

International Food Culture and Sustainable Gastronomy Exhibition Inauguration and Webinar at Alfred Nobel House 18 June- 21 October, 2021



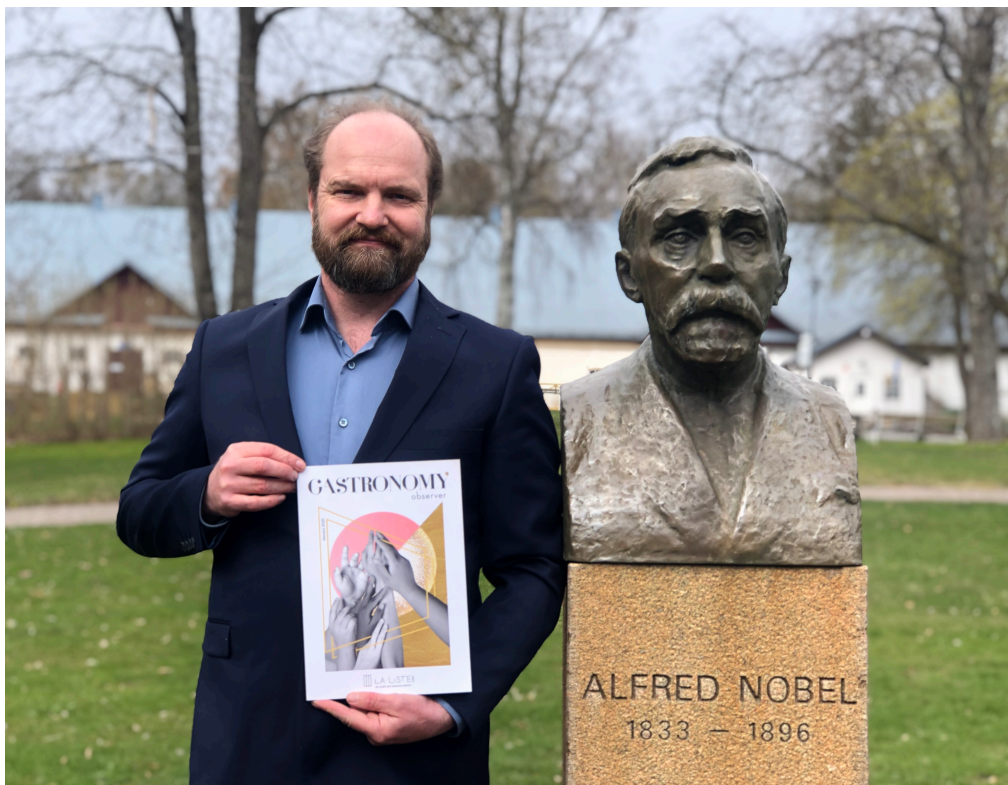
Governor Maria Larsson on the right, with *Achieving the SDG through Sustainable Food Systems* (Springer), Mayor Tony Ring and Ewa Hector Agorelius, both with FAO books.



VIP Inauguration with Champagne Gosset



Photo Cookbooks and Sustainability road sign in Swedish, in front of Alfred Nobel House



Gastronomy Observer ([LaListe.com](https://www.laliste.com)), with Pelle Agorelius, curator of the exhibition
(Photo Ewa Hector Agorelius)

Governor Maria Larsson, Chair of the Alfred Nobel Björkborn Foundation inaugurated the Sustainable Food Books exhibition at Alfred Nobel House Museum. The inauguration was a small VIP event given the pandemic. Tony Ring, Mayor of Karlskoga attended with the Culture team from the City. The speeches were followed by a toast with Champagne Gosset Brut Rose. Then the guests had a guided tour of the exhibition, with special interest for Sustainability books, such as the 12 FAO books.

Governor Maria Larsson said:

"The Alfred Nobel House is a historical place, important for world history. This museum is the legacy of Alfred Nobel, a world citizen in his time. We host an exhibition of the best Cookbooks, Drinks books as well as Sustainability Reports from the sector. The very best, from all over the world.

Alfred Nobel had a truly international vision of the world, with no national prejudice. He believed in science, peace and human nature, in equal benefit for all. He would share the cultural values of the Gourmand and Hallbars exhibition, with 55 countries on the same Sustainable Gastronomy path. We are guided by these books and sustainability reports towards the future. Sustainable Development, Creativity and Innovation needs to be shared, without borders, in the spirit of Alfred Nobel. Together with all of you, we celebrate the United Nations Sustainable Gastronomy Day. Warm welcome to all."

World Sustainable Gastronomy Day - 18 June

World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is June 18 since the vote of the United Nations on December 21, 2016. It was a proposal of the government of Peru, backed by 36 other countries for whom gastronomy and sustainability are both very important. At the UN, resources for that World Day are FAO, with WFP, and UNESCO, with the Creative Cities of Gastronomy.

To celebrate June 18, 2021, the Hallbars Research Institute for Sustainability Reports, and Gourmand International organized a webinar from the Alfred Nobel House Björkborn in Karlskoga, Sweden.

The manoir of Björkborn was the residence of Alfred Nobel in his last years in Sweden, very peaceful in the middle of the birch trees that gave the name to the estate.

Alfred Nobel lived a very frugal personal life, but entertained lavishly. He was partial to Russian food & drinks, because he spent twenty years of his early

life in Russia. Later he developed a taste for champagne when entertaining. His guests were served French and Italian gastronomy, as he had residences in Paris and San Remo.

June 18 is the day of the opening to the public of the four months exhibition of Sustainable Gastronomy at Alfred Nobel House and Museum. The exhibition is co-organized by the Gourmand Awards for Food Books and the Hallbars Research Institute for Sustainability Reports. The Gourmand Awards have been active for Gastronomy and Sustainability for many years. The Gourmand Awards celebrate in 2021 the ten years of their category Sustainable Food Books started in 2011. The exhibition shares with the public a selection from the best of 25 years of Gourmand Awards, with over 600 gastronomy books from more than 55 countries. A selection of the Hallbars posters will also be exhibited to showcase the best sustainability reports of the institutions and corporations from the world Food & Drink sector.

The exhibitions is part of the guided tour of the Alfred Nobel Museum in Karlkoga starting June 18. The last day of the exhibitions is October 21, which is Alfred Nobel's birthday. It is also the day of the yearly announcement of the Hallbars Awards for Sustainability Reports. The Hallbars Awards ceremony will be later.

For information about the webinar and the exhibitions

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