

# To all students interested in participating in the PhD-course **Urban Dendrology** 2011 in Alnarp, Sweden.

We are very delighted to inform you about a PhD-course in the subject *Urban Dendrology* in Alnarp during 24th of January to 2nd of February 2011. The course is part of the Research School on Architecture and Planning of the Urban landscape (APULA) and is funded by NOVA network which is a Scandinavian organization promoting joint activities between Scandinavian forestry and agricultural universities.

The aim of the PhD-course 'Urban Dendrology' is to provide an opportunity for regional and international knowledge exchange to further precede a professional approach to plant and manage sustainable urban tree habitats. With students and senior researchers participating, the course will encourage future development strategies, with specific focus on plant material (species diversity and adaptation), in addressing challenges of climate adaptation and urban densification. Due to the current discourse of the NOVA-network in ongoing research of urban forestry, 'Urban Dendrology' will thus supplement and further extend these intentions as well as providing an interdisciplinary forum. In other words, the course will give the opportunity to assemble and umbrella current knowledge and research in urban greening at the Nordic universities.

For more information see the official homepage of the course at <http://www2.nova-university.org/novadb/chome/cpage.php?cnr=48-100412-371> There are opportunities for students at the university related to NOVA to attain financial contribution for this course - see NOVA's website <http://www.nova-university.org/>

The course will give 4 ECTS credits and will be held at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU in Alnarp, Department of Landscape Management, Design and Construction. The students will after the course have a broad understanding of the problematic when using trees in urban environments and how these limitations can be solved in using a proper design and plant material. Students will gain this knowledge from studied literature and participate in lectures and seminars.

An updated schedule is available at the course homepage. In order to pass the course it is necessary to participate in 90% of the course activities.

On the daylong open symposium the 25th of January 2011, a poster session with posters presented by the participated students (A0) will be held in order to communicate with his/hers research to senior researchers and practitioners participating at this daylong seminar. Each student will have an oral presentation of his/her poster in 10 min during the poster sessions. In order to have the posters ready for the daylong seminar, the posters should be sent in latest the 12th of January 2011 as a PDF to [Henrik.Sjoman@ltj.slu.se](mailto:Henrik.Sjoman@ltj.slu.se) – the course will cover the costs of printing the posters. The book "Writing and Presenting Scientific Papers" by Birgitta Malmfors, Phil Gransworthy and Michael Grossman (2000) provides inspiration and hands-on tips on poster design and presentation. Guidelines for producing a poster can also be gained from the course organizers.

If you are interested to participate on the course Urban Dendrology, do not hesitate to contact us

**Looking forward to see you on the course**

**Anders Busse Nielsen**; Associated professor and course responsible

**Henrik Sjöman**; PhD-student and course coordinator.