for the Swedish authorities. His responsibilities will include contact with the test centres and examiners and with Swedex's administrative partners in Hannover. He will also work with the marketing of Swedex and be involved in various ways to make Swedex known. (andreas.eraybar@folkuniversitetet.se, tel +46 313526628).



There will be some new faces in Hannover as well. In the spring 2009 Dr. Kay Sulk succeeded Rotraut Koll as the person in charge of Swedex in Hannover. Dr. Sulk is responsible for international language exams, in-house training and projects at Landesverband der Volkshochschulen Niedersachsens. (sulk@vhs-nds.de, phone +49 511 300 330-52). He will be helped by his assistant, Petra Holtmann, who active test centres will probably have quite a bit of contact with. (holtmann@vhs-nds.de, phone +49 511 300 330-79. Fax: +49 511 300 330-83).



■ The development of the B2 exam underway

In January 2009 we started working with the development of Swedex at the B2 level. Work with specifications and the exam format is already in progress. The project leader is Karl Lindemalm from Folkuniversitetet in Stockholm. We hope to be able to offer the new exam from the spring 2011. More information will be available in future newsletters.

■ Homepage – news: FAQ

FAQ in Swedish, English and German has been added to the Swedex homepage. www.swedex.info.

■ Examiner training course – a distance learning alternative

During the spring 2009 we carried out examiner training through distance learning for the first time. Two courses were completed in May–June. Another course will take place 19 October–22 November. Christina Erikson, Folkuniversitetet in Göteborg, is leading the courses. Among other things, Christina has taken part in the central examiner training and is one of the producers of the Swedex exams.