

## **Workshop about the role of religion in China and Europe**

At the beginning of October a workshop was held at Sigtuna Foundation about the role of religion in China and Europe. One of the organizers was Fredrik Fällman at the Department of Oriental Languages, Stockholm University.

The organization China-Europa Forum Foundation, with support from The Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities and the Sigtuna Foundation, arranged a workshop 3-6 October at the Sigtuna Foundation. The workshop focused on religion and its role in the Chinese and European societies under the theme: "Religion and Society: the challenge of multiple identities". It gathered ten Chinese researchers and religious leaders and an equal number from Europe.

One of the initiators of the workshop was Fredrik Fällman, researcher at the Department of Oriental Languages and The Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities.

– There was a very exciting discussion and many interesting papers, which will be published as a book during 2009 with me and Professor Yang Xusheng of Renmin University of China, Beijing, as editors, says Fredrik Fällman.

### **Dialogue China-Europe**

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