

## **Sweden Nordisk InfoDag with Member meeting in Gothenburg 11-12 June 2010**

The arrangement had been planned at the Alpha Nordic meeting in Norway in January - and Now it was finally time to meet each other!

Invitees were members with relatives, coming along were 74 from Sweden, 9 from Norway and 4 from Denmark. On Saturday joined additional members, lecturers and guests. The number of participants grew to 119, absolutely fantastic interest, and it shows how much importance the Association's activities have.

We are especially thanking the European Alpha1 Foundation, Elisabeth Takahashi, who gave us the practical support and financed the entire task.

During Friday afternoon everybody checked in at Hotel Riverton, to a very interesting and informative weekend. There was also an opportunity for exchange of ideas and social interaction.

18.00-19.00 h all guests got a friendly reception by the Board members of Norway and Västra Götaland. At the time of registration all received their name badges and a cup of coffee/tea with snacks. It was a happy welcome with old friends and many new contacts arose directly.

Inger Ahlbin and Bente Ridder-Nielsen, Chairwomen of Sweden and Norway greeted all with a warm welcome and invited to a very good dinner. Before the dessert Alan Heywood-Jones, Chairman of Alpha Europe Federation, held a speech in which he stressed the importance of cooperation between countries, he congratulated us all in Scandinavia.

Saturday spoke the invited lectures, perhaps a few too much, but all contributions were interesting and held by the intention to give as much as possible. The program was switched between the lectures, i.e. doctors with multiple issues and elements of our members.

I conclude with a greeting from one of our members.

"Many thanks for a very well done program. Saturday's content was varied, rich and rewarding. Everything ran perfectly for us attendees. The context of the whole party dinner, hotel standard, breakfasts, lunch and all the rest in the environment made the journey to Gothenburg well corresponding to our expectations.

"We look forward to the next session!"

Inger Ahlbin