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UNIVERSITIES:
STRATEGIES AND FUNDING**

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I. THEME

Research in European Universities: Strategies and funding

A considerable proportion of Europe's research capacity is concentrated in the continent's universities. Through their multiple mission encompassing knowledge creation, transfer and dissemination, they are at the centre of Europe's major effort to create both leading edge and sustainable knowledge societies.

In order to meet these challenges, universities are increasingly aware of the need for fundamental change and transformation if they are to maintain their position, and reinforce their contribution to society in a world of growing competition and often decreasing public funding. These changes affect their culture, their governance and their management.

For many institutions, these changes will require a thorough review of their specific funding and costing structures in relation to their specific profiles, be it a mainly basic research driven, a strongly regional focused or a more teaching oriented university.

The Uppsala conference will address these challenges against the backdrop of the very diverse research structures and funding schemes that characterise the European context. Contributions will also refer to the **common trends and challenges** facing universities, as highlighted by recent studies and surveys, in particular:

- **Diversification in funding sources (government, regions or other local entities, public organisations, private sector, EU, other international sources);**
- **The introduction of more strategic focus in research and a tendency towards more centralised steering of and support to research activities;**
- **An increase in competitive and performance related grant schemes and projects and related evaluation issues;**
- **The need to assess the full economic cost of research.**

Participants will discuss the impact of these developments on autonomy, creativity, continuity, and sustainability of university research and will reflect on specific institutional responses.

This Conference will provide:

- an assessment of the current state of system changes for research funding;
- insights into different practices applied by institutions across Europe;
- the launch of a broad discussion on possible European funding and costing models.

The Uppsala Conference forms an integral part of the EUA strategy and underlines the specific role of universities as institutions in building the Europe of Knowledge. In recent years, a EUA priority has been to reinforce the research role of European universities as demonstrated by the EUA conferences focused on this topic: Bristol (2003), Maastricht (2004), the Bologna conference in Salzburg (2005) and the prominent focus on research at the Glasgow Convention (2005). In addition, the EUA has been active in the European research policy debate issuing "position papers" on the European Commission's proposals for the development of the 7th Research Framework Programme including the European Research Council initiative.

The programme of the conference includes the following issues:

Research strategies: Reason and scope

- How much strategy does university based research need?
- Which strategies apply best for which type of institution, culture, competitive position?
- How can collaboration between public research bodies, universities and private organisations enhance European research performance?

Financing Research: Funding and Costing

- What is the impact of changing funding schemes on research strategies and activities?
- What are the impacts of increasingly diversified funding for different types of universities?
- Are present evaluation schemes still appropriate for the changing research funding requirements?
- What is the cost of research and what are effective internal costing and accounting systems?
- Which are effective ways to link internal allocation to strategy?

Contributions to the Uppsala Conference will come from high European and Swedish political levels as well as from different national and European funding agencies, but first and foremost from EUA member institutions, in particular those who have participated in recent EUA studies and reports (TRENDS IV, the Financing of university based research in Europe).

II. PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 October 2005

PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

The pre-conference meetings are by invitation only to EUA Board, EUA Council Members and Secretaries General of National Rectors' Conferences.

Location: [Uppsala Castle](#) (500m from Uppsala University)

09.00 – 10.30 **Meeting of the Secretaries General**

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 13.00 **Council meeting (I)**

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **Council Meeting (II)**

15.30 – 15.45 **Coffee break**

15.45 – 17.00 **Council Meeting (III)**

CONFERENCE

17.30 – 18.30 **Opening Ceremony in the University Hall, Main Building, Uppsala University**

- Bo Sundqvist, Vice-Chancellor, Uppsala University, Sweden; Chairman, Association of Swedish Higher Education
- Georg Winckler, EUA President; Rector, University of Vienna, Austria
- Kerstin Eliasson, Swedish Secretary of State for Education, Culture and Research
- Anders Björck, County Governor; former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Minister of Defence and First Deputy Speaker of the Swedish Parliament

For all Conference participants and companions:

18.30 – 20.00 **Buffet**
Halls and Rooms of the Main Building, Uppsala University

20.00 **Joint event for EUA and Uppsala University**
Academy Chamber Choir of Uppsala and the Royal Academic Orchestra perform "God in Disguise" by Lars-Erik Larsson, recitation by Stina Ekblad, and other pieces

Friday 21 October 2005

Location: All sessions on Friday and Saturday will be held in the University Hall, Main Building, Uppsala University

09.00 – 09.15

Welcome Address and Introduction to the Theme
Georg Winckler, EUA President; Rector, University of Vienna, Austria

Research Strategies in European Universities: Reason and Scope

09.15 – 10.15

Plenary Session I

Chair: Georg Winckler, EUA President; Rector, University of Vienna, Austria

Building and Funding a European Research Dimension

- Michal Kleiber, Minister of Science and Information Society Technologies, Poland; Founding Member of the Scientific Council of the European Research Council (ERC)
- Raffaele Liberali, Director, “Human Factor, Mobility and Marie Curie Activities”, Research Directorate General, European Commission

10.15 – 11.00

Plenary Session II

Chair: Roderick Floud, EUA Vice-President; President and Former Rector, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

Panel 1: How Much Strategy Does University Based Research Need?

- Bo Sundqvist, Vice-Chancellor, Uppsala University, Sweden; Chairman, Association of Swedish Higher Education
- Yannick Vallée, President, University Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France; First Vice-President, French Conference of University Presidents (CPU)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00

Plenary Session III

Chair: Christina Ullenius, EUA Vice-President; Rector, Karlstad University, Sweden

Panel 2: The Challenge of Diversity: Aligning Strategy and Funding

- Mathias Winiger, Rector, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn, Germany
- Gülsün Sağlamer, EUA Board member; Former Rector, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
- Pier Ugo Calzolari, Rector, University of Bologna, Italy
- Jaak Aaviksoo, EUA Board member; Rector, University of Tartu, Estonia

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

13.45 – 14.30

Session on EUA Membership Services

For participants interested in EUA membership services:
Institutional Evaluation Programme, Leadership Seminar, Managing the University Community Workshops, etc.

Financing Research: Exploring Funding Models

14.30 – 16.00

Plenary Session IV

Chair: Frans van Vught, EUA Board member; Former President and Rector Emeritus, University of Twente, The Netherlands

Panel 3: Innovating Funding Systems: Changes and Challenges

- Wilhelm Krull, Secretary-General, VolkswagenStiftung, Germany
- João Caraça, Director, Science Department, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal
- Hans Peter Hertig, Chief Executive, Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00

Work Group Session I

Diversifying Research Funding: Strategies and Impact

6 parallel work groups:

- Private-public partnership: complementary research funding
- Knowledge to market: turning innovation into entrepreneurial research activities
- Balancing funding policies: short term vs. long term perspectives
- Inter-institutional research collaboration: building critical mass (European networks)
- Inter-institutional research collaboration: building critical mass (Regional networks)
- Evaluating research: the impact of research rankings on strategic decisions at universities

Optional sessions

18.00 – 18.45

Information session on recent EUA studies and reports:

- *Strategy, Funding and Management of University Based Research*
Chair: John Smith, EUA Deputy Secretary General
Presenters: Sybille Reichert, EUA Consultant; Bernadette Conraths, EUA; Hanne Smidt, EUA

18.00 – 19.00

Networking session organised by EUA members:

- *Creativity: the Intellectual Funds of Universities*
Session organised by the University of Vienna

Session open to Alumni of the Institutional Evaluation Programme

18.00 – 19.30

Institutional Evaluation Programme Alumni Group meeting

Speaker: Padraig Walsh, Chief Executive of the Irish Universities Quality Board (IUQB)

20.00 – 22.00

**Dinner at [Uppsala Castle](#) (500m from Uppsala University)
Entertainment by Male Voice Choir "Orphei Drängar"**

Saturday 22 October 2005

09.00 – 09.45

Financing Research: Exploring Costing Models

Plenary Session V

Chair: Peter Gaehtgens, EUA Board member; President, German Rectors' Conference, Bonn, Germany

The Sustainability of Research: Lessons from the Full Economic Costing Programme in the UK

- David Westbury, Chair of the Joint Costing and Pricing Steering Group; Former Vice-Principal of the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

09.45 – 11.30

Work Group Session II

The Costing of Research: Exploring National and Institutional New Practice

4 parallel work groups including examples from:

- United Kingdom
- Austria and Hungary
- Ireland and The Netherlands
- Sweden and Finland

11.30 – 12.00

Coffee Break

Exploring the European Dimension

12.00 – 13.30

Closing session

Chair: Georg Winckler, EUA President; Rector, University of Vienna, Austria

- Jerzy Buzek, Former Polish Prime Minister; Member of the European Parliament; EP Rapporteur for the 7th Research Framework Programme Proposal
- Georg Winckler: Conclusions and Action Proposals

Invitation to the next EUA Spring Conference 2006 by the host

- Jürgen Lüthje, President Universität Hamburg, Germany

Performance by Scandinavia's Oldest University Choir "Allmänna sången"

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch

III. REGISTRATION

Who should come to the Uppsala Conference?

The conference is of particular interest to Rectors, Vice-Rectors for Research, Heads of Research and Heads of Administration in EUA member institutions.

How to register?

The above mentioned persons, as well as partner organisations active in the research field, will be invited to register on the EUA website from 31 May to 31 August 2005 at the latest with the early bird registration fee. Other interested participants should request for an invitation at the following e-mail address: uppsala-conference@eua.be.

Who can I contact after I have registered?

Academic Conferences, the congress agency in Uppsala, will handle the bookings and payments for the registration fee, hotels, social programme and excursions. *Academic Conferences* will send you a confirmation of registration email with a fax-back payment form when you have registered and any other practical information thereafter. **Please note that Academic Conferences is unable to guarantee your registration and any bookings without your payment details.**

Registration Fees

Registration fees are charged by the host institution in Sweden:

	Registration fee BEFORE 31 August 2005	Registration fee AFTER 31 August 2005
EUA members <i>(includes participation in the Conference and evening social programme)</i>	4000 SEK (435 EUR)	4500 SEK (490 EUR)
Non-members <i>(includes participation in the Conference and evening social programme)</i>	4500 SEK (490 EUR)	5000 SEK (545 EUR)
Companions <i>(includes daytime and evening social programme)</i>	1500 SEK (160 EUR)	2000 SEK (215 EUR)

Payment

All payments must be made in SEK (Swedish krona) by credit card or bank transfer. It is unfortunately not possible to pay by bank cheques or euro cheques. *Academic Conferences* will send you a **payment form** to return by fax once you have registered in order to:

- process the payment for your **registration fee**.
- guarantee your **accommodation booking** by providing a valid credit card number (your card will not be debited)

All bank charges incurred have to be covered by the delegate.

For Swedish Delegates:

Delegates from inside Sweden will receive an invoice according to the ordinary Swedish routines for the registration fee.

Cancellation Policy

For all cancellations or changes, please contact *Academic Conferences* in writing.

E-mail: eua2005@uu.se or Fax: +46-18-67 35 30.

Cancellation of the Registration Fee

Cancellations must be sent in writing to *Academic Conferences*. If a cancellation is received before 31 August 2005, the registration fee minus an administration charge of 500SEK (55Euro) will be refunded after the conference. If cancellation is received after 31 August 2005 and/or the

participant fails to attend, the entire registration fee has to be paid. Substitutes will be accepted at any time provided that *Academic Conferences* is informed of the change.

Cancellation of Accommodation Booking

Cancellation of hotel reservation, or change of arrival/departure date, must be made 48 hrs prior to the booked arrival date at the latest, to *Academic Conferences*. If you cancel your hotel booking after this time, or do not arrive for the first night of your booking, the hotel reserves the right to charge you the first night of your booking with the credit card you used to guarantee the room.

IV. ACCOMMODATION

Academic Conferences is handling all registration and accommodation bookings. You will be able to book a hotel room at specially reduced rates when you register on-line via the *EUA* website. The conference hotels are situated within walking distance from the conference venue. Bus transportation will only be arranged for the social programme appropriately. Accommodation can only be guaranteed if you have stated a valid credit card number on the payment form, which you will receive when you have registered. You can pay for your room in Uppsala by any other means, accepted by the hotel, when you check out.

All prices are including VAT and buffet breakfast. Prices are stated per room per night. All accommodation must be paid for upon departure from the hotel.

1Euro = 9.2SEK / 1SEK = 0.11Euro

Please consult the [accommodation map](#) to find the location of the hotels in Uppsala city centre and in relation to the Conference venue and train/bus station.

	<i>Single room price</i>	<i>Double room price</i>
Grand Hotel Hörnan • hotel website <i>Please don't contact the hotel directly.</i>		
A hotel of good standard located in the city center, about 5 minutes walk from the Central Bus & Railway station and about 15 minutes from the conference venue.		
standard room category	957 SEK	1097 – 1348 SEK
superior room category	1695 SEK	1695 SEK
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Comfort Hotel Svava • hotel website <i>Please don't contact the hotel directly.</i>		
A hotel of good standard located in the city center, across the street from the Central Bus & Railway station and about 15 minutes from the conference venue.		
standard room category	1000 SEK	1215 SEK
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Radisson SAS Hotel Gillet • hotel website (Reserved for Board members and invited guests)		
A hotel of good standard located in the city center, about 5 minutes walk from the Central Bus & Railway station and about 10 minutes from the conference venue.		
standard room category	1060 SEK	1370 SEK
business room category	1590 SEK	
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Hotel Uppsala • hotel website <i>Please don't contact the hotel directly.</i>		
A hotel of good standard located in the city center, about 5 minutes walk from the Central Bus & Railway station and about 10 minutes from the University Main Building, the conference venue.		
standard room category	1110 SEK	1335 SEK
superior room category	1310 SEK	1535 SEK
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First Hotel Linné • hotel website <i>Please don't contact the hotel directly.</i>		
A hotel of good standard, centrally located next to the Garden of Linnaeus, about 10 minutes walk from the Central Bus & Railway station and about 10 minutes from the conference venue.		
standard room category	1179 SEK	1379 SEK
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Hotel Park Inn Rezidor SAS • hotel website <i>Please don't contact the hotel directly.</i>		
A hotel of good standard located in the city center, about 2 minutes walk from the Central Bus & Railway station and about 15 minutes from the conference venue.		
standard room category	1325 SEK	1525 SEK

V. TRAVEL

Uppsala is 30-40 minutes from Stockholm and can easily be reached from the 4 international airports in or around Stockholm. Please be sure to obtain Swedish Krona (SEK) when you arrive in Sweden as Euros are not accepted.

Upon arrival into Stockholm-Arlanda International Airport, Stockholm • [website](#)

Stockholm-Arlanda International Airport is 42 km north of Stockholm and 31 km south of Uppsala. There will be a Conference Welcome Desk situated in the arrivals hall to help you use the public transport to Uppsala and any other information they can help you with.

- Bus 801 runs between Arlanda and Uppsala city. Frequency: 2 buses per hour from 04h00-00h00. Journey time: 35 minutes. Cost: 80 SEK (9 Euro). Ticket Desk: you can buy a ticket from the driver (cash SEK=Swedish Krona only).
- Trains leave Arlanda for Uppsala Central Station directly from Sky City. Frequency: please consult the timetables online www.resplus.se. Journey time: 15-20 minutes. Cost: 80-90 SEK (10 Euro) if purchased in advance. Tickets can be bought by the conductor on board to an additional fee. Ticket Desk: SJ Resebutik/Travel Office, in Sky City (next to Terminal 5).
- Taxis leave from outside the arrivals hall. Journey time: 30 minutes Cost: 415 SEK (45 Euro) - ask the driver for a fixed price ("fast pris") in advance, you can pay by credit card or cash. You can also book a taxi from Uppsala in advance to pick you up at the airport: +46 18 100 000 or website: uppsalataxi.se.

Upon arrival into Stockholm-Bromma Airport, Stockholm • [website](#)

Stockholm-Bromma Airport is 12 km south of Stockholm and 90 km south of Uppsala.

- The airport bus runs between Bromma airport and Stockholm city centre. Frequency: the timetable runs to connect with flight arrivals and departures. Cost: single ticket: 60SEK (6Euro) or return ticket: 100SEK (11Euro). Journey time: 15-minutes (depending on traffic). Ticket Desk: in airport arrivals hall.
- From Stockholm central train station to Uppsala Central Station. Frequency: 2 trains per hour from 06h00-23h00. Journey time: 40 minutes. Cost: 60SEK+/- (7Euro). Ticket Desk: you can buy a ticket from the ticket desk in the main hall of the station.

Upon arrival into Stockholm-Skavsta Airport, city of Nyköping • [website](#)

Skavsta Airport is 100km south of Stockholm.

- Flight shuttle buses run between Skavsta Airport to Stockholm Central Station. Frequency: 30 minutes after every Ryan Air flight arrival, please consult the timetables online www.flygbussarna.com. Journey time: approximately 80 minutes. Cost: 130SEK (14Euro) single ticket or 199SEK (22Euro) return ticket. Ticket Desk: you can buy a ticket from the ticket desk in the main hall of the station.
- From Stockholm central train station to Uppsala Central Station. Frequency: 2 trains per hour from 06h00-23h00. Journey time: 40 minutes. Cost: 60SEK+/- (7Euro). Ticket Desk: you can buy a ticket from the ticket desk in the main hall of the station.

Upon arrival into Stockholm-Västerås Airport, city of Västerås • [website](#)

Västerås Airport is 100km south of Stockholm.

- Bus 941 runs between Västerås Airport to Västerås city centre and the Central railway and bus station. Journey time: 15 minutes. Cost: 20 SEK (2Euro).
- From Västerås central station to Uppsala Central Station, you can choose to take a train or regional bus number 804:
 - *Train* – Frequency: during daytime, about once/hour Journey time: 1 hour if the train is direct, 1 hour 30 minutes if there is a departure with change. Cost: 100-120 SEK (11Euro)
 - Bus 804 – Frequency: 2 buses per hour from 06h00 to 22h00 during weekdays and 1 bus per hour during the weekend from 06h00 to 22h00. Journey time: 90 minutes. Cost: 30-60 SEK (7 Euro).

VI. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

SOCIAL PROGRAMME - evening - for delegates and companions

(included in registration fee)

Welcome Buffet Reception – Uppsala University, Thursday, 20 October (20.00)

Rector Magnificus Bo Sundqvist welcomes you to Uppsala city and Uppsala University with a buffet in the rooms of the University Main Hall.

Gala Dinner – Uppsala Castle, Friday, 21 October (20.00)

Uppsala Castle dates back to the 16th century and has been the site of numerous historical and sometimes bloody events. The conference gala dinner will be a three-course gourmet dinner in the magnificent Hall of State, where Queen Christina of Sweden abdicated her throne 350 years ago, in June of 1654.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME - daytime – for companions only

(included in registration fee)

Walking Tour of Central Uppsala – Thursday, 20 October (9.30 – 12.00 incl. a coffee break)

The tour includes visits to the University Main Hall, the Museum Gustavianum with the anatomical theatre and the Augsburg art cabinet, the Cathedral and the university library Carolina Rediviva with the Silver Bible (Codex Argenteus).

- [Museum Gustavianum](#)
- [Anatomical Theatre](#)

Day Tour to Stockholm – Friday, 21 October (8.00 – 16.00)

The tour includes a visit to the Vasa Museum, a city tour by bus, a walking tour of the Old Town, coffee and lunch. After lunch there will be free time for shopping and other activities.

- [Vasa Museum](#)
- [Stockholm Town](#)

Historical sites around Uppsala – Saturday, 22 October (9.00 – 12.00 incl. a coffee break)

This tour will take the visitor to Linnaeus summer residence at Hammarby outside Uppsala, and to the pre-historic royal burial mounds at Old Uppsala at the nearby Old Uppsala Museum.

- [Carolus Linnaeus](#)
- [Linnaeus' Hammarby](#)
- [Old Uppsala Museum](#)

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION

Working Language

English will be the working language of the conference. No interpretation will be provided.

Weather

Late October in Uppsala normally means the end of autumn and beginning of winter. The weather may vary from mild and sunny with temperatures around 12°C to cold and rainy with temperatures around 0°C. We advise you to bring a warm overcoat and an umbrella, just in case.

Passports, Visas

It is recommended that citizens from countries within the European Union travel with a valid passport (since not all ID cards are accepted). In addition, depending on your citizenship, a visa may be required. If you have any questions regarding entry regulations or if a visa is needed, please contact the Swedish Embassy or Consulate in your home country as soon as possible: www.embassyworld.com. If a visa is necessary, we can provide you with a special invitation letter to assist you with your application.

Local Currency

The Swedish monetary unit is the Swedish krona (SEK), divided into 100 öre. In May 2005; Euro 1=SEK 9.2, USD 1=SEK 7.2, GBP 1=SEK 13.5. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops and restaurants. The organisers recommend a visit to the website “Travelers Currency Cheat Sheet” at www.oanda.com/converter for information on the exchange rate for your own country.

VIII. UPPSALA CITY

Uppsala

Uppsala is 30-40 minutes from Stockholm and can easily be reached from the 4 international airports in or around Stockholm. The fourth largest city in Sweden, with steadily increasing population of around 190,000, Uppsala retains the charm of a small town while offering major urban opportunities and attractions.

The fact that Uppsala is a university city with old ideas and traditions is well known. Thousands of students come here every year to spend several years in the city of learning. Uppsala is also Sweden's archbishopric with the Cathedral as a reminder of its strong church traditions.

But Uppsala does not only rest on its traditions. Today's Uppsala is a dynamic industrial and commercial city where knowledge, ideas and entrepreneurship are at the centre. At Uppsala University, extensive research is carried out in a number of fields for industry and commerce and entrepreneurship. Research activity at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences is also important and of interest also for industry and commerce and entrepreneurship outside the agricultural sector. Together with the two universities, Campus Uppsala with more than 300 companies specializing in biomedicine, IT, environmental studies, energy research, materials science, food provision and management, offers a modern and expansive environment for development and enterprise.

The city retains the charm of a small town while offering major urban opportunities and attractions. The geographical location with only 30 minutes to Stockholm-Arlanda international airport and 40 minutes to Stockholm, the capital, has made Uppsala an attractive place for meetings and new companies.

Uppsala is considered to be the religious and historic centre of Sweden. The city has a solid base of knowledge and tradition from which to progress. At the same time, the atmosphere is youthful, and more than 40,000 university students are a significant factor to this exuberance.

Here is also found Sweden's eldest botanical gardens, the Garden of Linnaeus, founded by the great natural scientist himself. Carl von Linné's (Carolus Linnaeus's) professorial residence is situated in the garden. Just outside of the city you can visit his summer residence, Linnaeus' Hammarby.

Uppsala also boasts the largest cathedral in Scandinavia, one of Sweden's most famous locations of prehistoric artifacts (Old Uppsala), the unique anatomical theatre built in 1600's by Olof Rudbeck the Elder, the great university library (Carolina Rediviva) with the Silver Bible, Uppsala Castle dating back from the mid-1500's with the Hall of State and many more marvellous sites and attractions.

IX. VENUE

The conference venue, the Uppsala University Hall, offers a magnificent setting for the meeting. Situated in the heart of the city within walking distance from the central bus and railway stations and the hotels, the University Hall is frequently used for congresses and conferences.

University

Uppsala University is a research university of great diversity in education and research across nine Faculties in three Disciplinary domains – Humanities and Social Sciences, Medicine and Pharmacy, and Science and Technology.

New cross-disciplinary educational programs, modernized campus settings, and the pursuit of cutting-edge research – these are some of the key tools in the ongoing endeavour to be in the forefront, both nationally and internationally. The indispensable foundation is diversity springing from ancient traditions. (Source: Uppsala University English version website)

- English
- Français
- Deutsch
- Español
- Italiano

Uppsala University, founded in 1477, was the first university in Scandinavia. The initiative in this matter came from, Archbishop Jakob Ulvsson of Uppsala. The new University was small, having at most 50 students and a handful of professors.

17th Century

During the 1660s and 1670s the University was dominated by Olof Rudbeck. Originally trained as a physician, Rudbeck was an extremely versatile scholar and was a person who enjoyed exercising power. Among his achievements is the remarkable anatomical theatre which he had erected on top of the Gustavianum, the then new university building. Today this edifice houses a museum of the history of science and ideas - Museum Gustavianum.

Carl von Linné / Carolus Linnaeus

Carolus Linnaeus, the botanist who became a professor at Uppsala in 1741 after studying here and in Holland, is the name that dominates the 18th century. Because of him, many students from all over Europe came to Uppsala. He sent his own students on research expeditions to various parts of the world, e.g. Japan, South Africa, and Australia. Thus, by the middle of the 18th century, there was a flowering of the natural sciences at Uppsala.

Short information details

Women had been allowed to study at the University starting in the 1870s. However, it was a long and arduous struggle for the women who studied here to achieve equal recognition in their studies and academic careers. The first woman in Scandinavia to receive a PhD was the historian Ellen Fries, who received her degree in Uppsala in 1883.

Nobel Prizes

Research at Uppsala is of high international class. One sign of this is the fact that eight Nobel laureates have been connected with the University. Most of these prizes have gone to scientists in the fields of physics and chemistry. Alfred Nobel, himself, received an honorary doctorate from the University in 1893.

University Hall, venue of EUA Conference 2005

Uppsala University celebrated its 400th anniversary with pomp and circumstance in 1877. As a present from the Swedish state on this occasion, the University received a new university building - University Hall - which is still in use. The building was officially opened ten years later in 1887.

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