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## Dear Friends,

Time passes quickly and it is already time for another issue of SAG.

This time I wish to say "Tack!" to all of you that have congratulated me on being awarded the *Victor Örnberg Memorial Prize* (Victor Örnbergs *Hederspris*) by the Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies.

The Örnberg Prize is the finest honor a Swedish genealogist can get, and I am deeply grateful to all of you for your support.

The prize is named for Victor Örnberg (1839–1908), a professional archivist but also a dedicated genealogist, who published among other things 14 volumes of his *Ättartal* with hundreds of genealogies about ordinary Swedish families. During

the work with compiling these books he realized that the church records were not well protected; instead they were in danger of being destroyed by damp, fire, or eaten by mice. He started a campaign to have the National archives (*Riksarkivet*) take over the responsibility for these historical documents and make them available to the public through a system of provincial archives. He was successful and the first provincial archive opened in Vadstena in 1899, and he was the first head archivist.

The prize will be awarded at the banquet at the yearly *Släktforskar-dagarna* (Genealogy Days) in Nacka, just outside Stockholm, on 12 August, when the 20th anniversary of the Federation will also be cele-

brated. These days are open to everyone, and there is a lecture program and lots of exhibitions. For the first time there is an entrance fee of 40 SEK. More information can be found at [www.stockholm2006.se/](http://www.stockholm2006.se/)

It might also be mentioned that the Örnberg Prize was awarded to Nils William Olsson, SAG Founder, in 1994.

Otherwise Sweden has come out from the snow, the winter was unusually long this year, it seems, and now is the time to go and look for the remains of gg-grandfather's cottage, and the church where grandma's aunt sat every Sunday.

See you there!

*Elisabeth Thorsell*

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