

Summary of the ECNP Mini-symposium at Karolinska Institutet_Per Svenningsson 29 January 2016

Several postdocs in my laboratory helped to welcome the registered participants. Almost all of them came and there were a few additional participants that registered on site. The participants included Swedish, Finnish and Serbian citizens. The majority of the participants are clinically active psychiatrists and several prominent ones were present incl Profs Hans Ågren, Aleksander Mathe, Prof Christian Ruck along with several younger colleagues. In addition, there were many basic neuropsychopharmacologists present incl Profs Tomas Hökhelt, Sven Ove Ögren, Lars Terenius, Sandra Ceccatelli, Eero Catren, Esa Korpi along with several several younger colleagues. The Serbian ambassador, Dr Gorica Djokic, was also present. There were around 100 persons in the audience, so Nobel Forum was a perfect venue.

I introduced ECNP using the deck of slides provided by Iris Allebrandi. I thereafter introduced Prof Sven Ove Ögren as the first chairman of the symposium. I highlighted all his work and dedication to ECNP activities. All the scientific presentations were excellent and emphasized different aspects on disease modifications in neuropsychiatric disease states. In particular, Prof Mark Millan gave an excellent lecture on novel concepts on how to approach future therapies for the treatment of schizophrenia. The head of Center for Psychiatric research at Karolinska Institutet, Dr Clara Gumpert, chaired the other two talks. Dr Åsa Petersen from Lund gave an excellent overview on gene and vaccine therapies in Alzheimers disease and Huntingtons disease. Prof Anders Tingström, also from Lund, gave a very updated and exciting lecture on brain stimulation therapies, particularly DBS, in mood disorders. The symposium was summarized by Professor Aleksander Mathe

After the symposium, there was a very interactive networking. Everyone that approached me was very satisfied with the symposium.