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**International Symposium ”Doping as a public health issue” in Stockholm.**

***The ”Professor Arne Ljungqvist Anti-Doping Foundation” will hold its very first  International Symposium in Stockholm Sept 21-22. Speakers and delegates from all over the world will come together to discuss ”Doping as a public health issue”.*** ***HRH Prince Daniel will attend the Symposium.***

***For the very first time, “The Big Five” will meet during a Symposium to discuss this issue all together: IOC, WADA, WHO, UNESCO and INTERPOL.***

Professor Arne Ljungqvist is one of the world’s most famous doping hunters and has, for more than 40 years, been working very actively internationally in the fight against doping in sports. By using his own foundation, he is now broadening the question by inviting representatives from both sports and the public authorities to initiate the work outside sports in the fight against illegal, dangerous and sometimes even harmful use of drugs.

*"The Symposium will offer a unique opportunity for an exchange of experiences and ideas among relevant international organizations. One goal of the Symposium is to create a "statement" that can serve as a starting point for broader cooperation between countries’ sports and social authorities. Our aim is to encourage legislative and other activities that will promote the control of the spread of harmful drugs, such as doping substances, to the public,"* says *Arne Ljungqvist*.

International and Swedish speakers and about 150 delegates will participate during the two symposium days at the Karolinska Institutet and the Norra Latin (pls see specific program below). On Friday evening, the 21st of September, there will be a Banquet for all the delegates.

The Symposium proved to be attractive and was fully booked by delegates from all over the world, so the organizer had to change locale to meet the high level of interest.

The financial contribution to this international Symposium was a gift to Professor Arne Ljungqvist in conjunction with his 80th birthday and the Foundation was formed in May 2011. The contributor was the Swedish Government, the Karolinska Institutet, the Swedish Sports Confederation and the Swedish Sports Education Council. Other parties have also supported the Symposium.

The purpose of the Foundation is to continue  Professor Arne Ljungqvist’s legacy in promoting scientific research on anti-doping matters and education for  clean sports.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco is Patron of the Professor Arne Ljungqvist Anti-doping Foundation.

**Program**

Friday Sept 21 Norra Latin

 09.00 - 17.00 (see program)

 Press Briefing 16.30 – 17.00

Saturday Sept 22 Karolinska Institutet

 09.00 - 17.00 (see program)

 Press Briefing 17.00-17.30

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