

Welcome to our first newsletter of the SIA-network. In this you will find information on the first junior network meeting and on the final conference of the large-scale SIA project funded by NordForsk. We also give links to information on four major Nordic databases that was presented during our senior meeting. We do so to encourage use, facilitate research exchange and future cross-national research collaboration.



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The SIA (Social Inequalities in Ageing)-network is a collaboration between leading ageing researchers in the Nordic countries and will intensely focus on the involvement of junior researchers, social aspects of ageing and inequalities. A prime aim is capacity building of social ageing research within Nordic countries.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

We have launched our new website for the network: <https://www.sia-network.se/>.

SIA FINAL CONFERENCE, Sept 2022

The Social Inequalities in Ageing programme (SIA) held its final conference at Skeppsholmen, Stockholm, on 6 September 2022.

During the conference, researchers from each work package gave presentations to exemplify the research conducted and highlight findings. SIA also invited Professor Martijn Huisman, Amsterdam UMC and Vrije Universiteit, to provide a much-appreciated keynote talk on the concept of resilience.

The conference ended with a panel discussion between Pia Nevala Westman, Nordic Welfare Centre, Barbro Westerholm, member of the Swedish parliament, and Marja Jylhä, Tampere University, moderated by the SIA's PI Johan Fritzell. "To get a condensed picture, for one day, of the high-quality research conducted within SIA was truly impressive", says Johan Fritzell. "We have published around 200 publications over the years, most recently a special section in the European Journal of Ageing. Most importantly, we have gathered leading ageing researchers across the Nordic countries and heavily involved junior researchers in our work".

The day before the conference, a meeting with the new SIA 2.0 network, sponsored by Forte, was held. The network aims primarily at capacity building and creating a platform for new collaborations across all Nordic countries.

SIA NETWORK MEETINGS

The SIA 2.0 network meeting was held at Skeppsholmen on September 5. During the day, 14 junior researchers from the Nordic countries presented ongoing work, and each paper had discussants from the same audience. The network also invited Professor Teppo Kröger, University of Jyväskylä, to give a much-appreciated talk on his recent book "Care Poverty". The senior researchers within the Network also had meetings to present some ongoing projects related to SIA, important data sources that could possibly be used to do cross-national research and, finally, to discuss future possibilities for projects.



Pic: Senior Researcher workshop



Pic: Junior Researcher workshop

LIST OF PAPERS PRESENTED

1. Trends in old age social participation over 30 years in Sweden- Erika Augustsson, Karolinska Institutet.
2. Social network and physical function among community dwelling older adults in Iceland - Hrafnhildur Eymundsdottir, University of Iceland.
3. Psychosocial working conditions as a predictor for exit from paid employment - Harpa S. Eyjólfsdóttir, Karolinska institutet.
4. The association between education and cognitive performance varies at different levels of cognitive performance: a quantile regression approach- Johan Rehnberg, Karolinska institutet.
5. Making sense of social relations – Understanding social relationships of older people in the context of social spaces -Katariina Tuominen, Tampere University.
6. Measuring the prevalence of chronic conditions in a population aged 90 and over: the agreement between self-reported and health register data- Halonen Pauliina, Tampere University.
7. Factors associated to rule and norm non-compliance amongst staff in aged care services- Laura Corneliusson, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare.
8. Worker wellbeing among Finnish home care workers – do number of clients and team autonomy play a role? -Salla Ruotsalainen, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare.
9. Intergenerational financial transfers during the past 20 years in Sweden: who gives and who receives? - Isabelle von Saenger, Karolinska institutet.
10. The role of social connections and support in the use of emergency care in older adults- Mahwish Naseer, Dalarna University.
11. Educational influences on late-life health – Exploring cohort differences to understand gene environment interplay- Malin Ericsson, Karolinska institutet.
12. Analysing work exit narratives near retirement age: A case study on Finnish postal workers.- Hanna Kosonen, Tampere University.
13. Digitization of society: perceptions of older adults- Outi Valkama, Tampere University.
14. Healthcare professionals' roles and responsibility in the hospital discharge process of older adults with complex care needs in three Nordic cities: a vignette study- Ann Liljas, Karolinska Institutet.

DATABASES AND RESOURCE PROFILES

At the SIA conference senior workshop, we had short presentations of four databases. It was later decided by the researchers that we will share the information with others in the network to foster collaboration.

- **PROFILE 1: SWEOLD (Sweden)**

Website: <https://www.sweold.se/>

Data resource profile: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyv057>

- **PROFILE 2: CAMB (Denmark)**

Website: <https://camb.ku.dk/>

Data resource profile: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyv149>

- **PROFILE 3: NorLAG (Norway)**

Website: <https://norlag.nsd.no/>

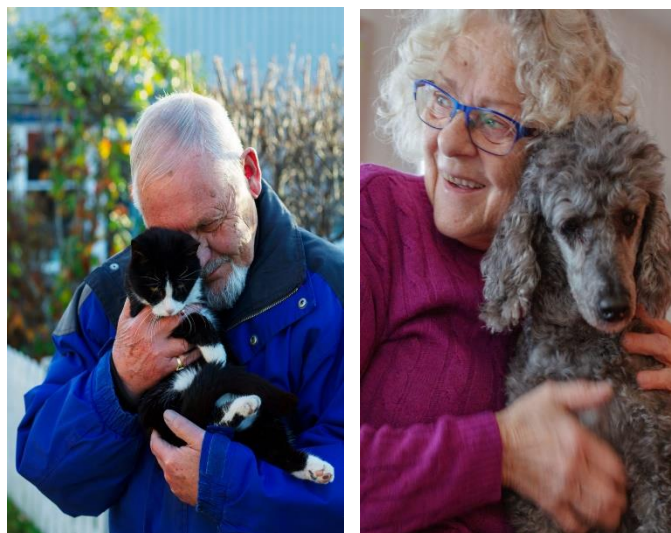
Data resource profile: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyaa280>

- **PROFILE 4: Vitality90+ (Finland)**

Website: <https://www.gerec.fi/en/research/health/vitality-90/>

WEBPAGE

Visit the old SIA-webpage for SIA-related information and especially all the publications that you have all contributed to over the years <http://sia-project.se/>



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