The Last Page
Dear friends,

The big event of the now sadly ended summer were the Genealogy Days in Örebro in late August. During two days the exhibition hall was full of people, vendors, institutions and societies, all showing their new efforts since last year.

The biggest news were the new Swedish Death Index 1901–2009, and the 1880 Swedish Census. Both are presented in this issue of SAG. Next year the Days will be held in Norrköping 26–28 of August. You might want to note these dates if you are planning a trip to Sweden next year. Even if the lectures are in Swedish, there is so much to see and experience.

Another thing to look for, if you have roots in southern Östergötland, are the Peter Cassel Days in Kisa in late July. There will be various arrangements, and further information will be published when the program is final.

I had a couple of good summer weeks in our stuga in Värmland, when there were some very hot days (for us), and much nicer than perspiring in the city. Later on we travelled in Bulgaria for a week with one of our sons, his girlfriend (Bulgarian), and our oldest grandson. There were many things to see, as this was our first visit to that part of the world. It was rather different from Sweden, with high mountains and enormous fields of corn and sunflowers. It was challenging to be in a country where we could not understand the language, nor the signs in the street, as they use the Cyrillic alphabet. We also spent a few days by the Black Sea (which was not black at all).

Back home I spent 10 days on the road with friends, where the husband has all his roots in Sweden, and wanted to see the places they left. We found most of them, which was exciting, and also a number of unknown cousins. This was not quite anticipated by my friend, and he left Sweden a very happy man.

Next on my program is a visit to the Swenson Center, to the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Till next time!

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SAG Workshop Salt Lake City 2010 is full!

Welcome to join our happy group of researchers at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City!

The SAG Workshop is the highlight of the year – a fun learning experience and a chance to do your Swedish genealogy with hands-on help from experienced Swedish and American genealogists. The social side includes both welcome and farewell receptions, a buffet dinner & entertainment.

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