

Swedish Initiative for Research on **M**icrodata in the **S**ocial **A**nd **M**edical Sciences



SIMSAM National meeting

@Umeå SIMSAM Lab
Umeå University

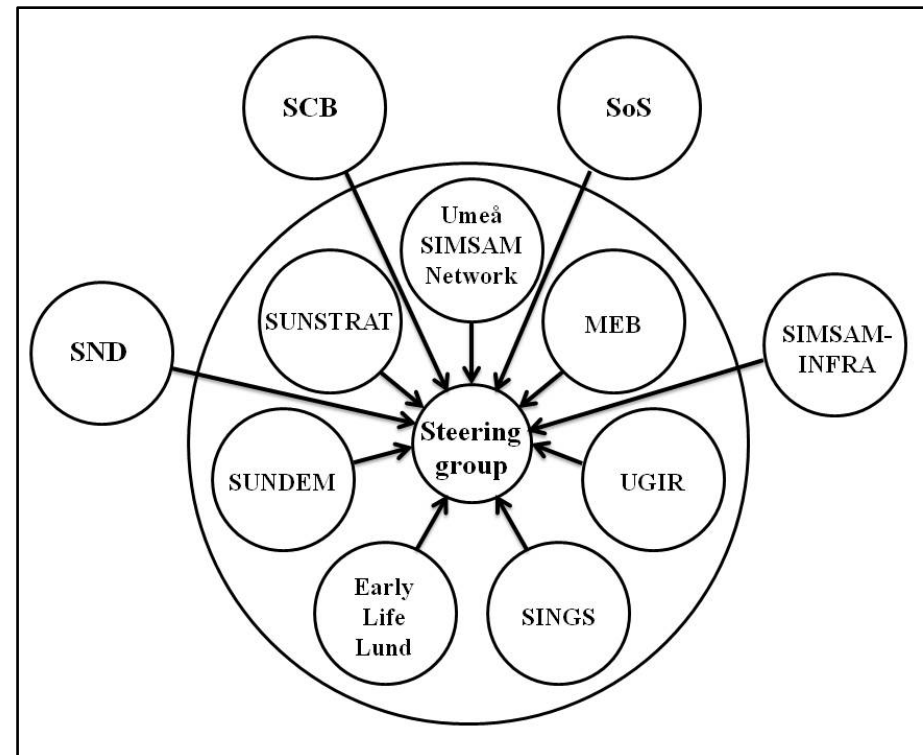


4-5 November 2013



SIMSAM at the national level

- VR: 135 million SEK, Dec. 2008 - Nov. 2013
- 6 research nodes + graduate school (SINGS)
 - Karolinska Institutet (KI, 2 nodes)
 - + SINGS
 - Stockholm University (SU, 2 nodes)
 - Lund University (LU)
 - Umeå University (UmU)
- National steering group
- Scientific Advisory Board
- Umeå node - coordinating role
 - Coordinator: Anna Holmström



Scientific Advisory Board

Irma Elo

University of Pennsylvania

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SIMSAM Goals

- Promote use of registers and relevant methods to achieve innovative research results.
- Open national network where researchers exchange experiences and knowledge on how to use registers in research.
- Spread knowledge about registers as a research infrastructure nationally and internationally.
- Promote education of scientists



National SIMSAM activities

- Steering group meetings (2 per semester)
- National meetings (1 to 2 per year)
- Courses and workshops
- SIMSAM.NU
- SIMSAM INFRA



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SIMSAM is short for "*Swedish Initiative for Research on Microdata in the Social And Medical Sciences*", an initiative supported by the Swedish Research Council via its Committee for Research Infrastructure. By giving priority to interdisciplinary, innovative register-based research, SIMSAM will contribute to better public health and increased knowledge of social issues, for instance which factors in childhood that result in increased risk for obesity or cancer later in life. The initiative is also intended to promote improved and expanded use of registers in research and to increase the knowledge of how registry research is organized in Sweden and internationally. Six research nodes and one graduate school have been granted funding for five years from december 2008 until november 2013. Nodes and a graduate school of a new SIMSAM five year period will be announced by the Swedish Research Council 4 November 2013.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 4 Mon	13:00 National SIMSAM meeting @ Assembly Hall, Caring Sciences Building
NOV 5 Tue	13:00 SAB meeting with the national SIMSAM steering group @ Umeå
DEC 2 Mon	13:00 National SIMSAM steering group meeting

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SIMSAM 2009-2013

Mid-term VR evaluation

...the SIMSAM initiative has led to the successful promotion of register-based research ... the research activities of the nodes are dynamic and their output is strong

...

SIMSAM 2014-2019



SECOND ROUND: VR funding 125 mkr,

New nodes to the network:

- “causes and consequences of diseases during childhood” , KI
- “School segregation dynamics”, Inst future studies
- “Gothenburg cardiovascular registry studies, GU

SIMSAM activities 2013

- Information booklet – importance of register-based research
- Dialogue with SoS and SCB
- Data management group – spread information (data + experiences)
- SIMSAM-INFRA: SIMSAM knowledge/infrastructure => researchers
- National meetings + meetings with SAB
 - Stockholm 25 + 26 April
 - Umeå 4 +5 November

