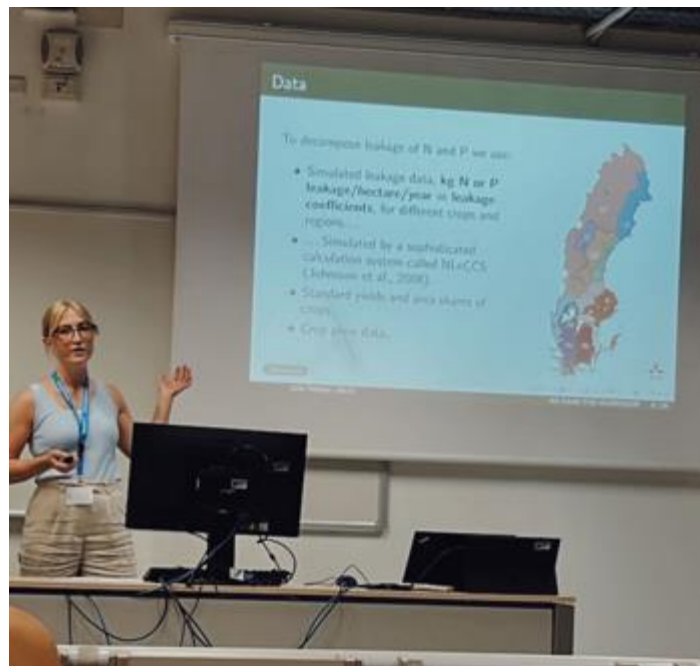


## Report from participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> EAAE PhD Workshop

Dear Secretariat of the AES,

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Agricultural Economics Society for granting me a Travel Bursary for the EAAE PhD Workshop. The support has been most helpful. In this brief report, I will outline the benefits I gained from participating in the workshop.

The main benefit of participating in the EAAE PhD Workshop was that I got the chance to present my first paper in an open environment with PhD students as the primary audience. Since this was the first time I gave a presentation of any of my work and participated in a conference setting this was a perfect initial experience. Besides the benefit of practising my presentation skills I also got some interesting questions from the audience and the researcher who chaired my session. The theme of the session to which my paper belonged was “Environmental Pressures and Management Strategies”. Below is a picture of me when presenting my paper “Decomposition of nutrient leakage from Swedish arable land”.



Another great benefit of participating in the workshop was that it provided the opportunity to meet, discuss and network with other PhD students and more senior researchers. I believe this is the most profiting part of participating in conferences. Besides discussing our research projects, I exchanged experiences with the other participants from being PhD students at different universities. It turned out that the doctoral programme looks quite different in terms of teaching duties and mandatory course work between various universities and countries, which I was not aware of before. In addition, it was great meeting researchers in person from different parts of the world since this has not been possible during the last couple of years.

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There were two social dinners during the workshop facilitating interesting discussions and networking. Please see the pictures below from the two dinners.



Lastly, I enjoyed the keynote speaker sessions during the workshop a lot. Especially the session held by Liesbeth Dries (from Wageningen University). She gave excellent hands-on guidance for writing good papers in economics and choosing journals for publication. I also took the opportunity to ask and talk to the keynote speakers who were present in person.

To conclude, participating in the 9th EAAE PhD Workshop was a perfect first conference experience, and it highly supported my development as a young researcher in environmental and agricultural economics.

Many thanks again.  
Kind regards,

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