

Inga-Lill Hansson, CV

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Inga-Lill Hansson was a linguist specialized in Akha, Chinese, Thai, and various Sino-Tibetan languages. She worked as an associate professor at the University of Lund in Sweden from 1989 until 2010, teaching Chinese and Thai.

She was educated at the University of Copenhagen, East-Asian Institute, and took her master's degree in 1976, following three years' stay in Taiwan. Then she spent two years in Thailand performing field work in the hills in North Thailand, visiting Akha villages. She continued in Copenhagen as a research fellow for two years, specialising in the Akha language, supported by field work for several months annually.

Her main research is on the grammar and ritual texts of the Akha people and their language. She has published many scientific papers for international conferences since 1974, especially the International Conferences on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL). Not only did she participate many times, but she also hosted the conference in Lund four times.

Inga-Lill Hansson was determined to make her academic work and the material from her field studies available to the Akha people and researchers in linguistics, anthropology, and religion.

At present, a group of friends work on safeguarding her Akha legacy material at [CoRSAL](https://CoRSAL.org) and also from their own website www.akha.dk.

She expected all users of the material to live up to good research ethics, thus referring to her, to her informant Abogo and to the long line of Akha people who have kept these ritual texts alive from the far-gone ancestors until today.

Inga-Lill Hansson was Swedish and from Malmö in southern Sweden.

CV for Inga-Lill Hansson

1943	Born in Malmö, Sweden
1961	Student (baccalaureate) from Handelsgymnasiet in Malmö
1961-1966	Secretarial work in Malmö
1969	Fil.kand. (B.A.) in Chinese and Japanese, from University of Lund
1966-1976	M.A. degree in Classical Chinese, from Copenhagen University
1971-1973	Residence and studies in Chinese at Taipei University, Taiwan
1977-1978	Kandidatstipendium (Research Fellow) at Copenhagen University
1977-1978	Field work in Thailand on Akha Language
1978-1983	Annual visits to Thailand and participation in conferences
1983-1989	Docent in East-Asian languages, University of Lund
1989-2010	Associate Professor in East-Asian Languages at University of Lund
2010-2022	Further studies in Akha, including shaman texts
2022-	Her Akha legacy was archived at CoRSAL
2026, June 13	She passed away quietly