

KEMISEKTIONEN'S CHRONICLE

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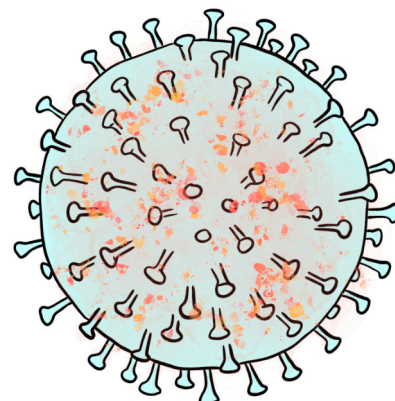


THS
KEMISEKTIONEN

This K-Krönika tells a part of what happened in Kongliga Kemisektionen during the *special* operational year 2019/2020. It has been put together to preserve memories and contribute to a continuous history of the chapter.

19/20 or...

- ...it just said zoom!
- ...the Corona on top!
- ...a modern dystopia
- ...cancel culture



Pandemic



The operational year 19/20 began without bravado or mishaps. The autumn rolled around as usual and the most remarkable thing was probably that the planned Nordic Chemical Technology Conference did not happen, and, of course, Hvitterhetsutskottets's epic resurrection. But in December the SARS-CoV-2 virus began circulating in distant lands, and during the early spring term, the COVID-19 pandemic broke out across the globe. On March 17th, the government decided that all universities would switch to distance education. KTH locked its premises, and the rest of the school year had to be spent at home in solitude.

Rarely have THS values of Community, Progress, and Joy seemed so remote. With aching heads from all the Zoom conversations and a heart burning with loneliness, it was a dark time for many chapter members. Several chapter bodies bravely kept their spirits up with recurring video calls, virtual Friday pubs, and various online games, but the fact remained that a whole bunch of long-awaited activities and events had to be canceled.

For everyone, the situation was not hopeless. With more time at home and a greater opportunity to manage their own time it felt like a nice break from the intense student life for some. It was a glistening opportunity to try new things! Although the school's distance-based education from the beginning was a bit awkward, to say the least, it has now developed to a much higher quality. Even though there was a lack of herring which (perhaps) felt sad for some, the digital SM proved to work out quite well.

At the time of writing, the pandemic is still ongoing in the autumn of 2020 and is not quite at a desirable equilibrium yet. Only the future can tell what long-lasting effects it will have on both KTH and the chemistry chapter.



13 viktigaste besluten från Sektionsmötet (SM)

An extra SM1

- For the second time in five years, there was a vote of no confidence against one of the section's book-keepers due to serious financial mismanagement.

SM1

- The meeting approved an unusually understandable budget revision.
- It was decided that the chapter's representatives in the Union Council would continue being active without belonging to any chapter association.

SM2

- The popular but oh so unappreciated form of election called "Free nomination" was formally introduced in the statutes.
- The chapter received a brand new chapter association for the chapter jubilee, in the form of Jubiléumskommittén. These also received a large budget for next year's anniversary.
- The chapters' financial documents were updated and clarified, among other things through requirements for what should be included in a financial report.
- A large stack of cash was set aside to fix some sweet sound in Draget.



SM3

- The regulations were updated with a short section on language. It was established that the section's main language is Swedish, but that English-speaking members have the right to take part in the SM in English.
- The chemistry chapter's representatives in the national association Biotechnology Students were introduced as a separate chapter association.
- The meeting decided that a spring ball would be arranged together with B, W, and T.

SM4

- The chapter did not get an association dedicated to coffee.
- The study committee's post Master coordinator was divided into two, one for chemistry and one for biotechnology, which hopefully makes the section's study supervision at a master level more sustainable.
- The board received clearer guidelines on how their meetings should work.

VERITAS • HERMETICA



Events of the year

During the autumn of 19 and early spring of 20 members of the chemistry chapter were able to take part in many fun and educational events, some of which are described below. During the latter part of the spring term, all activities were handled from home, which is why there were also several digital events this year - how modern!

The reception

As usual, the campus exploded in colours and songs during the month of August, when thousands of newly admitted students were welcomed to KTH. The chemistry chapter was no exception, and for two weeks everything was yellow (and pink!) while nØllan learned about math, dance, sharks, and the pH scale. Despite some crises, both personal and administrative, this year's reception offered great amounts of fun and memories for life.

NØlegasquen

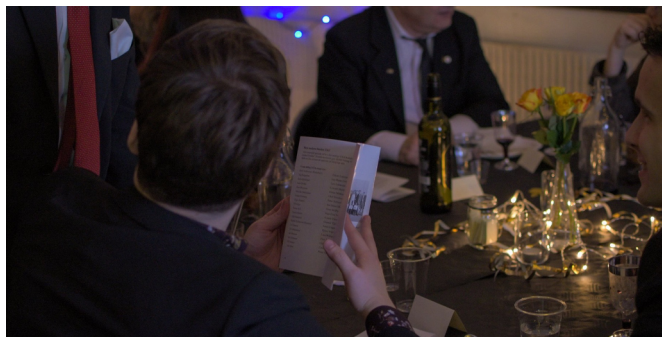
The Medical Association's party room was the place for the Chemistry Section's most glorious gasque this year. NØllan got a chance to prove their dignity, but the outcome of this competition was somewhat unclear. It looked dark when it was discovered that this year's new students were largely ØØ's, double zero must still remain zero forever, right? No, said the chapter president, who mathematically deduced that $\text{Ø}^\text{Ø} = 1$. And so nØllan became one again this year!

NØllespexet

The Solution (Lösningen) or breakthroughs do not pay off, *this year's nØllespex, was significantly more easily digested than previous years spex, in stark contrast to the play's shrimp sandwiches, which to everyone's annoyance caused a side stitch. With clear parallels to contemporary populist leadership and sensational pressure, The Solution offered more than just a good laugh.*



Pictures taken by Papparazzi



Veritas

The alumni dinner party Veritas was held for the second year in a row, which means the event is well on its way to becoming a real chapter custom. This time the event was taking place in the Machine Chapter's premises Smörjis and offered even older speakers than last time.

BKW

The chemistry chapter's career fair BKW, which is held together with Bergssektionen and the chapter for Energy and Environment, took place as usual in Nymble during the fair and at the Legal Association at Stockholm University, for the banquet. Although last year still holds the record when it comes to the number of companies, the 2020 edition instead made great progress when it came to the number of participants from the Chemistry Chapter, as well as in the experience quality for everyone involved.

Digital events

During the pandemic stay at home during the spring, events took on a different design. A Discord server for the chapter was started, where everything from spex-practice to movie nights and Friday pubs was arranged.

Cancelled events

Quarnevalen, ÄPS 3, ÄPS 4, Berzelii, Vårbalen, Kårspexet Cecilia Vasa (omgång 2 och 3), Valborgspubbrundan, Krexet XII...



Quote of the year

"Bleh"

- The Chapter Board