

Certification *Profile*

Per Lundkvist, CPP, PSP, PCI, is the chief risk and security officer at the state-owned Svenska Spel (“Swedish Games”), which is headquartered in Visby, Sweden. In addition to leading the group security and risk management department at the

largest gaming company in Sweden, he is a winner of the 2009 Reach Out competition to promote membership growth. Lundkvist is responsible for bringing in 17 new ASIS members.

His recruiting advice would be to discuss ASIS International with all of the security professionals you deal with in your daily work. “Let them know what it is and bring them to a chapter meeting,” Lundkvist says. “As a senior security professional, invite your deputies and managers to also become members. ASIS is not only for the most senior level.”

Lundkvist has been at Svenska Spel for four years. His department has 13 full-time employees that report to him; in turn, he reports to the chief financial officer. “Overall,” he says, “we have about 100 full-time people who work in security and surveillance in the Svenska Spel group, including Casino Cosmopol,” a subsidiary that operates four international casinos throughout Sweden. Before Svenska Spel, Lundkvist worked as head of security for the logistics division in Europe North at DHL for six years. His 20 years of security experience also includes stints working with security system dealers and in central station alarm monitoring.

Lundkvist is a proponent of security management as a

career choice, calling it a “very interesting and multifaceted profession.”

His hope is that more countries will provide university-level education in the field. “In Sweden, we are still lacking a relevant university program in security management; however, we have a working group in the Swedish chapter that is in discussions with a couple of universities,” he says. “Hopefully this becomes a reality in a few years.”

A member of the Swedish chapter since 2002, Lundkvist credits ASIS with giving him the opportunity to meet and get to know a lot of people in the security industry, not only in Sweden but also internationally. “An extensive network is essential for a senior security manager,” he says. He also appreciates “the excellent educational opportunities ASIS provides in the conferences as well as the certification programs,” he says. “For that same reason, I have volunteered as chapter officer and vice chair in Sweden, and now I serve as RVP. I think I owe that to the organization, as it helped me a lot when I first joined and was new in the corporate security role.”

Lundkvist is one of four members in Europe, and one of 40 worldwide, who holds all three ASIS certifications. But he didn’t stop there. “I am also a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Information Security Manager, Certified Protection Officer Instructor, and an ISO 27001 Lead Auditor,” he says. “Of course, all the studying prior to taking the exams has given me a lot of knowledge in the different aspects of security and hands-on ideas how to work with them.”
—Profile by Vicki Moeser, ASIS public relations manager