



Dear member of the Bárány Society,

It is a great pleasure for me to send greetings from Uppsala in February 2023 to the Bárány Society members around the world. The Bárány Society, a non-profit society with more than 500 members, had like many others to cancel its meeting in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. But after four years, some of us were lucky to meet again in Madrid after a pre-meeting held in the beautiful city of Granada. The meeting, organized as a hybrid meeting by Professor Nicolás Pérez Fernández and his team, was a great success. We are all thankful to the organizing committee who rescheduled the meeting after several years of struggle. The Bárány Society Board is aware of some post-congress problems of reimbursements to individuals who were not able to participate in 2022, and we expect that the problems will be resolved soon.

An essential piece of information is that the Bárány Society Board and Professor Shankai Yin in Shanghai have agreed to switch the cities for the forthcoming meetings and to organize the XXXII Bárány Society Meeting in Uppsala in 2024 and the XXXIII Bárány Society in Shanghai in 2026. Planning of the next meeting in Uppsala in 2024 is now ongoing. The dates of the meeting in Uppsala are August 24th for the Teaching course and August 25th-28th for the Main conference and possibly August 29 for a satellite symposium. The congress will take place at the Uppsala Konsert&Kongress conference center in the center of Uppsala. During the meeting in Uppsala the Bárány Gold Medal will be awarded to the author who during the last completed 6-year period has published the most valuable work on the vestibular apparatus. Relevant information will soon be posted on the meeting's regular website: www.barany2024uppsala.com. For the Uppsala meeting, the Bárány Society invites ideas for new sessions, whether of clinical or general scientific interest. If you have a novel idea and are prepared to organize an appropriate session, please share it with me by sending an e-mail to: goran.laurell@surgsci.uu.se



I am also taking the opportunity to announce that at the General Assembly/Business Meeting in Uppsala the Bährány Society Board is going to present amendments to the Society's bylaws. We are also going to have a formal election of a new Society president and new board members. It is time for a change, and a new president will bring fresh ideas and experience to the Society.

One of my annual duties is to remind all active members of the dues payment. **By paying your membership fee, you get a discount on attendance at the XXXII Bährány Society meeting in Uppsala 2024.** I once again would like to stress that we are keeping the administrative costs to a minimum, and the Society will continue to financially support the important work of the Classification Committee of the Bährány Society as well as the work of the Educational Committee. We have not raised the membership fee for many years, and it is still only 60 US dollars or 50 euros. Information about the membership dues renewal is given on our website, <https://www.thebaranysociety.org>. We kindly ask that you use the preferred PayPal method of payment.

I look forward to meeting you in Uppsala next year.

With warmest regards,

Göran Laurell
President of the Bährány Society