

**A secret is in people involved:
The Research School 2nd Open Seminar “Entrepreneurship, Health and Innovation”**

Three questions from Joachim Brink and Natalia Stambulova’s (RS leader) answers:

Did you feel that the seminar was a success? If so, in what way was it a success?

Yes. It was a success. Within the Open Seminar PhD students and senior researchers representing three basic research environments of Halmstad University (CVHI, EIS and CIEL) as well as external entrepreneurs working in the field of health and innovation shared their competencies and values, inspiration and commitment to the topic. Therefore, I think a secret of our success is in people involved, and I would like to thank all the participants. On behalf of the Research School Leadership Group (LG) I also would like to thank our Vice Chancellor Mikael Alexandersson for inspiring opening speech and organizational support provided.

Did you get any positive response after the seminar? If so, what did the responders have to say?

I talked to many participants during and after the Seminar and received overall positive feedback. But this is not enough. In the Research School LG we will proceed with an analysis of the participants’ written feedback based on the detailed evaluation form in order to learn lessons from this Seminar and improve the Research School activities in the future. As a PhD student Anders Billström (CIEL) mentioned in his written evaluation, “The continuity of the Research School and the Seminars is essential since it is rather unique and an advantage for a small University, like Halmstad University. It is rather simple to collaborate with the closest colleagues within your own discipline but more challenging across disciplines. However, we have that great opportunity within the Research School and should make even more of it in the future”.

Why are seminars like the Research School 2nd Open Seminar important?

Seminars like this one provide PhD students and developing researchers with an opportunity to publically share their research findings, learn from external guests and establish contacts important for their professional development. More generally, such Seminars contribute to integration of interdisciplinary knowledge on entrepreneurship, health and innovation and facilitate contacts of the Research School and Halmstad University researchers with innovative health related entrepreneurs and organizations.

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