Nordic University Hospital Research Conference

NRC-program
Paving the Road for Clinical Research
Hospital – Industry - Career

May 4 - 6, 2009
Solstrand Hotel, Norway
Welcome!

It is a pleasure to welcome you once again to the annual Nordic University Hospital Research Conference (NRC).

Our main theme this year is Paving the Road for Clinical Research. We will take an in-depth look at cooperation between University hospital researchers and industry, and discuss ways to quickly translate findings into products and clinical practice. Therefore we have invited high ranked industry professionals to give their view in the NRC-lectures.

We are especially concerned with examining how people from various professions can work together to achieve optimal results.

NRC is well-established as an arena for dialogue and the exchange of knowledge, and has become a central meeting place for all those who are engaged in research at Nordic University hospitals. At the conference you will meet leading researchers and administrators, among them the 2008 Nobel Prize Laureate in Medicine.

The 2009 conference will be held at the Solstrand Hotel, one of Norway’s most beautiful hotels, located half an hour from Bergen in the middle of the Fjord Country.

Attendees of the 2008 conference have sent us overwhelmingly positive feedback. We believe NRC 2009 will be even better.

We look forward to see you at the 4th conference.
Speakers

Anthonisen, Bette: Special Adviser, Secretariat of Research, Staff of Planning and Development, The Capital Region of Denmark.

Bach, Karin Friis: MSc. pharm, Director of Copenhagen University Hospitals’ GCP-unit, Denmark.

Billig, Håkan: M.D., Ph.D, Professor, Department of Physiology, Göteborg University, Sweden.

Bjerkvig, Rolf: Professor, Dept.of Biomedicine, University of Bergen, Norway.

Egerod, Ingrid: RN, MSN, PHD, Associate professor at The University Hospitals Centre for Nursing and Care Research [UCSF] Rigshospitalet, Denmark.

Flaten, Olav: MD, PhD, FFPM Medical director of GlaxoSmithKline AS, Head of R&D committee of The Norwegian Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers [LMI], Norway.

Gunnarsdóttir, Sigrún: Assistant professor, University of Iceland, Faculty of Nursing, Consultant, Landspitali University Hospital, Iceland.

Hoff, Jana Midelfart: MD, PhD, Research fellow, University of Bergen/ Residency, Dept. of Neurology, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway.

Heigard, Liselotte: MD, DMSc., Head of department, Director, Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine & PET and Cyclotron Unit, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Jakobsson, Birgir: CEO, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden.


Pitkänen, Kimmo: Research Coordinator, PhD. Institute for Molecular Medicine. Chairman of the Finnish National Advisory Board on Biotechnology, Finland.

Ryel, Anne Lise: Secretary General, The Norwegian Cancer Society, Attorney at law, Norway.

Wiedenmann, Bertram: M.D., Ph.D. Director of the Department of Hepatology and Gastroenterology and the Interdisciplinary Centre of Metabolism at Charité Medical School, Berlin, Germany.

Zur Hausen, Harald: Prof. Emeritus, Nobel Prize Laureate in Medicine 2008, Germany.

Kvinnsland, Stener: CEO Haukeland University Hospital, Norway.

Olofsson, Jan: Professor and director at Haukeland University Hospital and Medical advisor to Innovest AS, Norway.

Erlendsson, Kristján: Chief Exec. of Education, Research and Development, Landspitali University Hospital, Iceland.

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 area and a large garden facing the fjord.

The conference will commence with opening lectures and dinner Monday May 4th starting at 18.00. But note that preconferences starts at 12.00.

Detailed information can be found 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. Several options are available, depending on when you plan on arriving at the conference:

• Early coach, Monday May 4th
  Departs Bergen Airport, Flesland (BGO) at 11:00
  For participants in the preconferences.

• Late coach, Monday May 4th
  Departs Bergen Airport, Flesland (BGO) at 16:30

• Return coach, Wednesday May 6th
  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 conference coach, meals and a social programme, is NOK 4 000.

Hotel accommodation is NOK 1 250 per night.

Registration:
Register online at: www.NRCnetwork.com
Programme – May 4th

12.00 Preconferences, see next page
17.00 Registration
18.00 First main conference session:
Open the doors for Nordic & international collaboration. Moderator: Jan Olofsson
Why Nordic collaboration? To encourage the framework of research? Bette Anthonisen
How do you influence EU to create programs which includes a Nordic research profile? Liselotte Højgaard
News from the Nordic Countries
20.00 Dinner

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08.30 Second main conference session:
Industry and university hospitals – how can we support each other? Moderator: Stener Kvinnsland
Opening speech. Speaker to be announced
Industrial research at the hospitals - partnership or contractors? Olav Flaten
Challenges facing the industry when collaborating with hospitals. Tove Karlsrud
A living lab environment - a partnership between industry and university hospital to stimulate innovation. Birgir Jakobsson
The patient perspective. Anne Lise Ryel
12.30 Lunch
13.30 Third main conference session:
From research to practice. Implementing research - publishing is not enough! Moderator: Kristján Erlendsson
From basic to clinical research - the clinician-scientist perspective. Bertram Wiedenmann
Translationality: how to build a translational research center. Kimmo Pitkänen
15.30 Cultural Programme:
Boat trip to Lysøen, the summer residence of Ole Bull, the renowned violin virtuoso who inspired Edvard Grieg and travelled the world playing Norwegian music.
20.30 Conference Dinner

Programme – May 6th

08.30 Fourth main conference session:
The research career
Moderator: Rolf Bjerkvig
Guest of honour:
Perspectives of tumour virus biology
Nobel prize Laureate in Medicine 2008, Harald zur Hausen
EU white paper from the career path perspective. Håkan Billig
How to engage all health care professionals in research. Summary from preconference B. Ingrid Egerod
The research team - from a monitor’s viewpoint. Summary from preconference A. Karin Friis Bach
Mind the gap - any future for doctors in research? Jana Midelfart Hoff
How to motivate researchers. Rolf Bjerkvig
12.30 Lunch
Monitoring of investigator-initiated trials

Monitoring of investigator-initiated clinical trials has been a challenge since GCP became a requirement in 2004. The monitoring performed by the Pharmaceutical Industry cannot be copied directly and the question for this preconference is to find the level which will be acceptable for the authorities, and provide the necessary safety for the patients and quality of the trials - without building up too much bureaucracy.

Inspectors from the Nordic medicines agencies and monitors with experience in investigator-initiated trials will share their experience with the audience. Everybody who has an interest in establishing appropriate monitoring requirements for these trials are welcome to participate.

Research in nursing and other health professions

NRC has defined one of its goals to assist in the recruitment of researchers and to inspire and assist new individuals to engage in research at university hospitals in the Nordic countries. At our preconference on Monday, May 4th, we will take an in-depth look at this topic.

We will examine the challenges facing interdisciplinary research, and continue developing a network amongst the professionals from various backgrounds who make up the research teams.

The preconference will be especially informative for nurses, laboratory assistants and other health care personnel engaged in research, as well as those looking to strengthen their qualifications in this field.
Preconference A
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12.00  Lunch

13.00  Collaboration between GCP units in the Nordic countries. Karin Friis Bach

What do the Authorities expect?
GCP inspector from Denmark
Erik Jacobsen
GCP inspector from Sweden
Gunnar Danielsson

GCP-monitoring in academic trials
Experiences of Monitoring, Investigator Initiated Studies in Norway
Åsa Edfors Skutle
Experience from Sweden
Solveig Wennerholm
Experience from Denmark
Karin Friis Bach
Experience from Finland
Lena Nybond

Panel discussion

Preconference B
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12.00  Lunch

13.00  Welcome. Sigrún Gunnarsdóttir

Capacity building in university hospital research: The case of Icelandic nurses.
Sigrún Gunnarsdóttir

Developing an interdisciplinary program of research in the area of nursing administration. An example from the University of Iceland and Landspitali University Hospital.
Helga Bragadóttir

Improving research and research collaboration among non-medical health professionals: Case of Norwegian Western Health Region.
Tove Aminda Hansen

Research career in a Swedish University Hospital: Do some good, increase power?
Lotte Delleve

How do we create a multiple disciplining teamwork in hospital research, and who are the players? - From the Lab. technicians perspective.
Saskia Van Heusden

How to engage all health care professionals in research.
Ingrid Egerod

Discussion
Conference information and registration at:
www.NRCnetwork.com

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