



# Focusing on new research and education

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Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre  
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# Rapid growth calls for flexibility

About 35 years ago, the foundation was laid for what is today the Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre. Our institution has continued to develop in step with societal needs and various forest policy changes.



Magnus Löf.

Today, the department consists of several different disciplines and we have broadened our perspective on how the forest can be used, while also increasing our responsibility with forestry education.

## 30 PhD students

In last year's column, I mentioned all our new research initiatives funded by various research foundations and the forest industry.

The year 2023 has been marked by the initiation of these projects. As these projects progress, they are working towards forming new collaborations, implementing field studies and personnel are continuing to be recruited.

At the time of writing, there are approximately 30 PhD students enrolled at the department and more are on the way!

It is very gratifying to see this new talent in the depart-

ment, as they are working hard on future oriented and applied PhD projects that will be beneficial to the forestry sector in the broadest sense.

## Three parallel cohorts

During the year, we also put a lot of work into organizing our education courses and programmes.

The international bachelor's program Forest & Landscape is now fully developed and three cohorts are running in parallel at our teaching premises.

It is very gratifying that so many students are applying to the program! Together with our international master's Euroforester, this means that the institution will train many of the forestry experts of the future.

Growing as an institution is mainly positive, but also places high demands on the employees in terms of flexibility and cooperation skills. Here, I think you are all world class and want to thank you for a good job in 2023!

## Thanks Magnus and Per!

During the year, two employees retired. I would like to thank Magnus Mossberg and Per Fornling for their contributions to forest science research.

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Cover image: Jens-Peter Skovgaard leads an excursion about noble tree species. PHOTO: TORBJÖRN ESPING

# Great reviews for all courses from the students

**The students at the department appreciate the teaching, judging by the course evaluations.**

**"It is very gratifying", says Jörg Brunet, director of institutional studies.**

The 18 courses have received very good reviews from the students in the course evaluations, on average 4.6 out of 5. No course has scored lower than 4.0.

In the fall of 2023, a third cohort began studying the Bachelor's program Forest and Landscape, which is a collaboration between the Faculty of Forest Sciences and the LTV Faculty. The three-year program is SLU's first bachelor's degree in English.

It is a popular choice for both international and Swedish students with about half of the students from each group.

## Teaching in five grades

As a result, forestry training now takes place over five years at the department, with the first three years in Forest and Landscape and the following two years within the international master's program Euroforester.

"A few years ago we had maybe two courses that ran parallel during one of the four teaching periods of the school year. Nowadays, there can be up to four courses given at the same time", says Jörg Brunet.

Many more of the department's researchers and doctoral students now teach compared to previous years and ensure that the content of the education is kept up-to-date with the most current knowledge from forest research.

"Several teachers once came to Alnarp as Euroforester students and later continued

- The summer course Southern Sweden's forests and landscapes, where students from the new forestry program at the University of Forestry in Umeå come to the south to learn more about the ecology and management of the southern Swedish forests, not least the noble hardwood forests.
- Distance course Forest eco-



*Johanna Olsson at the program Forest and Landscape on an excursion outside Vindeln.*  
PHOTO: MALIN GRÖNBORG.

with doctoral studies", says Jörg Brunet.

## Three summer courses

During the past year, the department's teachers also held several other courses:

- Courses within the Master's program Forestry for Green Sustainable Development are given in collaboration with Linnaeus University.

logy and forest management for sustainable forestry.

- A summer course for students within the international master's program Sufonama where SLU is one of the partner universities.
- A summer course on Forest Regeneration, as well as a shorter course on forests for land management students.

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# Number of PhD-students doubled in four years

## 31 doctoral students, four of whom received their doctorate. PhD students have doubled since 2019.

In 2023, four doctoral students defended their dissertations (see back cover). The department has now completed 79 dissertations in total.

In October, the department had 31 doctoral students, which is a record.



Delphine Lariviere is one of the four that defended her dissertation in 2023. PHOTO: PER FORNLING

"When I started as director of studies in 2019, we had 15 doctoral students, so there has been steady growth since then", says Annika Felton, director of studies for research education.

During 2023, the department received about 20 MSEK from different research financiers such as Carl Trygger's Foundation, Formas, KSLA, Lars Tirén's donation, Seydlitz MP companies and from various forestry companies and other forestry organisations. Parts of it are to be used for new doctoral projects.

## Nine new PhD-students

In 2023, nine new doctoral students started:

- Lukas Graf - Relationships between ungulate density, their forage and damage
- Kinga Stolarek - Seedlings and regeneration procedures for future birch forests

- Anna Karlsson - Co-Creating forest management plans for better accommodation of owner needs and landscape perspective
- Michalina Grabowska - Poplar plantations in a changing climate
- Iida Puurula - Ash as fertilizer for increased biomass production of poplar plantations
- Edzus Romans - Successful regeneration chains
- Sara Jones - Optimization of forest management to reduce fire risk in Swedish forests (sKOBRA)
- Giovanni Bozza - Flowering as a key for the successful development of an efficient and rapid breeding of Silver birch (*Betula pendula*) in Sweden
- Alfred Deutgen - Establishment and management of mixed forests.

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## Major investment in attracting new students

The need to communicate increases as the institution grows.

Communicator Per Fornling retired and was replaced by two new positions. Tashina Alavi will work with research communication and student recruitment

Torbjörn Esping will work with press communication.

In December 2023, 76

people were on the institution's payroll.

19 people have been employed at the institution, of which eight are seasonal employees.

Among the new hires are visiting professor Douglass Frederik Jacobs, assistant Head of department Elias

Andersson, and local service technician Nihad Brankovic.



Tashina Alavi.

## Turnover 79 MSEK

Growth has been strong in recent years, for example, turnover has increased by 50 percent since 2019. The turnover in 2023 was MSEK 79, 67 MSEK in 2022.

The external funding rate is 60 percent, the rest are grants, with the exception of 5 percent which is commission funded.

The distribution in fundings is in proportion 15 percent to undergraduate education and 85 percent to research.

# Temporary decrease in peer-reviewed scientific papers

**After a couple of years with a record number of publications, the number decreased in 2023, from 105 to 82 peer-reviewed scientific papers in international journals.**

**The reduction is hopefully temporary and may be due to researchers spending a lot of time on new courses and the new major research initiatives.**

Here is a list of the publications in alphabetical order by main author. The researchers at the Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre, SSV, are marked in bold. If the paper has more than five authors, only the first and last author and the author from the department are listed.

## Peer-reviewed scientific papers

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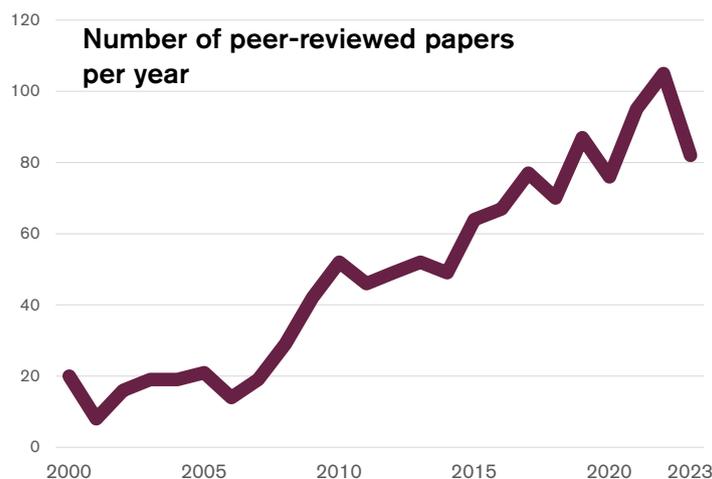
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**Youssef, Khaled.** Heterobasidion root rot infections on Scots pine: A cryptic threat to sustainable forest management in Sweden.



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