

**The Swedish society of rural medicine** was founded in 2002. It's primary task is to develop healthcare in rural areas of Sweden. The society is open for all medical personnel with interest in the field of rural medicine.

The society will support and develop education of medical students in the field of rural medicine both during basic and postgraduate education.

In the fall of 2005 we were accepted as an associative member of the "Swedish society of medicine".

The Swedish society of rural medicine is arranging a yearly conference. In 2006 the conference was held in Strömsund in Jämtland. Many different fields of medicine was covered, such as nocturia and the increasing problem with overweight people and heart disease in the western world. A section of the conference was about the political aspects of primary care in general and specifically primary care in rural areas. Discussions were held on how rural medicine and primary care will develop in the future in Sweden compared to in other countries such as Norway and Scotland.

In 2007 the annual conference will be held in Hornö, Västernorrland at the end of April.

The Swedish society of rural medicine has an ambition to develop contacts with other societies of rural medicine in the world either alone or through the EURIPA organisation.

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