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Dear friends,

We are now past the middle of the winter, which here in the Stockholm area has been kind of an on-and-off winter. A couple of cold days has suddenly become a couple of warm days, and then cold again!

As you might have heard, the next Swedish census, the 1910, has been promised for a couple of years, but to get the best quality it has been slow work checking the accuracy and eliminating wrong birthdates, etc., so there are no people born in the 1600s in the database. Now only a few parishes in the Göteborg area and Värmland are missing. Hopefully it will be available on a DVD during summer.

Another project has been started, to add deaths from 1860 until 1901

to the Swedish Death Index (*Sveriges dödbok*). This is a huge undertaking as all of it has to be transcribed from the death records by volunteers, as there are no computer indexes to just copy and merge into the master database. Several societies have already done this for their areas and are willing to help with extracts from their databases. The project is now aimed to be ready by 2018, if all goes well,

The 1910 is a project from SVAR, and the new Death Index is a project by the Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies.

A topic that is very popular here right now is taking part of DNA testing. There are lectures held in many societies, and there has lately been

formed a national network, the Swedish Association for Genetic Genealogy (*Svenska Sällskapet för Genetisk Genealogi [SSGG]*). This society aims to educate interested persons on how to interpret the results of DNA testing, and also inform about the various testing possibilities.

I have not done any DNA testing myself, but would love to hear from SAG readers who have done so, and are interested to share their stories with others.

Maybe some of you are planning to visit Sweden and perhaps meet relatives in the summer? There is a good link on p. 30!

Till next time!
Elisabeth Thorsell

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Contact Jill Seaholm at <jillseaholm@augustana.edu>, or 309.794.7204. Thank you!



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