



Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Catarina Ekenäs**

Work experience

2013-

**Assessor at the Swedish Medical Products Agency
Department of Cosmetics, Medicinal products and**

Narcotics

One of my main responsibilities is dealing with control and supervision of sale and marketing of products that are defined as medicinal products (for example falsified products, unregistered products or borderline products), but that do not have a market authorization or that are handled outside the legal chain. The other main responsibility is working with borderline issues - classification of medicinal products and borderline issues with regard to other product categories such as medical devices, dietary supplements, cosmetics, chemicals etc. I am also involved in communication regarding health risks associated with illegal/ substandard/ falsified medicines. I am regularly training stakeholders regarding borderline/ classification issues, for example Customs. I am also handling external monitoring regarding the situation of illegal medicinal products in Sweden.

Since 2018 I am the Swedish National Focal Point within the WHO Network for Substandard and Falsified Medical Products.

Since 2021 I am the Swedish representative in WHO Member State Mechanism on Substandard and Falsified Medical Products. I am also the Vice Chair of working group E, risk communications in the group.

Since 2018 I am a Swedish representative in WGEO (Working group of enforcement officers), HMA (Head of Medicine Agencies). Since March 2024 I am also part of the Management committee of the group as I handle the WGEO HMA Secretariat.

Since 2022 I am a member in EDQM:s CMED committee working group "Theft recommendation", under the Council of Europe.

2010-2012
Agency

Assessor at the Swedish Medical Products

Department of Herbal Medicinal Products

Assisting in classification of herbal medicinal products. Evaluation of safety and quality regarding applications for registration of herbal medicinal products.

2008-2010

University Lecturer at Uppsala University

Department of Pharmaceutical Biosciences, Division of Pharmacognosy

Responsible for planning and leading the University course "Global pharmacy", 10 p, offered by Uppsala University every fall and spring semester. The course is electable course for students studying the Master of Pharmacy program at Uppsala University and the purpose is to give an opportunity to experience the health/pharmacy system of a non-western country, involving a field trip. I planned and led the course which took place on multiple occasions in Sri Lanka, Egypt and Taiwan. I also had other teaching responsibilities at the Department, for example laboratory guidance.

I planned and led the course for a total of 7 semesters. I received a price from the Student Union for managing the course.

2003-2008

PhD student

Department of Systematic biology, Evolutionary Biology Center, Uppsala University

PhD student in a joint project between the Systematic Biology Department, Evolutionary Biology Center and Division of Pharmacognosy, Department of Pharmaceutical Biosciences, Uppsala University. Part of the PhD studies to place at the Department of Pharmaceutical Biology and Biotechnology, Albert Ludwigs Universität in Freiburg, Germany Part of the PhD studies took place at Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, USA. As teaching responsibilities during PhD studies I planned and managed the Global Pharmacy course, Uppsala University (please see next employment for details).

I defended the PhD thesis "Phylogenies and secondary chemistry in Arnica (Asteraceae)" on March

14th 2008.

2002-2003

Pharmacist

Apoteket AB, Stockholm

Worked as a pharmacist in a local pharmacy in

Stockholm.

2001-2002

Laboratory Assistant

Astra Zeneca Griffith University Natural Product

Discovery Unit, Brisbane, Australia

General natural product chemistry laboratory

work.

Education and training

2008

PhD

Department of Systematic biology, Evolutionary

Biology Center, Uppsala University

2001

M. Pharm (Apotekarexamen, 200p)

Uppsala university

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