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**Photo above:** NGO delegates to the Swedish Network for Anti-discrimination Bureaus Conference in Norrköping, March 8 - 10. Delegates came from Lund, Trollhättan, Umeå, Malmö, Sundsvall, Vänersborg, Lysekil, Skellefteå, Norrköping. Jabar Amin, centre ( in grey suit) is the Chairman of the Network.

**Photos below:** Personnel at Integrationsverket: Raouf Ressaissi and Mona Hallström; Below right: Omar Nur and Mona Westling. (More photos of the Conference on page 2).

## Anti-discrimination Bureaus meet in Norrköping

The network of NGOs dedicated to fighting discrimination in Sweden had a three-day conference in Norrköping March 8 – 10. The conference, which was organised by the Bureau Against Discrimination in Norrköping, Integrationsverket and the Swedish labour union LO, included a meeting with representatives from an organisation of immigrants active with unions (*Fackligt Aktiva Invandrare*). The union representatives expressed their concern over the adoption of new provisions for integration in EU Directive 2004/3. Uppermost on their minds is that the collective bargaining system could be



threatened if a US-style civil case system of fighting discrimination is adopted in Sweden. But a number of immigrant participants pointed out that the US system has some good ideas regarding integration of minorities which should be looked into. The bureaus then discussed ideas for the establishment of an *Anti Racist Centre* in Sweden. Their proposals and ideas were later submitted to the government for consideration in the new legislation.

The anti-discrimination bureaus were given a tour of the Integrationsverket. Following the tour and conference sessions -- we partied, what else? Many thanks to Eva Lips and Maryanne Ekström at the Antidiscrimination Bureau in Norrköping. (See next page)





Photos top to bottom: Veronica Larpes-Papadopoulou and M. Westling during a briefing at the Swedish Board of Integration; Participants at the dinner given by the Anti-discrimination Bureau of Norrköping, and two of the young volunteers at the Norrköping Bureau. Lundian Photos.

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## New Government Website

On March 21st the Integrationsverket hosted an NGO Conference in Stockholm to mark the **UN Day Against Racism.**

The occasion also served to launch a new Swedish website against discrimination.

The address:

**[www.sverigemotrasism.nu](http://www.sverigemotrasism.nu)**

(Translations in other languages will soon be available.)

### Population Increase in Lund

On December 31, 2001, the population of Lund had increased by 645 persons -- or 0,7%, the highest increase since 1996. Lund now has 99, 593 inhabitants.

### Carneval in Lund

Lund Technical College has its Student Carnival this year in early May. There will be a big parade with floats, music, entertainment. Have Fun in Lund during this year's Carneval. It comes only *ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS.*

### Culture Night 2002.

Lund's Culture Night for 2002 will be on Saturday, the 21st of September. Food, Drinks, shops open late, entertainment on the streets. (MORE FUN!!)

### Studentafton - Entertainment for Students

**24 April** Barbro "Lill-babs" Svensson is one of Sweden's most beloved singers. She has released more than 100 records, has sang with the Beatles and has been on tour with the late Sammy Davis, Jr. A performance worth seeing. Free Entrance for members of AF from 7 p.m. at AF Borgen, Sandgatan 2, Lund.

**6 May** Like every other Swedish Prime Minister before him, **Göran Persson** will talk to students in AF's great hall (in Swedish).

### INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF LUND

For information on activities contact Kacy Thompson, Chairperson. Email: [Contact@intlchurchlund.org](mailto:Contact@intlchurchlund.org).



Maryanne Ekström got a present from Maria Paz for her good, hard work during the conference.

There will be a special session of the **UN's General Assembly on Children,** May 8 - 10 at UN Headquarters in NYC.

Interested parties can get more information att

**[www.unicef.org/specialsession](http://www.unicef.org/specialsession).**