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## A SURVEY AMONG U.A.P. INVESTIGATORS AND SCHOLARS - PART IX

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It is a wonderful experience to get the opinion of a very selective group of people at an international level and get them together giving answers to just 8 questions referred to the Unusual Aerial Phenomena.

We give a big thanks to all those colleagues who are answering our survey and we are very pleased to present to you their ideas. We hope that what they say would be useful to you in your own work with the UAP and that their criteria would help to shape your own one.

We continue today the publication of the answers of these colleagues, and we are doing so in the order they were received.



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Find Clas Svahn's UFO-Sweden blog [here](#) and his blog on "Curiosities" at Dagens Nyheter [here](#).

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1) Do you use the acronym UFO or another designation, and if so, why?

UFO works fine here in Sweden.

2) Have your idea about UFOs changed along the time?



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Not really. Started investigating in 1974 and have of course learned a lot about the human mind and misinterpretations but I still think that there are several phenomena that are unexplained at this point.

### 3) Should the UFO investigator become an expert in IFOs?

Absolutely. If not, he or she can not investigate reports.

### 4) If there were still some unexplained phenomena, what could they be?

Don't know. But some are physical.

### 5) How do you consider this issue in general? What do you think about the whole subject?

That it has several problems not least with unqualified "researchers" and to much speculation and wishful thinking.

### 6) Is it possible to do something effective to bring the truth to the public and to change the mind of those who still proclaim or believe that extraterrestrial beings are living with us on Earth?

This is not what I am focusing on. I want to present good facts from thorough investigations. But I would love to see more open minded people that are not jumping to conclusions without facts. And what is "the truth"? We can only try and do a scientifically based job that others can trust.

### 7) Do you think SETI and similar searches are valid activities?

Yes. Absolutely.

### 8) What is your idea about multiple universes?

There can very well be other parallel universes. Cosmos is stranger than we can fathom at this point in our history.

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