



Chronicle for 2007

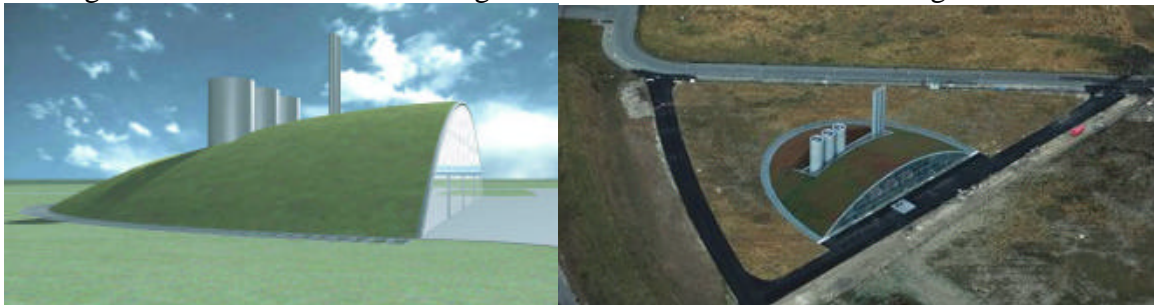
Scandinavian Green Roof Association

The spring in Malmö was fantastic, followed by a very rainy summer. In fact, this suited the Augustenborg Botanical Roof Garden perfectly. We spent the spring replanting parts of the semi-intensive garden, with new soil. The moist summer helped it all establish well, and the newly planted parts have grown immensely!



At the Scandinavian Green Roof Associations and Scandinavian Green Roof Institutes **annual meeting** in April, Trevor Graham was chosen as our new Managing Director, replacing Pär Söderblom, who retires. The future financing of the association was an important issue, since the member fees do not come to the same amounts as the support we initially had from the EU. To maintain a continued high quality of our activities, we will need external financing. The board is discussing different solutions.

As usual, the winner of the **Green Roof Award** was chosen at the annual meeting. The winner 2007 was the loading centre at Kastrup Airport in Copenhagen, who received their prize at the Award ceremony in June. The awarded project is an industrial building with a soft appearance, where there has been a conscious desire to adapt the building to the environment, making it look more like a Bronze Age mound than an industrial building.



The guided tours of the Botanical Roof Garden and the EcoCity go well as usual. On average we have one study group per week, which shows the interest of Augustenborg in the rest of the world is not lessening. The visitors come from a variety of different countries. Currently, we are noticing a growing interest from the UK and the Netherlands. UK is now undergoing an exciting development, where the government has very far-reaching demands on the energy efficiency and environmental adaptation of buildings. In seven years, all new buildings in UK must sustainably produce all the energy they consume! Because of these demands, we are getting a stream of development teams coming to the role model Augustenborg to learn from our experiences. But if we in Sweden are to keep our position in the front, we really need to keep working – because the development in Britain will be delightfully fast!

Conferences and representations abroad.

The European Federation of Green Roof Associations, EFB, held their annual meeting at the Augustenborg Botanical Roof Garden this year. We are, as an organization, relatively new members in this umbrella-organisation working to promote green roofs. It was an honour to host the annual meeting, with participants from nine European countries. In addition to the meeting procedures, the delegates were invited to a guided tour of Malmö, and a dinner with the mayor at the City Hall.



Also in the Netherlands, the issue of adapting cities to climate change is becoming very hot. A delegation of politicians and civil servants of the Department of the Environment in the Netherlands had a seminar here in Augustenborg, with study tours around Malmö. The Scandinavian Green Roof Institute was also invited to 's-Hertogenbosch to present the Best Practise Award-winning Augustenborg project to inspire the Dutch cities in their work towards sustainability.

Scandinavian Green Roof Institute continues to give advice and information by e-mail and telephone across the world. Most of the inquirers find us through our website, www.greenroof.se.

The website has during the autumn and winter been much renewed. It has been given a new design, and the information has been updated and extended. You can find a lot of new pictures, and for example a FAQ-section with answers to the most frequently asked questions about green roofs. Still more renewal is to be expected, and the website will be updated continuously.

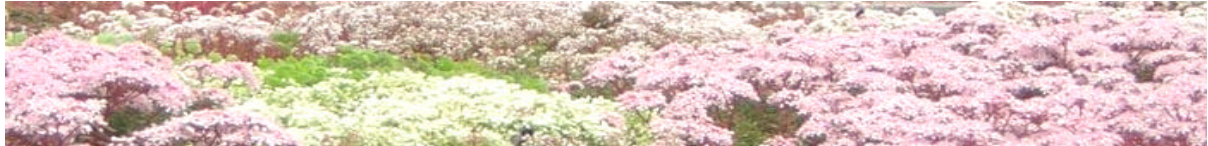
Publicity. Augustenborg's Botanical Roof Garden and the EcoCity has been featured in several media as usual. This past year for example in Casa Naturale, an Italian magazine on green building; in an environmental youth magazine in Canada and in the Environmental Building News in USA. Here in Malmö, the MKB housing company is planning a book on the Augustenborg project, which we are much looking forward to see.

Malmö City has since a few years a large part of its solar energy drive on Augustenborg's Botanical Roof Garden, with both photovoltaics and solar heat panels. In 2007 the array was extended with an exciting new prototype from the Lund Technical University. This is a hybrid, which produces both electricity and hot water, and at the same time it acts as blinds in the windows. Reflectors shift when it's sunny to concentrate the sunlight on photovoltaic cells. This heats the cells, which reduces the efficiency. That, however, is remedied by copper pipes, removing the heat with circulating water. The heat taps into the City's district heating system. As an extra bonus, this cools the seminar hall of the Botanical Roof Garden!



Students. SLU, the Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences give a course on green roofs as distance studies. The Scandinavian Green Roof Institute also inform landscape engineer students at their university in Alnarp. Students from both Sweden and Denmark come to the institute for information for their group projects and theses on green roofs. Of course we support their work as much as possible.

Co-workers. Jasmin Dautovic has left us after four years of rehabilitation internship, and is now fit for other jobs. In his place Thomas Nilsson has been working as part time handyman. Also he will shortly go out to seek other positions. Left at the office is Barbro Svahn, and our Superintendent Louise Lundberg.



We wish to thank all members and contributors who are making the work of the Scandinavian Green Roof Association possible! Welcome to the Augustenborg Botanical Roof Garden in 2008!