



Harvard Club of Sweden

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Dear Alumni,

As the Club's Annual Meeting approaches, it's time to update our members of Club activities and offerings.

1. Annual Meeting

We invite each and every member to join us for the **Annual Meeting** to be held on **Monday, April 4 at 7 pm** (registration starts at 6.30) **at the Law Offices of Baker & McKenzie at Vasagatan 7 in downtown Stockholm**. A light buffet will be served upon the completion of the Club business. This event will give you an excellent perspective on the recent Club past and a preview of upcoming attractions of interest to you.

2. Fall Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner last October became a success, in part because of the fabulous Esperanto Restaurant venue with its award-winning cuisine, in part because of our speaker, distinguished Swedish public servant Inga-Britt Ahlenius who gave us a frank, off-the-record appraisal of the weaknesses of the present U.N. leadership. Since our Dinner she has been very outspoken on this issue in media and recently co-authored a book on the subject "Mr Chance—the Decline of the U.N. under Ban Ki-moon".

In between the main course and the dessert, the guests were entertained by Alexandra Hummingsson who performed two songs accompanied by Marcus Sturewall on piano.

During the Annual Dinner, former Secretary and Club co-founder Irina Gutu-Göransson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Harvard Alumni Association and Harvard University for her work on behalf of the Harvard alumni community in



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Sweden.

3. Website

Our new website will be launched this spring. The new website will have “members only”-features and will make the administration of your membership easier. When the new website is launched, you will be invited to log in to the website to create your Club account and check that the Club and the Harvard Alumni Association has your latest information.

4. Harvard Ambassadors

The Club now offers contacts at key Harvard schools and departments for the convenience of our members and prospective students who may need additional information prior to applying to these academic programs. Please contact Erik Karlsson (LL.M. '10) or Christine Björk (LL.M. '10) for insights into the LL.M program at the Law School and Erik Olofsson (MBA '10) or current MBA student Johan Land (MBA '12) for information on the MBA program at the Business School. For information on Harvard College, please contact Per Hagman (AB '80) or recent college graduate Karl Harmenberg (AB '10). Please consult our website for their specific contact information. If you are interested in becoming a Harvard Ambassador, please contact our Vice President Amanda Spaner-Åkerman at vicepresident@harvardclub.se

5. Activities of the Student Chapter (for Current Students and Scholars at Harvard)

Since it was established in February 2010, the Club's Student Chapter at Harvard has been very active (about one event per month) and the fall was no exception. The fall activities include, inter alia, a Cray fish Party, a Sunday Brunch, a Christmas Market outing and a big Nordic Christmas Party. The Nordic Christmas Party was arranged by and for students and scholars from Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden. Our Student President, Maria Persson Gulda, cooked Nordic Christmas food for 40 guests, which was an impressive achievement and immensely appreciated. The Nordic Christmas Party gave a wonderful Scandinavian touch to the everyday life in the US! The spring activities so far include cocktails at the Center for European Studies, a Robyn concert, a Thursday dinner with the traditional Pea Soup accompanied by the customary accessories, and shortly thereafter a Shrove Tuesday event of baking the likewise traditional “semmla”. If you are interested in joining the Student Chapter, get in touch with the Student President Maria at: studentpresident@harvardclub.se. Do also check out the Facebook group for Swedish students and scholars!

6. International Career Resource

Club Directors are constantly on the lookout for specific benefits that might be useful to members and have now pre-screened a global career resource, Ivy Exec. This site serves graduates of elite academic institutions, including Oxford, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Wharton and Duke. Ivy Exec has turned into a powerful recruiting tool and is used by such companies as McKinsey, Goldman Sachs and Google.



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Although basic memberships are free, all Club members receive a three-month upper category membership at no cost by accessing the following link:
www.ivyexec.com/professionals/register/?ref=HARVARD3MTHF&promo=ALLACCESS3MTH

7. Membership Renewal

Please remember to renew your membership for 2011 by either transferring 400:- to our bankgiro 244-7316 or by making your payment through Pay Pal reachable through our website.

8. Member Updates

Vice President Amanda Spaner Åkerman and her husband Albert are joyous about the birth of their daughter Harriet.

Long-time Club member as well as former President of the Harvard Business School Club of Sweden, Conrad Ankarcrona, sadly passed away in late 2010.

Ambassador Kai Falkman recently published his book "Why Japan? Personal Reflections of Diplomatic Duties and Adventures" which was given excellent reviews.

Soki Choi successfully defended her PhD-thesis "Competing logics in hospital mergers - The case of the Karolinska University Hospital" at Karolinska Institutet on 18 February 2011.

Sincerely yours,
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