

Reactions to the SASNET History report

• **Thank you for this detailed, expert and personal summary of SASNET.** As you know, I was a board member from the start until 2006. Staffan and your creation have been important to me. The visits to Lund gave me the stimulus I needed to participate in Karolinska Institutet's increasing research capacity in child health in Pakistan. Through grants and interdisciplinary contacts, SASNET was of great value, as were the seminars and symposia you organized. I have enjoyed your very valuable network and newsletter.

I am full of admiration for your never-failing effort that is and remains of great value. In our early discussions, it was a national network that was the basis of our efforts. May there be a way forward to once again secure this in accordance with the network's initial intentions. In addition, it is extremely important that your assembled data with an overview and description of South Asia projects and your and Staffan's contact work will be preserved in safe and accessible form! Once again thank you for this impressive document of your and Staffan's long efforts for South Asian Studies.

After reading through the report, I realize how valuable this is for those who are now planning studies and seeking contact with centers, associations and organizations in South Asia and the Nordic countries who have been, are or are interested in cooperation.

Is there such an overview or should you summarize this in a useful form from this document? Contacts for different research areas (women's lib, poverty, politics, health etc). This should be interesting for the new SASNET, right?

Bo Badr Saleem Lindblad

Professor Emeritus of International Child Health, Department of Public Health, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden & Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan

• **Absolutely absolutely wonderful!** SASNET is a success story with lots of hard work and a tireless commitment, by several co-workers but most of all from you and Staffan. The network has meant a lot to many researchers. And I did not even know about all the strange

goings-on, in the establishment phase and before and before the "closure" ... Scary. You are admirable. Thanks again, and keep preserving the material

Eva Rosén Hockersmith

Dept. of Religious Studies and Theology, Göteborg University.

• **Thanks Lars. Such an effort!**

Professor Sten Widmalm

Department of Government, Uppsala University

• **Thank you Lars for SASNET's story**, exciting and fun reading, fun with all the pictures too! Of course, I only had time for a little but so many special projects and so many personalities!

Greetings

Sören Sommelius

Journalist, Helsingborg

• **Good morning from Canada!!** I'm really excited looking at your email and the book. I really miss Lund, lots of memories! Wishing you family good health and happiness!! Best wishes!!

Zafor Mamoon

• **Thank you Lars. Wonderful history** and this creation is very attractive too

Professor Lipi Ghosh

Calcutta University, Kolkata, India

• **Commitment is a prerequisite**, but it is, of course, ultimately about money. Greetings!

Professor Ebbe Nordlander

Division of Chemical Physics, Department of Chemistry, Lund University

• **Thanks for this Lars!** I felt that SASNET was a very good support during our research collaboration with Indian Oil.

Professor Gunnar Lidén

Department of Chemical Engineering, Lund University

• **SASNET has a fantastic story**, thank you for conveying it in this way. Yes, SASNET is something different today than when it started, but we still network with several agencies and universities. But I also point out that it is thanks to the many years of networking that was started by you and Staffan that SASNET is a strong brand.

Dr. Andreas Johansson
SASNET, Lund University

• **Thanks for your message enclosing there-with the SASNET network 2000-2016 report.**

The report is very informative. We are glad to know the achievements/activities of the Indian researchers at the Institute and the association of the Embassy of India in Sweden with the Institute. Warm regards,

Suresh Kumar
First Secretary, Embassy of India, Stockholm

• **Congratulations!** This is truly a magnificent way of showcasing all the great work you have done! I will put this up on our social media pages. Best!

Christabel Royan
Director, Nordic Centre in
India university consortium

• **Dear Lars, Thank you for sharing.** I read your SASNET history with great interest as well as other items from your website (using Google translator as I do not know Swedish ;-)). We will add the link to history on the EASAS website. Best wishes,

Professor Danuta Stasik
Chair of South Asian Studies, Faculty of
Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw

• **Thank you for writing down your memories.** Please write a summary of maximum 15 000 characters for the German magazine Südasien (with an eye on what is perhaps instructive and exciting for readers in other countries).

Professor Heinz Werner Wessler
Uppsala University

• **Really impressive!**

Dr. Stig Toft Madsen,
Copenhagen

• **Interesting to read**, so much work you devoted into the network

Karin Lindberg
Lund

• **Solid work on SASNET's history** with also the intriguing details. Also saw the pictures of both me and Dipak. An important documentation and then came the memories of Staffan when I saw his picture.

**Dr. Miriya and
Professor Dipak Malik**
INLANSO, Varanasi, India

• **I am so glad that you have provided this record** of an amazingly successful initiative in research and education- I really enjoyed reading through this and remembering my pleasure at being a part of SASNET activities. You and Staffan made a great team. I did not realise until I read your report just how closely you worked together and the trust you shared. You and Staffan really contributed in major ways to a sense of a Nordic community of South Asianists and enriched my life and that of many others. Fondly,

Professor Pamela Price
University of Oslo

• **Thanks Lars! Good compilation** and fun that I was part of it too! Too bad the old SASNET was not allowed to remain. You can see that there was a lot of activity through those years! Good with such documents for the future as well.

Dr. Johan Westman
Samtse College of Education, Bhutan

• **Thanks for nice reading.**

Andreas Mattsson
Journalism programme, Lund University