

EURO EVO DEVO

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Final Circular

Welcome!

Dear delegate,

Welcome to Uppsala for this year's Euro Evo Devo conference, 26-29 July 2016. We hope you will have a fruitful and rewarding meeting, as well as being able to take time to enjoy this famous city and its surroundings. The information in this circular is intended to help you make the most of the conference and visit to Uppsala.

Conference details

All conference events, with the exception of the conference dinner in the castle, take place in the centrally-positioned Uppsala Konsert och Kongress conference centre (see map). There will be a cloakroom available from midday on the 26th and all day on the 29th. Toilets are situated on each floor.

Registration

Registration takes place from 14.00 to 18.00 on Tuesday 26th, (entrance floor) and afterwards at the help desk (floor six). Included in your registration pack is a printed programme booklet and an USB holding the abstract volume.

Presentations

For those of you who are presenting a talk: We accept presentations in either Powerpoint or PDF format. It is also possible (indeed encouraged) for you to plug in your own computer. Our own projection computers will be both Macs and PCs so please ensure that your presentation runs on both.

If you are using your own computer, please use one of the breaks to test out your computer.

We have a preparation room, K5, that will be available for you to sit and make last minute changes to your presentation.

Screen format: for those of you presenting in Stora Salen or Sal B, it should be possible to project in either 16:9 OR 4:3. If you are presenting in Sal C or K3/K4, please use 4:3. If you wish to present in 16:9, it might be worth bringing a 4:3 backup, although the conference centre assures us that 16:9 should work in the two big rooms!

Posters

Posters are PORTRAIT orientation, and A0 in size, ie (1.2 m high x 1.0 across). The poster

boards will become available for you to put up your poster during the afternoon of the 26th. Please check your poster number in the programme and place your poster accordingly. Materials will be available to attach your posters. Posters should be taken down before the afternoon break on the 29th.

Uppsala

Uppsala is a small city (population c. 150 000) and is easily accessible on foot. It is the fourth largest city in Sweden and is home of the oldest university in Scandinavia as well as being the seat of the archbishop.

Eating and drinking

Bill Bryson once wrote that “eating in Sweden is really just a series of heartbreaks.” (“Neither Here Nor There: Travels in Europe”). Nevertheless, Uppsala is well-equipped with a range of eateries to fit most tastes and even some budgets. These include Chinese, Indian, Thai, Italian, Lebanese, Spanish, Greek, Japanese and even Eritrean. There are also some classic Swedish restaurants which are rarely, however, cheap. For those of you on a budget, we recommend some of the various pubs (see below) or the “Swedish national dish” of pizza; and of course there are a variety of burger places. There are supermarkets very close to the conference centre (eg here: <http://www.kvarnengallerian.se/hitta-oss/>)

Our “official” pub is Buddy’s (Dragarbrunnsgatan 53) which we have arranged a 20% food discount at on presentation of the card you will find in your registration pack.

Drinking out in Sweden

Drinking alcohol in Sweden is not cheap, with a decent beer typically costing 65 SEK and a glass of wine at least as much. Asking for a “stor stark” in a pub or restaurant will get you a relatively decent and reasonably priced beer though. Outside restaurants, alcohol can only be purchased in the designated “Systembolaget”, notable by its yellow and green sign, and there is one in the centre of town.

Students and the nations

At least some of the student nations (basically colleges) will be open and many of these have bars with much cheaper beer (for a guide, see <https://uppsalastudent.com/nationsguiden/calendar/month/2016-07-01>). These are only open to their members or to students who have obtained a Guest Card. Some of these are very charming and if you are a student who wishes to see student life in Uppsala “from the inside” we recommend obtaining one of these cards. To do so, you need a valid student ID and a valid ID or Passport. For details of how to obtain a guest card, see <https://uppsalastudent.com/page/guestcard>. Note there is a small window of time to do this on Tuesday at 1700

unless you can come on the Saturday before.

A selection of restaurants

Pubs

Buddy's – our favourite Irish pub! <http://buddysirishpub.com>. Please book ahead if you intend to come in a large group (0046 18 10 7070) and mention the conference. You will get a discount on food on presentation of the card you will find in your registration pack.

O'Connors – Stora Torget, another Irish effort <http://www.oconnors.se/index.php/en/>
Churchill Arms – (<http://churchillarmsuppsala.se/churchill-arms-pub-i-uppsala/>) St Olofs-gatan 30. No table booking.

Sherlocks – tiny gastropub at Klostergatan 16 that will appeal to budding hipsters (<http://www.sherlocks.se>)

Stationen – in the old railway station house, this busy place has a variety of food and drink in a nice setting and is very close <http://www.svenssonskrogar.se/vara-restaurant/stationen>

Ethnic

Tsatsiki – Very decent Greek place on the river (<http://www.tzatziki.se>)

Costas – ditto; not on the river (Svartbäcksgatan 23) but with better service.

Thai: several ones downtown (Thai Village; Amazing Thai) but for a more surreal experience try Koh Phangan (<http://www.kohphangan.se>) with simulated thunderstorms every hour or so.

Chinese: there are several generic Chinese restaurants but there are two quite decent "authentic" ones now right next to each other: Golden China (<http://kinakrogen.se>) and Jappi (<http://nya.jappi.se>), both on Kungsängsgatan.

Italian: we recommend Basilico <http://www.basilico.se> and Il Forno <http://ilfornoitaliano.se/uppsala/>

Japanese - Ai (aigestuarang.se) at Bredgränd 14. Opposite is a decent fast food mexican place, Zocalo <http://zocalo.se/restaurangerna/svava-galleria-uppsala/>

Indian: several but we think the best is New India (newindia.se) at Bäckens Gränd 5.

Upmarket and classic Swedish

Domtrappkällaren – the classic Swedish restaurant in Uppsala nestling below the cathedral. Burn off those EU grants while you can still get them! <http://domtrappkallaren.se/in-english/> (St Eriksgränd 15)

Aaltos – upmarket Italian and very decent. Service can occasionally be slow (<http://www.aaltos.se/om-aaltos>)

Lingon – <http://restauranglingon.com/en/> – serving classic swedish food

La Parrilla – <http://laparrilla.se/info-kontakt/> – a fancy new place none of us have tried yet but has good reviews.

Hambergs Fisk – very nice, but rather expensive, fish restaurant at Fyristorg 8 (<http://www.hambergs.se>)

Cafés

Swedes (and Scandinavians in general) love coffee and there are coffee shops of various types in many places. Ones in Uppsala include Ofvandadahls, a true old-fashioned classic (<http://www.ofvandahls.se>); Storken on Stora Torget (famous for its collection of remarkably poor paintings); the two Linné Cafés opposite the Linnaean Garden; Günterska (<http://www.guntherska.se>) and Kardemumma (<http://trillermat.se/kardemumma/>).

Things to do in Uppsala

Uppsala is typically quiet in the summer, but it has a variety of attractions for those of you arriving early or staying on afterwards.

Gamla Uppsala

Just to the north of the main town (it can easily be reached by bus – see <http://www.ul.se/en/>), this ancient settlement now consisting mostly of the “royal burial mounds” dating back to the 5th and 6th centuries, is one of the most important archaeological sites in Sweden. The church, once the cathedral, is the burial place of Anders Celsius.

The Cathedral

Although heavily restored at the beginning of the 20th Century, the cathedral, the largest in Scandinavia, still has an impressive atmosphere. It is here that many Swedish luminaries including of course, Linnaeus, are buried, but also Gustav Vasa who founded the modern state, and the extraordinary scientist-cum-mystic Swedenborg.

The Gustavianum

Now housing an important museum collection, this beautiful building is notable for containing the Anatomical Theatre, unique in northern Europe. Well worth a visit.

Linnaeus’ townhouse and botanical garden

<http://www.linnaeus.se/eng/link3.html>; <http://www.linnaeus.uu.se/LTeng.html> - the official residence of Uppsala’s most famous son, including the bed in which he died for those of you who appreciate such things. The university botanical garden is on Villavägen.

Linnés Hammarby

<http://www.hammarby.uu.se/LHeng.html> Linnaeus’ summer house some 15km SE from the city, a beautiful small manor house in a rocky garden with the well-protected stone hut in which he stored his precious collections. To get there, catch regional bus 102 from stop B2 at the central station and get off at Ängsvaktartorp (Knivsta) (journey time about 15 min). Linnes Hammarby is then about a 2km walk in the country following the blue sign the bus will have just passed.

Carolina Rediviva

The university library. Its permanent displays include the famous 6th century “Silver Bible” written in Gothic on purple vellum, and parts of Mozart’s autographs for The Magic Flute and La clemenza di Tito as well as the 16th century “Carta Marina” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carta_marina).

The boat trips on Lake Ekoln or to Skokloster you have been already mailed about depart from the point marked on the map below.

Travel Information

Reaching Uppsala from Stockholm City:

Uppsala is located ca. 70 km north of Stockholm in the province of Uppland. Detailed tourist information, including travel advice as well as accommodation and restaurant suggestions, can be found at www.destinationuppsala.se/en. From the city of Stockholm, Uppsala can be best reached by train from Stockholm centralstation (Stockholm C). SJ (Swedish Railway) and SL (Stockholm's Local Traffic) provide train service between Uppsala centralstation (Uppsala C) and Stockholm C (www.sj.se). The trains run every 15-60 minutes, depending on the time of day, and the fares are 89 or 124 SEK (ca. €9.50 or €13.20) depending on which train you chose. Tickets can be bought from machines in the stations and close to the platforms as well as over SJ's homepage as e-tickets or sms-tickets (www.sj.se). The train ride takes 38 or 55 minutes.

Stockholm Arlanda Airport:

The nearest airport to Uppsala is Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN), which is also Stockholm's main airport. If you arrive by plane, most likely you will land here. From Arlanda, Uppsala can be reached by bus, train or taxi. The bus service is operated by UL (Upplands lokaltrafik, www.ul.se/en). Take bus number 801 from Arlanda Airport towards Uppsala centralstation, departing from a bus stop directly outside any Arlanda Airport Terminal. A fare of 105 SEK (ca. €11.20) can be paid directly to the driver (NO CASH, only debit/credit cards) – no seat reservation is required. Buses leave every 30 minutes and take about 46 minutes to Uppsala.

Trains also depart Arlanda Airport towards Uppsala Centralstation. The Arlanda Central Train Station is located directly below Sky City and can be entered from the plaza at the centre of Sky City. Trains are operated by SJ and SL and leave every 15-30 minutes. Tickets can be bought from a machine in Sky City before you board the train, or in advance through the SJ website. Tickets vary in price depending on the train used, ranging from 160 to 209 SEK (ca. €17.00 to €22.20). The train ride takes 18 minutes.

Several taxi companies offer fixed prices between Arlanda Airport and any single address within Uppsala. Prices vary slightly between companies, amount of people transported and the time of the day. Expect prices starting at 500 SEK (ca. €53). We recommend Uppsala Taxi (phone +46 18 100 000), which charges 520 SEK for 1 to 4 persons and 750 SEK for 5 to 8 persons. Taxis can also be booked in advance. A taxi ride takes ca. 30 to 35 minutes and an extra fee applies if several drop-offs within Uppsala are required (90 SEK per drop-off).

Västerås and Skavsta Airports:

Lower cost airlines, such as Ryanair and Wizzair, also service the Stockholm area with flights to two small airports, Västerås and Skavsta.

Västerås Airport is located 80 km west of Uppsala. If flying to Västerås, take local bus

3 from Västerås Airport to Västerås centre, from where you can take an express bus to Uppsala i.e., Upplands Lokaltrafik bus number 773 to Uppsala Centralstation. The cost for the express bus will be 140 SEK if paid on board of the bus (NO CASH, only debit/credit cards). Västerås Airport has flight connections to London (Stansted), Reykjavik, Alicante, Malaga, and Visby only.

Skavsta Airport is located 165 kilometers south of Uppsala. From Skavsta Airport, take the Flygbussarna Airport Coach to Stockholm Cityterminalen (next to Stockholm centralstation) (www.flygbussarna.se/en/skavsta). A bus ride to Stockholm costs 139 SEK and tickets can be purchased from machines in the arrival hall and at the bus stop or the Flygbussarna's ticket desk in the airport. From Stockholm Centralstation, take a train to Uppsala (as described above). The bus ride from Skavsta to Stockholm takes 80 minutes, which means your total trip to Uppsala, depending on the connection in Stockholm, can easily take more than two and a half hours! Skavsta Airport has flight connections to many places in Europe, such as London (Stansted), Paris (Beauvais), Barcelona, Düsseldorf (Weeze), Bremen, Rome (Ciampino), Warsaw, Budapest, Bucharest, Belgrade, Sofia, Thessaloniki, among others (see www.skavsta.se/en).

Transport in Uppsala

Uppsala is an easily walkable small city, with excellent bus connections. Please note that cash is not taken on buses, but you can pay with credit card. The relevant website is <http://www.ul.se/en/>. There are several taxi companies: we recommend Uppsala Taxi (0046 18 100 000).

Currency/Money exchange

The Swedish Krona (SEK) is the official currency in Sweden. There are several exchange offices and cash dispensers in Uppsala. Major international credit cards are accepted virtually everywhere.

Electricity

In Sweden the electrical voltage used is 220/230V.

International calls

Dial 00 + country code + area code + phone number. For example to Spain 0034; to Norway 0047.

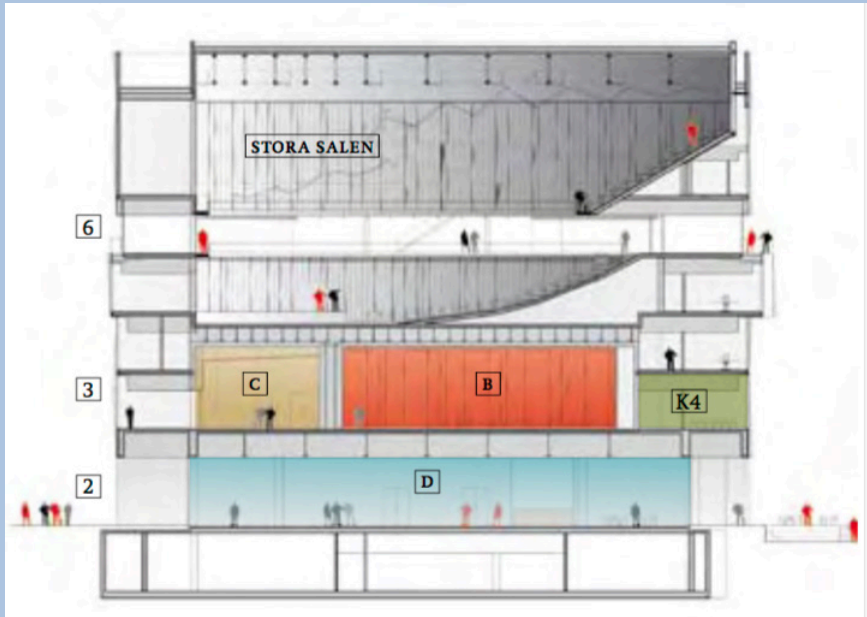
Medical services

In case of emergency please call 112 for police, ambulance or fire department. Uppsala University Hospital, (Akademiska sjukhuset) is located in central Uppsala. Telephone: +46 18 611 0000. The emergency room is called 'Akuten' in Swedish.

Pharmacy

There are several pharmacies in Uppsala. Look for the green 'Apotek' sign (not to be confused with the Systembolaget!).

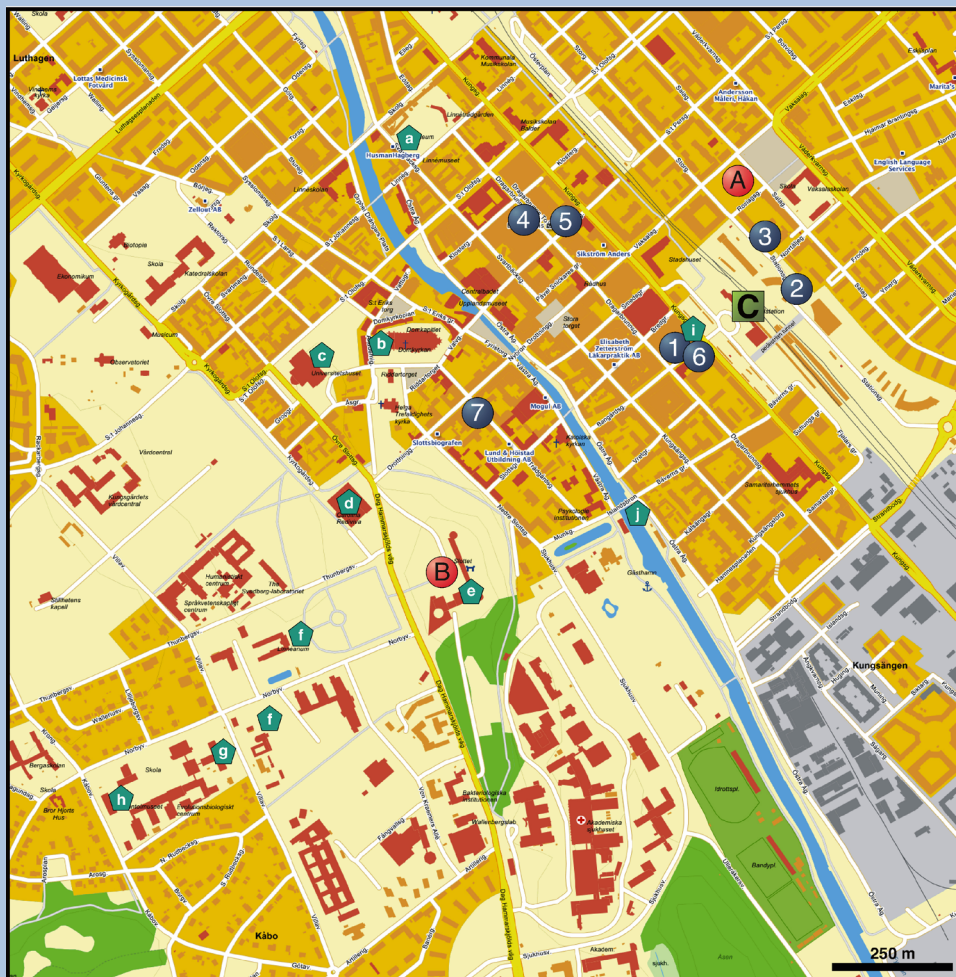
Layout of the Venue



Floor Six: Stora Salen, exhibitors, posters, breaks, help desk

Floor Three: Sal B, Sal C, K3+K4

Floor Two: entry, registration on 26th



Conference locations:

- A** Uppsala Concert and Congress Hall
(conference venue and ice breaker party)
- B** Uppsala Castle
(conference dinner)

Accommodation:

- 1** Hotell Svava
- 2** Radisson Blu
- 3** Radisson Park Inn
- 4** Clarion Hotel Gillet
- 5** Uppsala City Hostel
- 6** Hotell Centralstation
- 7** Uppsala CityStay Hotel

C **Centralstation** (train station)

Tourist attractions and sites of interest:

- a** Linné Garden
- b** Cathedral and Gustavianum
- c** University Main Building
- d** Carolina Rediviva Library
- e** Uppsala Castle
- f** Linnéum and Botanical Garden
- g** Museum of Evolution (Zoology)
- h** Museum of Evolution (Palaeontology)
- i** Tourist information
- j** Departure boat tour