The Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies (Sveriges Stäkt- forskarförbund) and the old Swedish Genealogical Society (Genealogiska Föreningen, GF) opened their new joint premises in early December.

The new Center is situated in the suburb of Sundbyberg, a 10-minute train ride from downtown Stockholm, near buses and subway, and not the least important – inexpensive parking.

The Center is open every workday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Admittance is generally free, but access to some of the collections of GF has an entrance fee.

There is a computer room with Internet access and subscription to the major databases, like Genline, Arkion, and Ancestry. Also there are many CDs from all over the country.

There is a little coffee bar with newsletters from all the member societies, and back issues of most of them can also be found, if the friendly staff is asked.

GF has a long history of collecting genealogy books, and has a huge library. The collection is especially strong in books on German genealogy. Another of their collections is the huge Newspaper Clipping Archive, where all notices about births, marriages, and deaths from the major Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet have been saved since the 1930s, and from Dagens Nyheter from the 1960s – a collection which is very valuable when tracing living relatives. The Manuscript Collection has hundreds of donated, typed or handwritten genealogies.

On the premises one can also find other societies, like StorStockholms Genealogiska Förening (The Genealogical Society of Greater Stockholm), Föreningen för Smedsläktforskning (The Society for Blacksmith Research), DIS-Öst (The Genealogical Computer Society for Eastern Sweden), and Sällskapet Vallonattingarna (The Association of the Descendants of the Walloons).

In his inauguration speech, Federation president Ted Rosvall said that his intention is that the Center in a small way should be comparable to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and now it is on its way, and it is hoped that many genealogists from all over the world will come here to look for their Swedish roots.

Address: Allén 7, 172 66 Sundbyberg.

Ted Rosvall greets the guests at the inauguration.

Interesting Web Sites

(All links have been tried in January 2005 and should work)

150 Swedish Genealogical Societies, organized by province:
  http://www.genealogi.se/forbund/links3.htm

Images of Swedish Heritage: http://www.raa.se/kmb/indexe.asp

Online World War I Indexes and Records: http://www.militaryindexes.com/worldwarone/


Swedish Genealogical Directory (Pladsen & Huber): http://home.netcom.com/~v31ry/

The Inflation Calculator: http://www.westegg.com/inflation/

Statistics Sweden: http://www.scb.se/default__2154.asp

Historical Sources On-line: http://users.ids.net/~marcom/historint/hi-primary.html

Nordisk Familjebok (Ugglan) [encyclopedia]: http://runeberg.org/nfba/


The Swedish National Union Catalog: http://www.libris.kb.se/english/indexeng.jsp

Another Social Security Death Index search engine:
  http://www.familytreelegends.com/records/ssdi

Rolf Ström’s web site: http://rolfstrom.com/html_rolfst/rolfstromSvenBok_eng.htm