



**Nordic University Hospital
Research
Conference**

NRC-program 2011

The future of Clinical Research

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th of April

Solstrand Hotel, Os, Norway



Nordic University Hospital Research Conference

Welcome!

It is a pleasure for us to welcome you to the 6th **Nordic University Hospital Research Conference (NRC)**.

We have an exciting programme and a range of excellent speakers, but you, the conference delegate, are the most important person for us. We believe that the true worth of the NRC initiative is the connection between delegates, the exchange of knowledge and the development of relationships which happen both at the conferences and between one conference and the next.

We are therefore happy to announce that NRC is no longer only a yearly conference, but an established network between professionals in medical and health research in all the Nordic countries. NRC-Network was launched as a membership organisation on September 8th 2010. That enables us to strengthen our effort to increase and support medical and health research in our region.

Our focus is the future of Clinical Research. At the 2011 NRC-conference we will give you an in dept look at the challenges, and hopefully, with your assistance, try to find some solutions.

We are looking forward to meet you at Solstrand Hotel in April.

The future of Clinical Research

Traditionally, clinical research has had a firm position in the Nordic Countries, but it is currently subject to strong competition and is on the decline throughout the region. The decline is largest for industry-sponsored clinical trials that have been reduced by almost 50 per cent since 2005.

We believe that the future of clinical research in the Nordic countries depends on close collaboration, common infrastructure and shared networks. At the NRC Conference, the Joint Committee of the Nordic Medical Research Councils (NOS-M) will present a White Paper describing the challenges, the Nordic Innovation Centre (NICE) will present a report with suggestions on what should be done and the Norwegian Minister of Health, Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen will clarify the situation from a political point of view.

The second part of the conference explores the relationship between researchers, their institutions, the pharmaceutical- and the med tech-industry. What does the industry expect from academic researchers? What do the academic researchers expect from the industry? How can we use innovation to improve patient care? These are some of the questions we present and invite you to help us find answers to.

We get a fresh report from the Mayo Clinic, an institution which treats more than 350 000 patients a year – and still manages to be at the absolute forefront of medical research and innovation. And we will explore the phenomenon of privatisation in hospitals and care.

We have set aside ample time both for plenary discussions and for networking with colleagues from the other Nordic countries. Please note the tutorial sessions where you will be able to meet with some of our speakers in an informal setting and discuss any subject you may be interested in.

Finally we invite you to sample what Solstrand hotel has to offer, and to enjoy the beauty of Norway in spring.



Speakers

Brummer, Robert: Professor of Gastroenterology and Clinical Nutrition, Dean Faculty of Medicine and Health, Örebro University, Sweden.

Daugaard, Gedske: Associate professor, Department of Oncology, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Fogelholm, Mikael: Adjunct professor, Department of Nutrition, University of Helsinki, Director of Health Research Unit, The Academy of Finland.

Goldman, Michel: MD, PhD, Professor of Immunology, The Université Libre de Bruxelles, Executive Director, Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), Belgium.

Hugdahl, Kenneth: Professor, University of Bergen, Adjunct position Division of Psychiatry, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway.

Knudson, Mark: Ph.D., President and CEO of EnteroMedics Inc, USA.

Ogrinc, Greg: MD, Associate Professor of Community and Family Medicine and of Medicine, The Dartmouth Institute, New Hampshire, USA.

Olsen, Kerry: Professor and Consultant, The Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Mayo Clinic, USA.

Perner, Anders: MD, PhD, Associated professor in Anaesthesiology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Stefánsson, Kári: MD, PhD, Dr. Med. – CEO Decode Genetics, Reykjavík, Iceland.

Strøm-Erichsen, Anne-Grete: The Norwegian Minister of Health, Norway.

Werner, Jochen: Professor and chairman, HNO-Klinik, Universitätsklinikum Giessen und Marburg GmbH, Germany.

Zackrisson, Marcus: PhD, Senior Innovation Adviser, Nordic Innovation Centre, Norway

Moderators:

Englund, Mia: Manager, Clinical Research in Primary Care, Karolinska Trial Alliance, Stockholm, Sweden. Member of the NRC Advisory Group.

Erlendsson, Kristján: Chief Exec. of Education, Research and Development, Landspítali University Hospital, Iceland. Member of the NRC Board of Directors and Advisory Group.

Kvinnslund, Stener: CEO Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen, Norway. Member of the NRC Board of Directors.

Olofsson, Jan: Professor, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen, Norway. Member of the NRC Board of Directors.

Thurmann-Nielsen, Else: Head of Clinical Research Section (Unimed Innovation AS). Head of Section, SINTEF Health Research, Trondheim, Norway. Member of the NRC Advisory Group.

Practical Information

General:

Solstrand Hotel is situated by the Bjørnefjord, an arm of the Hardangerfjord, only 30 km south of Bergen. The hotel offers SPA and Wellness areas and a large garden facing the fjord.

The main conference will commence Monday April 11th at 13.00.

Detailed information at our conference website: www.NRCnetwork.com

Transportation to the Conference Site:

Conference coaches will be arranged for participants from Bergen airport to and from the hotel.

- Coach, Monday April 11th
Departs Bergen Airport, Flesland (BGO) at 11.00
- Return coach, Wednesday April 13th
Departs Solstrand Hotel at 13.30 and arrives at Bergen Airport at approx. 14.45.

There is also public transportation available for those who need transportation at other hours.

Cost:

The cost structure is flexible, and can be adapted to your participation. Details are listed on our website.

The fee for a complete conference package including transportation, meals, and social programme is NOK 4.500. Additional fee for workshops and lunch Wednesday April 13th - NOK 300.

Early bird offer until February 1st: Conference fee NOK 4.100. Additional fee for workshops and lunch Wednesday April 13th - NOK 200.

Hotel accommodation is NOK 1.350 per night.

Registration:

Register online at: www.NRCnetwork.com

Programme – Monday April 11th

- 11.00 Registration
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 First main conference session:
The Nordic countries as a common laboratory
- What is behind the success story of the Mayo Clinic- both in patient care and research**
Kerry Olsen
- Nordic collaboration – what do the politicians do to encourage it?**
Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen
- Nordic collaboration – opportunities and obstacles in the investigator-driven trial**
Anders Perner
- Making the Nordic region attractive for clinical trials**
Marcus Zackrisson
- Nordic Medical research - happily ever after?**
Mikael Fogelholm
- Panel discussion: Clinical research in a Nordic perspective**
- 19.00 NRC-Network welcome meeting by the Nordic Advisory Group
- 19.30 Dinner

Programme – Tuesday April 12th

- 08.30 Second main conference session:
Need for collaboration between industry and academia
- Clinical Need Driven Innovation**
Mark Knudson
- From basic research to small industry – The story of NordicNeuroLab Inc.**
Kenneth Hugdahl
- What does the Pharma industry expect from academic researchers?**
Michel Goldman
- What do the academic researchers expect from the industry?**
Gedske Daugaard
- Discussion**
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Tutorial groups
Meet some of the speakers in smaller informal groups: Mark Knudson, Kerry Olsen, Anders Perner
- or
- 13.00 SOP in investigator driven trials
Presentation of “Standard Operating Procedures in investigator-driven clinical trials, SOP version 1.0 - Norway”, Practical information and demonstration
- 14.00 Third main conference session:
How to implement medical & health research
- Innovation to improve patients’ care**
Greg Ogrinc
- How to build a research institution based on the national resources of a small nation with the aim of benefitting patients, successes and downfalls**
Kári Stefánsson
- Panel discussion: The future of clinical research**
Moderator: Stener Kvinnsland
- 16.30 A light meal, time for networking and to make use of the excellent facilities at Solstrand Hotel
- 19.30 Reception and Conference dinner

Programme – Monday April 13th

08.30 Fourth main conference session:

Public or private?

How to perform research in a private

University Hospital

Jochen Werner

**Public-Private-Partnership - Lessons learned
from 10 year Dutch experience**

Robert Brummer

10.00 Workshops

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Bus leaves for Bergen Airport

Workshops - programme

Workshop A

Innovation in hospitals

In this workshop we will use the admission of patients as a starting point for a discussion about innovation in hospitals based on users needs. What can be achieved through collaboration? Who should contribute in making changes that are needed in order to build more efficient patient treatment? How can patient flow be improved through development of new ICT- and technical solutions dedicated to ease decision makers work flow?

Workshop B

Monitoring - The Nordic Network

At the NRC conferences in 2009 and 2010 external speakers have presented ideas about how to monitor Investigator-initiated trials. Representatives from various government bodies have described how they inspect the trials. This year the growing group of Nordic monitors will have an internal discussion on how to work together and exploit the network.

Workshop C

GCP courses in Norway

This is a workshop primarily meant for Norwegian researchers and support personnel. It aims to develop a national standard for GCP-courses and is a mixture of plenary sessions and working groups.

Workshops - speakers and moderators

Workshop **A**

Innovation in hospitals

Moderator: Reigstad, Jens

Project manager, Innovest AS, Norway.

Kolnes, Johannes

Special Adviser, Helse Fonna HF, Norway.

Søreide, Trond

Director, Human Resource Department, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen Health Trust, Norway.

Workshop **B**

Monitoring - The Nordic Network

Moderator: Bach, Karin Friis

MSc. pharm, Director of Copenhagen University Hospitals' GCP-unit, Denmark.

Workshop **C**

GCP courses in Norway

Moderator: Syse, Irene

Leading monitor at the GCP unit, Ullevål, Oslo University Hospital, Norway

Workshops on Wednesday April 13th

The main topics will be enhanced by a series of workshops. These will replace our traditional "pre-conferences". Over the years groups of professionals from different fields have used the NRC conferences as a place to discuss common challenges and new trends. We try to accommodate their needs by changing the format and providing more time to discussion and to plan common projects.

Conference information and registration at:

www.NRCnetwork.com

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The logo for innovest, featuring the word "innovest" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font with a red dot above the first 'i'.

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The logo for Helse Bergen, featuring a blue and red dot pattern to the left of the text "HELSE BERGEN" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with the tagline "Helse og sosialt universitetssjukhus" in a smaller font below.

