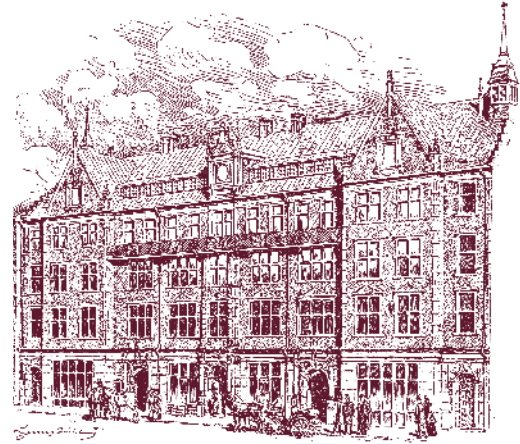




WELCOME TO IVA





INDEPENDENT BRIDGE-BUILDER

IVA is an independent arena for knowledge exchange. By initiating and stimulating contacts between various skills areas and over national boundaries, IVA functions as a bridge-builder between the business community, academia and the political sphere. We believe that meetings between people generate new ideas and help new knowledge to flourish. IVA will therefore function as a forum for such meetings through lectures, conferences, research exchanges and various projects.

IVA has a long tradition of illuminating issues relating to technical possibilities and problems in society. We also emphasise the consequences of technology and the prerequisites for sustainable development.

IVA's activities are often organised under the following headings:

- Education and research
- The competitiveness of business and industry
- Technology and society
- Foresight

IVA works for international interaction and we also wish to promote a closer relationship with the EU commission. The Academy focuses attention on and also rewards important work within natural sciences, engineering and economics.

IVA is the world's oldest engineering academy, founded in 1919. IVA's activities are financed through contributions from companies, project grants and government grants.

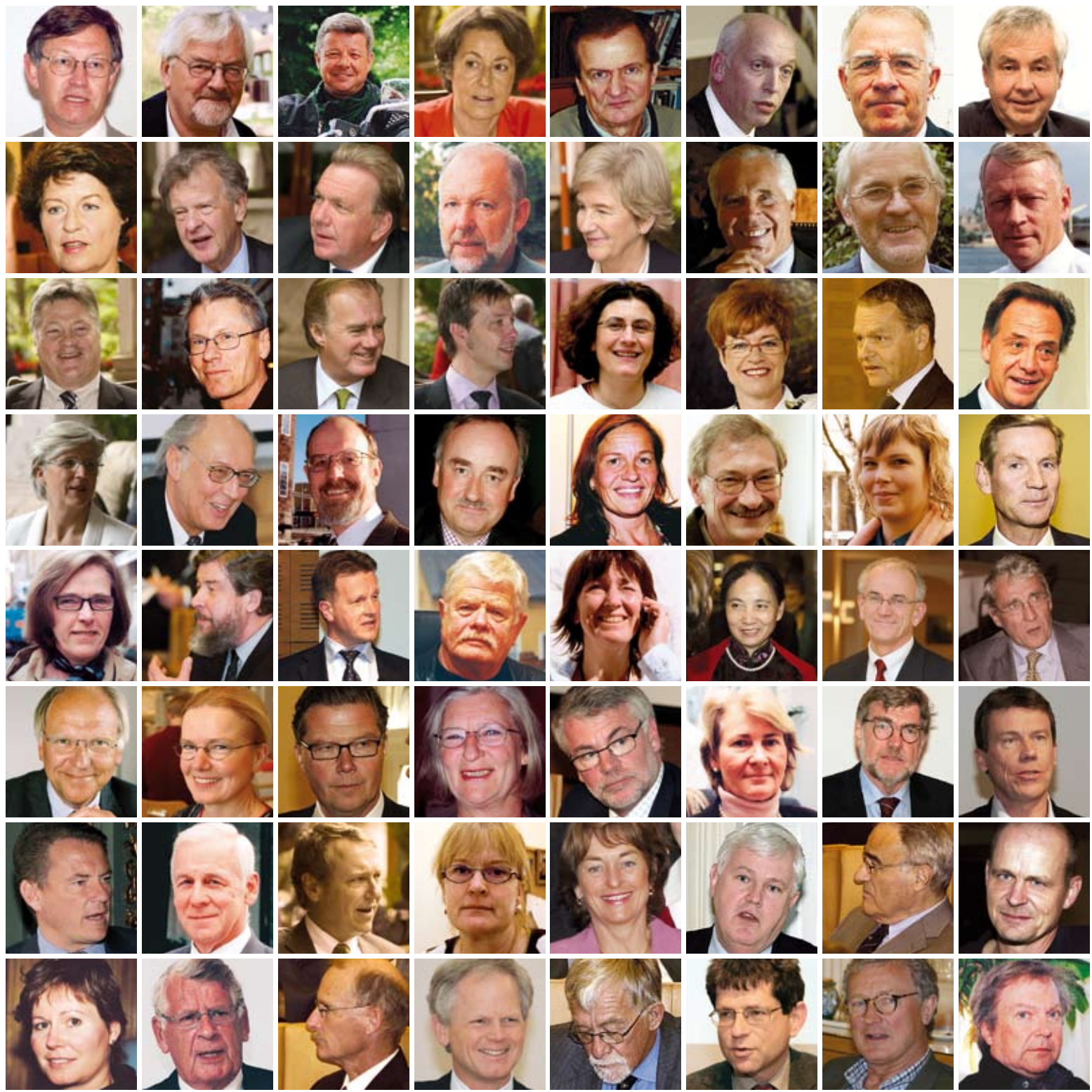


QUALIFIED NETWORK

Our network consists of decision-makers from business and industry, universities and public administration. With almost 1000 Swedish and foreign elected members and around 200 companies in IVA's Business Executives Council, the academy represents a qualified competence bank. We also cooperate with foreign academies and are engaged in Euro-CASE, the joint organisation for European engineering academies.

The Swedish members of the academy are assigned to twelve divisions with separate scientific focuses within engineering and business. The divisions function as committees with chairpersons, secretaries and their own programmes of activities. We also have regional activities in western and southern Sweden, with IVA West and IVA South operating extensive meeting activities.

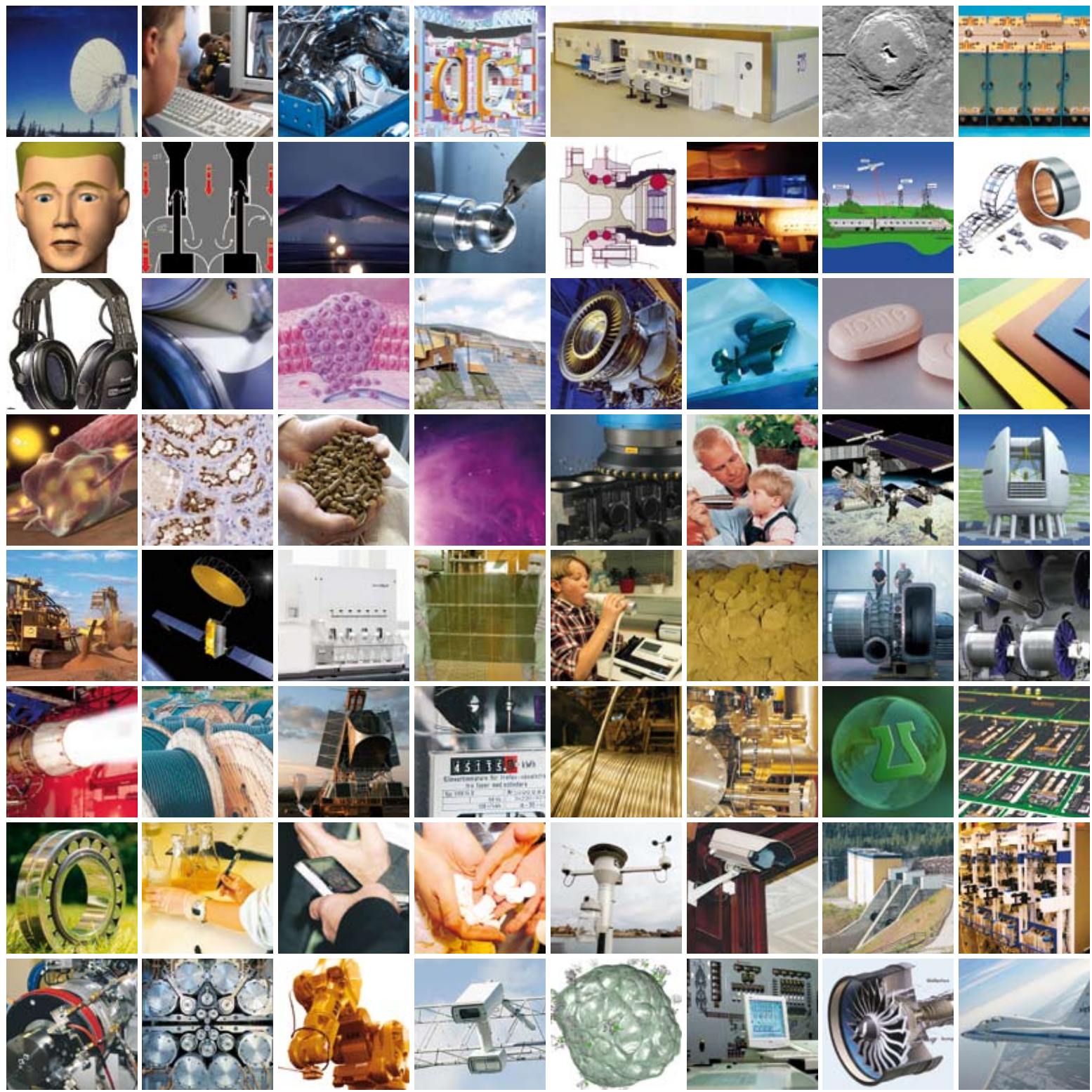
H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf is IVA's highest patron and actively participates in our activities. Among other things, he leads the Royal Technology Mission, an annual trip to a country or region that is of interest to research and the business community in Sweden. The aim is to create new contacts that may lead to an expansion in the exchange of ideas and business in the long term.

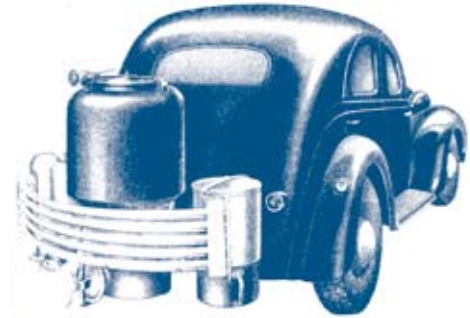


“The academy’s mission is to advance the engineering and technology professions and the development of the engineering and industry for the benefit of society.”

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§1 Statutes of the Academy





IVA MOBILISES NEW KNOWLEDGE

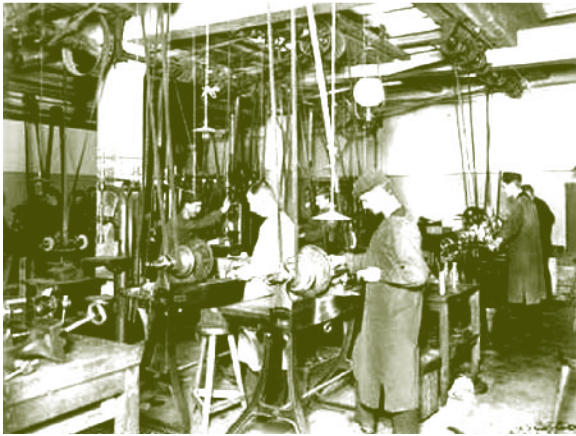
An important part of IVA's work is to illuminate relevant issues of importance to society. We therefore regard it as obvious to run projects and in-depth studies within the technical-scientific and economic areas. Through project activities, we wish to create greater understanding of the importance of technology and the economy for current and future living conditions, and offer a platform for discussion and change.

The projects usually last 1–2 years and mobilises a large number of people inside and outside IVA. Each project is driven forward by the overall experience and competence of the decision-makers from the business community, academia and the political sphere that are part of the network. Meetings, seminars, study trips, reports and similar ensure that a project functions as a catalyst and platform for new knowledge, where the process is often at least as important as the end product.

Examples of projects include:

- Business Plan for Sweden, which has produced knowledge documentation to increase the competitiveness of industry.
- Technology Foresight, where some of the country's leading experts have identified important technology for our future.
- Environmental Foresight, which among other things will provide answers to which future driving forces we can see within the environmental area.

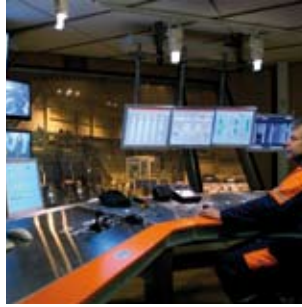
Over the years, a number of activities have been spun off, e.g. the Swedish Industrial Design Foundation, National Museum of Science and Technology, the Institute for Surface Chemistry and CONNECT Sweden which stimulate the development of growth companies in Sweden by bringing together entrepreneurs with skills and capital.



WE SUPPORT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN SWEDEN

IVA's Business Executives Council brings together around 200 companies and organisations. The breadth of their expertise and the strong link to the business community that we gain through the Business Executives Council is a prerequisite for the academy's activities and its ability to combine knowledge along new lines. Our membership companies contribute both skills and resources to activities.

IVA's Business Executives Council provides companies and organisations with the opportunity to actively participate in the academy's activities and thus develop their own skills and influence issues relating to business, education and research policies. Through IVA, members can make contacts outside their own sphere of activity, as well as participate in new constellations to exchange knowledge. The council also organises its own debates and seminars, where members can meet and exchange knowledge of the latest trends within technology and the economy.





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