

Curriculum Vitae:

LEIF SVANSTRÖM

Leif Svanström, born 1943, graduated in Medicine from Lund University in 1966 and then passed his PhD in the Department of Social Medicine 1973. After post-doc studies in Occupational Health and Social Medicine he was appointed Associate Professor 1978..

He is now since 1980 Professor of Social Medicine at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm. He is also a Guest Professor at Shandong University in China and Ajou University in Korea.

Dr Svanström has spent more than forty years in Social Medicine and Health and Safety Promotion. His main line of research and teaching is Injury Epidemiology and Safety Promotion. In the 1960s he conducted a number of descriptive and analytical studies, and in the 1970s began studying home and occupational injuries. In 1974 he introduced the community approach to safety promotion; the “Falköping Model”, has heavily influenced Swedish and international community safety work. He is now the Chair of The Research Group on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion at Karolinska Institutet .

He chaired the First World Conference of Accident and Injury Prevention held in Stockholm, Sweden 1989 and is still a member of the International Organisation Committee for the following World Conferences. In 1991-2 he was a visiting scientist at the Centres for Disease Control, Division of Injury Control, Atlanta, Georgia. At present Dr Svanström is involved in WHO’s Global Programme on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion and is the Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr Svanström is the author of more than 1 000 papers in epidemiology, prevention, and health system research; More than 10 textbooks in health promotion and social medicine.

His other appointments and responsibilities include:

President of the Swedish Society of Social Medicine, 1981 - 1990

Head of Social Medicine Unit of Stockholm County, 1981 - 1997

Chief Medical Officer in Health Promotion, Stockholm County, 1982 - 1998

Member of the Swedish Scientific Council of the National Board of Health and Welfare, 1981

Member of the Board of Scandinavian Association of Social Medicine, 1982 - 1990

Chairman, Specialist Advisory Board in Social Medicine, National Board of Health and Welfare, 1981 - 1987

Member of the Swedish National Health Council, 1987 - 1991

Expert, Swedish National Injury Prevention Programme (Swedish Institute of Public Health) 1987 - 2000

Member of the Expert Panel, Injury Prevention, International Paediatric Association Expert

Member of the Swedish Public Health Group, 1988 - 1991

Expert, Injury and Accident Epidemiology, National Epidemiology Centre of the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare, 1990 - 1995

Member, Board of the National Institute of Public Health 1992 - 2000

Member, World Health Organisation Expert Advisory Panel on Accident Prevention

Expert, The Swedish National Committee on Public Health, 1997- 2000

Chair, Karolinska Institutet Programme Committee for Public Health Sciences training 2002-2007

Chair of International Society for Injury and Violence Prevention 2005-2008

Chair International Movement for Safe Communities 1989-

Award:

International Distinguished Career Award:

"In Recognition of Outstanding Dedication and Leadership in Injury Control and Emergency Health Services with Contributions and Achievements that have a Significant and Long Term Impact on the Problem of Injury"

Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section

American Public Health Association

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