

Notes from September 20th CVP PI meeting, 13:00-14.00 at Vår Gård Saltsjöbaden

Participating PIs: Jesper Z. Haeggström, Cecilia Söderberg-Nauclér, Ulf de Faire, Ulf Eriksson, John Pernow, Anna Krook.

Other participants: Lars Jakobsson, Craig Wheelock.

- § 1. Update on the **Young Investigator Grants (YIG)**. One evaluation has been received (David Erlinge) and two more are due before September 30.

When all reports have been received, PIs will be asked to join a recruitment committee that will interview and present a final ranked short list to the full steering group. The goal is to complete the procedure before next CVP PI meeting on October 22.

- § 2. Our 1.5 day joint **CVP/CERIC retreat** was discussed. The PIs seemed pleased with the program and attendance that peaked at about 120 with some 80 CVP fellows on Friday morning. The imaging session was appreciated but we missed a concluding discussion. A major concern was the relatively low attendance from the clinical researchers. JP reported that he had received input that the program was not interesting for clinical researchers and that the role of CVP speakers was unclear. For next year, we probably need to include speakers from the hospital.

The PIs agreed that we should continue to have a theme at the CVP retreat. Suggestions for next year included, diabetes/metabolism, the vulnerable plaque, adaptive immunity, new emerging therapies. The PIs are encouraged to suggest more topics.

To get some feed-back on the retreat, an short questionnaire will be circulated among the CVP community.

From Jesper's desk, September 23, 2013