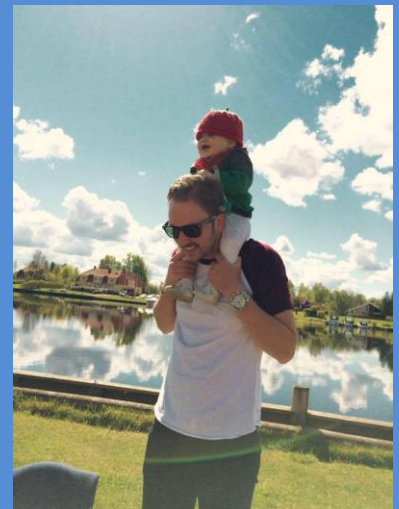


Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood: Bio-Cultural Perspectives

Tuesday 23rd , Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th of August 2016
Dalarna, Sweden

Three day international, interdisciplinary conference organised by the centre Reproductive, Infant and Child Health (RICH), School of Education, Health and Social Studies, Dalarna University, in collaboration with the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire, UK and the research network SCENE.



Conference Convenor: **Renée Flacking**, Associate Professor in Nursing, Lead of the centre Reproductive, Infant and Child Health (RICH), School of Education, Health and Social Studies, Dalarna University, Sweden.

This will be the 7th conference on , 'Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood: Bio-Cultural Perspectives'. The conference was initiated in 2007 by Professor Fiona Dykes, head of the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire. It has been held every other year in the UK by MAINN and in 2014 the conference was held in Australia and in 2016 it will be in Sweden.

The conference links closely with the research network Separation and Closeness Experiences in the Neonatal Environment (SCENE) headed by Associate Professor Anna Axelin.

A SCENE Symposium day will be held on the **26th of August**.

The conference aims to:

- Explore the nature of relationships within families in connection with various types of nutritive and nurturing behaviour in infancy and childhood.
- Enhance understanding of the complex interactions between socio-cultural, psychological and biological factors in the nurture of infant and child.
- Illuminate socio-cultural, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding practices.
- Increase understandings of breastfeeding as a bio-psychosocial activity.
- Focus on key initiatives that may impact upon practices related to nurturing the preterm infant and the family

Confirmed Invited Keynote Speakers:

Liisa Lehtonen, MD, Professor in Pediatrics, Head of the division of Neonatology, Turku University Hospital, Finland

Viveca Östberg, Professor in Sociology, Centre for Health Equity Studies (CHESS), Sweden

Gill Thomson, MSc Psychology of Child Development, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, University of Central Lancashire, UK

Fatumo Osman, RN, PhD-student Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Lars Wallin, RN, Professor in Nursing, Dalarna University, Sweden

Silke Mader, Chairwoman of the Executive Board of the European Foundation for the Care of the Newborn Infant (EFCNI), Germany

Conference Booking and Enquiries:

The conference fee is 4000 SEK for the three days, which includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation, but not accommodation. Accommodation can be booked directly with hotels in Falun. The hotel on Campus area is: <http://www.scandichotels.se/Hotels/Sverige/Falun/Scandic-Lugnet>

A day rate is also available at 1500 SEK per day which includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation on the day you are attending.

Conference web site: <http://www.du.se/rich-mainn>

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The conference venue is Dalarna University and Lugnetkyrkan, Falun.

