

MedTech Week Sweden 2017

County Council Directors, Hospital Directors and healthcare professionals. Innovators and entrepreneurs, patient organisations and healthcare workers This year's MedTech Week 14-20 June 2017 attracted a broad and knowledgeable audience. In all, several hundred people participated in five events arranged by different local organisations.

The week began with an outstanding opening in Uppsala, moved on to welcoming inspiration in Umeå, important recruitment to clinical research in Gothenburg, a speedy talk show in Linköping and exciting opportunities for companies at the MAX IV laboratory and ESS facility in Lund.



European MedTech Week

MedTech Week is a week filled with activities around Europe with the aim of increasing knowledge of, and encouraging dialogue about, medical technology. Through various events organised by medtech companies, academia and professional organisations, we seek to provide greater insight and understanding of what we as an industry contribute to society and to patients. The initiator of [MedTech Week](#) is the European trade association [MedTech Europe](#).

Several local organisers in Sweden

The Swedish national co-ordinator for MedTech Week is Sweden's association for medical technology, [Swedish Medtech](#). The [Medtech4Health](#) innovation program contributes with communication and co-ordination. Each local event has one or more local organisers including Uppsala Bio, Uppsala University, Uppsala University Hospital, STUNS, CMTF, MedTech West, Region Östergötland, Linköping University and Invest in Skåne.



Well-attended opening of MedTech Science & Innovation – Uppsala

MedTech Week started in the most festive way when Vice-Rectors Stellan Sandler and Johan Tysk, together with Hospital Director Per Elowsson, tied the ribbon to open of the new MedTech Science & Innovation centre in Uppsala.

This centre, which is also a node in Medtech4Health, will further strengthen the already strong life science area in Uppsala.

Industrialist Carl Bennet gave an inspiring speech calling for more research and GE's Lotta Ljungqvist spoke of the test bed for biologic medicine under construction – to name two of many speakers. [More information and more images from Uppsala](#). Or see [all the speeches on film](#) (in Swedish).



A warm welcome and inspiration – Umeå

Northern Sweden's Umeå met us with the warmest weather of the week, and the warmest of welcomes. (It was school graduation week in town.)

In a beautiful and centrally located venue, start-ups and representatives from the whole innovation system gathered for a constructive and enjoyable afternoon where presentations were mixed with the opportunity to mingle and network.

A nice feature was that all participating companies were presented on stage before the networking. [More information and photos from Umeå](#).



Recruitment to clinical research important – Gothenburg

At Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Hospital Director Ann-Marie Wennberg spoke of the need for clinical research. It is an enabler to meet the challenges of healthcare.

Five talented researchers followed up with inspirational descriptions of their daily work, underlining the importance of recruitment to clinical research.

Read more about the event at [MedTech4Health](#). Or in Swedish at [MedTech West](#).



Speedy talk show presents current projects – Linköping

There are many interesting projects in medical technology ongoing at Linköping. Among other things, digital pathology to facilitate cancer diagnosis and computer tomography to improve cardiovascular care.

These were presented as a fast-paced talk show. A winning approach to keep up the tempo and highlight improvements from both patient and healthcare perspectives.

Read more about the event at [MedTech4Health](#).



Exciting opportunities for companies with MAX IV and ESS – Lund

Just outside Lund, easily accessible from around the world via Kastrup airport, an international research suburb is under construction. The dual attractions are two major facilities: the Max IV laboratory and the ESS, which use electrons (Swedish Max IV) and neutrons (European ESS) to enable molecular-level studies. Max IV is already open, while ESS is still under construction.

Potential applications are almost infinite. The facilities are a major resource for companies working with product development.

More pictures and information from the study visit at [MedTech4Health](#).



Calendar challenge enabled English reporting

Officially, European MedTech Week takes place during the week of Midsummer. This is a calendar challenge for us in the Nordic region that affects the number of participants we can attract to our events. In principle, parts of Sweden shut down this week as schools close and students and their families celebrate graduation.

This year we rose to the challenge and started MedTech Week a half week ahead of the rest of Europe. A further advantage of this meant we were able to publish articles about our events in advance of the European MedTech Week and could share links to them with Europe. A team from Swedish Medtech and Medtech4Health was able to report from each event via Twitter, LinkedIn and through blog posts. The blog posts we have edited and translated into English versions.