

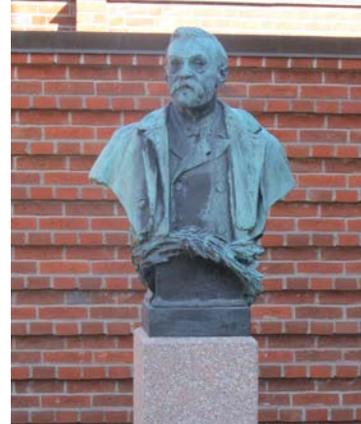
Midstay Program Report Spring 2012

We traveled to Stockholm, Sweden for the Spring 2012 midstay program hosted by the Karolinska Institutet (KI). After our initial arrival at the Arlanda airport in Stockholm, we traveled by an express train to the Stockholm central station where we met our guide for the trip, Malin Ahlén. During our stay we learned about the research done at the Karolinska Institutet, as well as information about the beautiful city of Stockholm itself.

Our experience began when we arrived in Stockholm on March 22nd. We traveled straight from the central station to the KI campus and there met our guide for the next 2 days, Dr. Jonas Sundbäck.

Dr. Sundbäck was a very helpful and gracious host throughout our visit to the Institutet, and we felt honored that he took time out of his schedule to be able to guide us around the campus and answer the many questions we posed both about the university and Sweden in general.

At KI, our stay began by learning about the history of the Nobel Prize from a former member of the Nobel Prize committee, Professor Klas Kärre. We learned that a Nobel Committee consisting of professors from the Karolinska Institutet awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine. It was very interesting hearing about how the Nobel Prize is interpreted and subsequently awarded from the perspective of a person who had a say in who was to be chosen.



After the Nobel Prize talk, we were taken to the hotel we were staying in to drop off our luggage, and then were taken out to a wonderful dinner with our guides for the program, where we got to talk to our fellow Euroscholars to get to know everyone a bit better. Everyone had stories about challenges and achievements they faced throughout the course of the program and it was nice to discuss those with people going through the same thing as you.

The next morning we began with each Euroscholar briefly presenting their research, with people studying everything from literature to psychology to neuroscience. With such a wide variety of subjects, we participated in a workshop comparing qualitative and quantitative research methods in order to gain an understanding of each of the opposite approaches. This workshop was followed up by lectures on global health and a discussion of the research occurring at KI. We learned that KI is a medical university with students majoring primarily in biomedicine and bioentrepreneurship. Following the lectures and workshops, local university students took us out for dinner at a traditional Swedish restaurant (though unfortunately no Swedish meatballs) with ice cream afterwards. We had a lot of fun getting to know the local students and how they had fun in Stockholm.

Saturday found us sightseeing in a part of Stockholm called the 'Old Town,' where our last scheduled activity was a tour of the Nobel museum. Afterwards, we could follow our own pursuits for the rest of the weekend if we chose. Overall, everyone in our

group agreed that it was a great experience, and we all hope to be able to see Stockholm again!

Regards,

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