

C Questions for the Chairman(-men)

C.1 If the project had been set up today, what changes would you have made to it given everything that you now know?

The project has been very successful, and no major changes would have been needed.

C.2 What – if anything – will ultimately be the main impact of the project on society?

2. The project has contributed to the education of a number of PhD's in an area of great importance to Swedish industry. The students have been given a valuable network among real-time researchers in both academia and industry that will be valuable to them throughout their careers. Providing this cutting edge competence to the industry will help it maintain its competitiveness.

C.3 What do you expect will happen [What has happened...] to the activities within the project after the Foundation funding has expired?

Unfortunately, many of the activities and meeting places will cease to exist, and there is a large risk that the network will gradually deteriorate. Hopefully, other forms of support will be found to maintain the spirit of co-operation that the project has helped establish within this research community.

C.4 What were the problems of the project?

No major problems. On the minor side, it was a bit difficult to steer the project in such a way that maximum output could be produced for the given funding without taking any risk of exceeding the budget. This was due to the unpredictability of how much money each student would actually consume. In the end, the project had to be extended.

C.5 What was the most fun with the project?

To see a large number of talented students grow to become competent researchers. To participate in the network activities and interact with leading researchers in academia and industry.

C.6 Your main complaints and appreciations of the Foundation?

The foundation has been very supportive, and pragmatically assisted in solving problems (such as that mentioned under question 4 above).

C.7 Your view of the project leader and his/her role?

The day-to-day running of the project has been handled by a very professional team, and this has been important for the project to be successful.