



**Welcome to
Sweden,
country of Elias Fries**



The Sundsvall Mycological Society and the Fungus Dyeing Society welcome you to the JEC conference 28/8–3/9 2016 in Borgsjö. Borgsjö is situated at the centre of Sweden in the province of Medelpad. Jeanette Södermark is the chairperson of the Sundsvall Mycological Society. Hans Andersson is the chairperson of the Fungus Dyeing Society. Our class master is Tor-Erik Brandrud.



Cortinarius blattoi (photo Kjell Olofsson)



Calypso bulbosa
Water colour by Rolf Lidberg

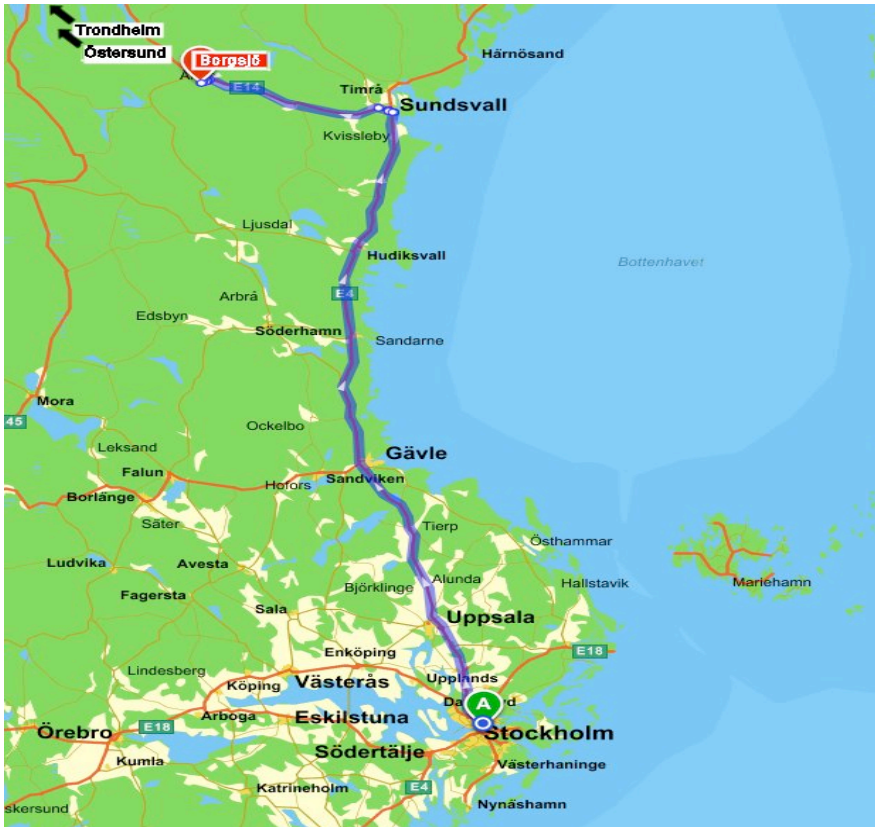
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How to get to Borgsjö

By car from Stockholm. Take the motorway E4 north about 400 km to Sundsvall. Take the motorway E14 west from Sundsvall towards Östersund. After about 80 km turn left at the petrol station Statoil at Borgsjö (adjacent to the inn Träporten). Then follow sign-posts featuring a large mushroom for about 1 km to the communal building at Erikslund, our conference Centre and work area.

By air. The Sundsvall/Timrå airport is situated about 100 km from Borgsjö. Please state on the registration form if you need transport from the airport.

By train. There are railway stations at Sundsvall (80 km from Borgsjö) and Ånge (15 km from Borgsjö). Please state on the registration form if you need transport from one of the stations.



Hjördis Lundmark and Jeanette Södermark receive you on Sunday August 28 from 13 hrs, giving you a binder containing your badge, maps, information, and the excursion catalogue. You will be guided to your accommodation.

Current information on JEC in Borgsjö on our site:

<http://www.jec-cortinarius.org>

The nature

The Nordic coniferous belt

Borgsjö parish is part of the coniferous forest belt (*the taiga*), which borders the boreal glacial sea. Borgsjö is a botanical eldorado with high mountains and deep valleys, vast marshes and calcareous forests, where one encounters the mythical Nordic orchid *Calypso bulbosa* in the old, sombre and swampy spruce forests.

It is in Borgsjö that the project “*Cortinarius* Flora Photographica” was launched in 1982. A number of international *Cortinarius* meetings have been held here with Tor Erik Brandrud as class master. The *Picea abies* forests host species such as *Cortinarius blattoi*, *C. borgsjænsis*, *C. rusticus*, and *C. venustus*. We'll also investigate calcareous forests with notable species such as *C. caesiocinctus* and *C. pini*.

One also finds acid coniferous forests with *Vaccinium myrtillus* and a rich mycota of the subgenus *Telamonia*. The swampy forests and the marshes also host a special *Cortinarius* funga.



Spruce forest (photo Bengt Larsson)

The sandy pine forests

The boreal, sandy forests with *Pinus sylvestris* were created by the latest glaciation. They contain a specialised and interesting mycota with species such as *Cortinarius leucophanes*, *C. pinophilus*, *C. phrygianus*, and *C. quarciticus*. Also an edible and delicious mushroom grows here, the precious *Tricholoma matsutake*, as well as many *Dermocybe*, excellent for dyeing.



Sandy pine forest (photo Bengt Larsson)

The deciduous forests and the marshy areas

Deciduous forests grow along the lakes and rivers with *Alnus incana*, *Betula* spp., *Populus tremula*, and *Salix caprea*. Of a special interest are the humid marshes, which provide species like *Cortinarius americanus* and other smallish *Telamonia*, hard to determine, under *Salix*.



Cortinarius americanus (photo Thomas Læssøe)

Example of *Cortinarius* findings in Medelpad

The Nordic forests host *Cortinarius* species that are partly different from those one finds in central Europe, but we also have many in common. You can inspect a list of 158 *Cortinarius* species collected during the mycological meeting in Medelpad in 2014 on the site www.myko.se. This meeting benefited from a rich crop of mushrooms; see the link “List of all species collected during the mycological week in Timrå in 2014”.

General information about the conference

Work area

The work area at Erikslund is open 08–23 hrs.

Each participant’s table has room for laptop, microscope, and literature. You bring your own desired illumination. Working in a large common hall favours the exchange of materials and discussions.

Collection reviews

A review of interesting collections of the day takes place each evening in the conference room with a coffee-bar, adjacent to the work room. The material is presented by means of a video camera, a daylight lamp, and a digital projector. All speakers use a microphone for reviews and presentations. On this occasion we elect "today's collection", and the collector is honoured with a prize.

Fungus exhibition

The exhibition is placed in a tent outside the work area, which ensures the freshness of the fungi. We have one tent for *Cortinarius* species and one tent for other fungi. On occasion, we initiate a spontaneous presentation around the exhibition tables.

Lodging and meals

The hotels are located at about 20 minutes by car or minibus from the work area. In addition there are chalets, a youth hostel, and a camping, if you desire a cheaper lodging. Dinner in common is served at the inn Träporten, easily reached on foot from the work area, between 17 and 19 hrs, Monday to Friday. Bring your thermos bottle for the excursions!

Shops, doctors, etc.

The nearest general store is at the petrol station in Borgsjö. The municipal centres in Ånge and Fränsta are located at about 15 minutes by car from the work area; this is where you'll find doctors, pharmacies, alcohol vendors, and others.

Excursions

We use minibuses and private vehicles for the excursions.

On arrival, participants will receive an excursion catalogue in Swedish and French. You register for one of next day's five excursion locations on a list, posted near the work area. In order to distribute participation among the different locations, each group is limited to 20 participants. Next day's locations are presented each evening at 19.30 hrs.

Cultural programme

On Tuesday afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the local museum, which boasts finely crafted wooden figures exhibiting life in the ancient rural society of the region. Moreover, we'll visit beautiful and ancient houses, constructed in the 19th century during the age of splendour in the region. In these times the river was filled with fat salmon, and the timber from the forests offered the farmers a big revenue.

Thursday after-noon before the gala evening we visit the charming rococo church of Borgsjö. It is decorated by medieval wood-work that represents Saint Olof, protector of our conference. We'll also attend the making of a special bread, called "tunnbröd", in an ancient bakery.

Collection labels

All collections placed on a table at the exhibition must be provided with a label stating the location number of the excursion, the collector, the biotope, etc. *Cortinarius* collections are placed in their respective section. There are also exhibition tables for diverse collections.

Fungus drying

Drying takes place at the indicated zone in the work area and in a tent outside. Please state on the registration form whether you bring your own dryer.

Dyeing of wool with fungi

During the week we'll demonstrate fungus dyeing, among others with species of section *Dermocybe*, while learning the technique. Saturday September 3 we welcome the public to our fungal exhibition, as well as to our wool dyeing.

Report

Based on species lists from our excursions, collection labels, and other notes, we intend to produce a commented report, destined to all participants and sent to your letter-boxes during the autumn of 2017. After the conference we would like to solicit your contribution in the form of additional information on dried and other collections. We would also welcome nice photographs of fungi and mycologists in the field, in the work area, and especially during the gala evening. Please send your contributions to:

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jan-olof.tedebrand@telia.com

Programme

Sunday August 28, 2016

- 13.00–18.00 Participants arrive at the conference Centre in the communal building at Erikslund, welcomed by Hjördis and Jeanette. You register, book a work apace, and are shown to your lodging.
- 18.00 Opening of the JEC conference with a welcome drink and short speeches by the chairpersons of the JEC, of the Sundsvall Mycological Society, and of the Fungus Dyeing Society. The mayor of Ånge will briefly present his municipality.
- 19.00 Dinner.
- 20.00 Individual studies in the work area.
- 23.00 Closure of the work area.

Monday August 29, 2016

- 07.00 Breakfast.
- 08.00 Opening of the work area.
- 08.30 Excursion starting from the work area. You bring your own lunch packet.
- 13.00–14.00 Return to the work area.
- 15.00–16.00 Afternoon coffee.
- 17.00–19.00 Dinner.
- 19.30 Short presentation of next day's excursion locations and posting of the excursion lists.
- 20.00 Review of interesting collections of the day.
- 20.30 Evening coffee.
- 21.00 Presentation (if any; maximum 30 minutes).
- 23.00 Closure of the work area..

The same programme holds for **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, and **Friday**. Since certain excursion localities are rather distant, please note that return may be delayed.

Thursday September 1, 2016

- 07.00 Breakfast.
- 08.00 Opening of the work area.
- 08.30 Excursion starting from the work area. You bring your own lunch packet.
- 13.00–14.00 Return to the work area.
- 14.15–15.30 JEC Board meeting in the conference room of the inn Träporten.
- 15.00 Visit to Borgsjö church and baking of the “tunnbröd” bread.
- 16.15–17.30 General Assembly of the JEC in the conference room adjacent to the work area at Erikslund.
- 19.30 Short review of interesting collections of the day.
- 20.00 Gala evening in the coffee-bar and conference room at Erikslund, including a few short speeches.

Saturday September 3, 2016

- 7.00 Breakfast, departure.
- 10.00–15.00 Fungal exhibition and the dyeing of wool for the public.

The programme may be subject of modification.

Participants' photo

We'll get photographed on the stairs of the work area Wednesday August 31 at 08.30 hrs before the outings.

Dinners

Dinners will be in common at the inn Träporten. You can purchase dinner tickets at 100 SEK per meal from Hjördis in the work area.

Collection reviews

The day's collections will be presented Monday to Wednesday and Friday at 20 hrs in the conference room at Erikslund. There will be a short review Thursday at 19.30 hrs. Tor Erik Brandrud and other specialists will comment on interesting collections.

Presentations

If you would like to make a short presentation, you should state its theme on the registration form. No presentation should be longer than 30 minutes.

Registration and contacts

Register by filling in the attached form and send it to Hjördis Lundmark in the interval April 1 to June 30, 2016. You may also download the form from our site (below). Use this mail or e-mail address:

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Hjördis Lundmark and Jeanette Södermark speak Swedish and English. Inga-Lill Franzén and Karl Soop answer your questions in French or German:

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telephone 073-3141659 (+4673-3141659)

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Conference fee

The conference fee covers venue rentals, minibuses, electricity for the dryers, the excursion catalogue, coffee/tea afternoon and evening, the gala dinner, etc.

The conference fee is 1600 SEK and should be paid at the latest June 30, 2016 by bank transfer:

Swift/BIC : NDEASESS
IBAN SE733000000015073534565

Bank address :

Nordea Bank
Kyrkogatan 15
S-851 92 Sundsvall

Participants who are not JEC members pay in addition the annual JEC subscription for 2016, 40€. As a member you receive the annual JEC Journal containing interesting articles on the genus *Cortinarius*.

Lodging and meals

As a participant you may choose between three types of lodging. *All prices pertain to the duration of the conference.* You pay directly at the hotel or to the landlord of your chalet before departure.

A. Hotels

Room for 1 person, including breakfast and lunch packets: 4600 SEK.

Room for 2 persons, including breakfast and lunch packets:

3400 SEK per person.

B. Chalets

Chalet with several beds: 3000–4000 SEK per chalet, depending on the type.

The chalets are furnished with a pantry where you may prepare your breakfast and lunch packet. On the other hand, if you prefer to buy them at the inn Träporten (price 70 and 80 SEK, respectively, per meal), please indicate this on the registration form.

You should bring your own bed linen and towels, or indicate on the registration form if you want to rent them at Träporten for 75 SEK. You are supposed to clean your chalet before departure, or pay a supplement for this service.

C. Youth hostel

The youth hostel is located at the charming cultural centre of the Borgsjö parish. Here you can prepare your breakfast and lunch packet, while you may have your dinner together with the other participants at the inn Träporten.

You should bring your own bed linen and towels. You are supposed to clean your room and common facilities before departure.

Lodging in a room with 1–4 beds: 3000 SEK per room.

D. Camping at the inn Träporten

Trailer space: 1080 SEK per vehicle. Electricity is included.

Showers and toilets are to be found in the adjoining service building.