**MDR Annual Report 2011/2012**

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Chair: Maria Hammond (IGP)  
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**Vision:**The PhD Student Board of the Faculty of Medicin (medicinska doktorandrådet, MDR) is part of Uppsala Student Union. The aim is to be a meeting place for graduate students, representing all departments of the faculty that want to discuss issues related to graduate education. MDR elects representatives to represent the PhD students of the faculty in various boards and committees within our disciplinary area of Uppsala University, and in Doktorandnämnden of Uppsala Student Union. MDR thus also has a role in forwarding information from the University and the student union to the PhD students.

**Representation:**

MDR have been representing the PhD students of the medical faculty according to the following:

1. Områdesnämnden:   
   Maria Hammond (IGP)
2. Områdesnämndens arbetsutskott:   
   Alternates the representation with the PhD students from the Faculty of Pharmacy. This year the chair of FDR was the representative.
3. Kommittén för utbildning på forskarnivå:   
   Anica Klockars (Neuro), Sahar Roshanbin (Neuro; deputy)
4. ALF-nämnden och ALF-styrelsen:   
   David Berglund (Surg Sci, IGP)
5. Docenturkommittén:   
   Fatimah Dabo Pettersson (KBH)
6. Jämställdhetskommittén:  
   Sara Massena (MCB)
7. Medicinska kommittén:  
   vacant
8. Rekryteringsgrupp för anställningar inom medicinska fakulteten:  
   Johan Lindqvist (Neuro)
9. Bibliotekssamverkan M  
   Carl-Mårten Lindqvist (MedSci)
10. Doktorandnämnden:  
    Joakim Engström (IKV), Maria Hammond (IGP)
11. Other more temporary groups:
    1. Working group regarding faculty specific guidelines regarding recruitments  
       Elin Lundin (IGP)
    2. Styrgrupp Lokalprojekt BMC-Rudbeck  
       Carl-Mårten Lindqvist (MedSci)

**Participation of more departments in MDR:**

This year MDR has been working to get more PhD students involved in the council with a hope to have representatives from all departments present at the meetings. By specifically inviting the PhD students in the department boards we have increased the average number of participants in the meetings. On average, 11 PhD students (median) from the Faculty participated in each meeting, and representatives from all departments except the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research have attended at least two meetings.

**Information:**

MDR have continued to work on improving our ways to reach out to all PhD students of the faculty. We have had discussions with the Faculty of having an email list, where PhD students are automatically included when registered.

We have continued to hold or meetings in English when non-Swedish speaking PhD students have attended, which means that most of our meetings have been held in English. We have also written the annual report in English so that all PhD students can read about what we are doing.

**Representation in the Faculty’s boards and committees:**

New teacher representatives had been elected to the boards and committees this year. In Områdesnämnden the number of teacher representatives has been dramatically increased while the number of student representatives has been decreased with one. Together with FDR, the Medical Section (medicinska sektionen) of Uppsala Student Union, and the Pharmaceutical Student Union we have looked into whether we could do anything to get it back.

During this year MDR has together with the Medical Section of Uppsala Student Union ensured that the student representative in ALF-nämnden and ALF-styrelsen has the right to have a replacement. It has been decided that MDR elects the ordinary representative and the medical section elects the deputy.

MDR also proposed that being a student representative in ALF-nämnden entitles ALF-days as compensation. This was approved by ALF-nämnden and the student representative can now apply for five ALF-days after fulfilling the task.

**Collaboration with other student representatives within the Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy:**

The discussions regarding the numbers of student representatives in Områdesnämnden and the ALF-boards have led to improved collaborations with the other undergraduate and graduate students of the Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy.

The MDR chair has been co-opted to FDR’s meetings to continue our collaboration with the PhD students at the Faculty of Pharmacy. The chair and the vice chair have also been co-opted to the council meetings of the Medical Section in order to strengthen our relations with the undergraduate students of the faculty. Representatives from FDR, and the Medical Section have been co-opted to our meetings along with Doktorandombudsmannen from Uppsala Student Union.

**Mandatory courses**

MDR have for many years been trying to influence the faculty so that all PhD students are accepted to the mandatory courses within a reasonable time (approximately one year) after enrolling the PhD program. This year the faculty has increased the number of places by ten, and they have also promised that all PhD students that have been accepted for more than 6 months when applying to the courses will be accepted. MDR are very happy about these extra places, but have to continue to look after that this promise is fulfilled.