Welcome!

NRC-conference has over the years developed into a central meeting place for researchers, health- and hospital administrators and everybody else who is engaged in clinical research in the Nordic Countries.

It is a place for inspiration, for exchange of ideas and for developing the kind of network we think is imperative in order to strengthen our combined research activities.

Working on the programme, we try to cover some central themes: Organisation of Research, Developing infrastructure, Cooperation with the Industry and Nordic collaboration. In addition, what is the central theme of the 2012 conference – the relationship between research and innovation – has always been important.

We hope that we have succeeded and that you will join us at Solstrand in May.

Clinical Research & Innovation

We can all agree that innovation is important. But what is innovation and how do we develop and nurture a truly innovative culture? These are some of the questions we will explore in the 7th Nordic University Hospital Research Conference (NRC).

The theme has developed as a result of a study done in cooperation with Nordic Innovation Center on the need for research driven innovation at Nordic hospitals. This is the first comprehensive study done on the relationship between the industry and the hospitals based both on quantitative and qualitative data. It investigates the needs and demands of the industry versus the hospitals in different phases of the innovation process, and points to what can be done in order to improve the cooperation.

Here are some other highlights at the conference:

• The innovative organisation - theory and praxis
• The Nordic research environment - strengths and weaknesses
• The role of research in the hospitals of the future
• Nordic networks in clinical research

The main topics will be enhanced by a series of workshops and network meetings:

• Ways of Improving Clinical Research
• How to apply the Medicines agency for Investigator-Initiated clinical studies
• Monitoring - the Nordic Network
• Innovation in Hospitals

We have set aside ample time both for plenary discussions and for networking with colleagues from the other Nordic countries.

And we invite you to sample what Solstrand hotel has to offer, and to enjoy the beauty of Norway in spring.
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 main conference will commence Monday, May 7th 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 May 7th
  Departs Bergen Airport, Flesland (BGO) at 11.00

- Return coach, Wednesday May 9th
  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 5,500.

Early bird offer until February 7th: Conference fee NOK 5,200.

Hotel accommodation is NOK 1,450 per night.

Registration:
Register online at: www.NRCnetwork.com

Speakers

Andersen, Britta Smedegaard: M.Sc. Pharm with a LIF Diploma in Clinical Development. Working as consultant at the Clinical Trial Alliance in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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

Bakke, Per: PhD, MD. Consultant in pulmonary medicine and internal medicine. Head of Institute of Medicine at University of Bergen, and Vice chair of Department of Respiratory Disease, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway.

Maiken Engelstad: Director, Dept. of Research and development, Ministry of Health- and Care System, Norway.

Flaten, Olav: MD, PhD, FFPM. Medical director of GlaxoSmithKline


Janusson, Hilmar Br: Dr. VP of R&D Össur hf, Iceland.

Jaszczyk, Poul: Specialist in gynaecology and obstetrics, Dr. med. sci. at Copenhagen University. Leading physician at Herlev Hospital, department of development, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Kvinnsland, Stener: Chief Executive Officer at Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen. Chair of the NRC Board, Norway.

Lafolie, Pierre: M.D., Ph.D. Specialist in clinical pharmacology. Senior consultant at the Karolinska University Hospital in Solna and associate professor at the Karolinska Institute, Institution of Internal Medicine, Sweden.

Löve, Thorvardur: Director of Scientific Database and Innovation, Landspitali University Hospital of Iceland.

Olofsson, Jan: Professor, Haukeland University Hospital, Leader NRC-Network. Bergen, Norway.

Rasmussen, Søren: MD; MSc; Vice President Medical, AstraZeneca Nordic, Sweden.

Rhedin, Henrik: Division Manager, Associate Professor, Commercial Research & Development at Chalmers Industrial Technologies (CIT), Sweden.

Secher, David: Dr. and an independent consultant in the area of research commercialisation. Director of PraxisUnico. Based in the University of Cambridge, Life Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, UK.

Stoltenberg, Camilla: MD, PhD, Deputy Director General, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway.


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

Aamdal, Steinar: MD, PhD. Head, Section for Clinical Cancer Research, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo University Hospital, Norway.
Programme – Monday May 7th

11.00  Registration
12.00  Lunch
13.00  Main session I: Developing a culture of innovation
   Developing and maintaining a culture of innovation in an academic research environment
   David Secher
   Growing pains and pleasures - developing a biotech company
   Richard Godfrey
   The Nordic TTO health network
   Henric Rhedin
   Beyond expectation and limits designing for impossible achievements
   Hilmar Br Janusson
16.00  Main session II: Nordic Collaboration
   Constructing European eCRIN network
   Pierre Lafoile
   A proposed collaboration on clinical trials in the Nordic region
   Maiken Engelstad
   NECT; Nordic Network Early Cancer Trials
   Steinar Aamdal
   The NRC network
   Stener Kvinnsland
   The Nordic Monitor network
   Karin Friis Bach
   Discussion
19.00  NRC-Network welcome meeting by the Nordic Advisory Group
19.45  Dinner

Programme – Tuesday May 8th

08.30  Main session III: Clinical research and innovation
   The need for cooperation
   Poul Jaszczak
   Do clinical trials promote research and innovation? Results from a Nordic survey
   Olav Flaten
   How to combine personal research interest with the pharmaceutical industry
   Per Bakke
   One-stop-shop both at the industry and the hospital
   Britta Smedegaard Andersen
   Healthcare Innovation - why and how we do it
   Anne-Marie Christina Thoft
   Discussion
12.00  Lunch
13.00  Tutorial groups with selected speakers: David Secher, Poul Jaszczak and Pierre Lafoile
14.00  Main session IV: The Nordic research environment - strengths and challenges
   The electronic patient record; a tool for development - a tool to develop
   Thorvardur Löve
   Nordic Biobanks as a competitive advantage
   Camilla Stoltenberg
   Panel discussion
16.30  A light meal is served and thereafter it is time for networking and to use the extraordinary facilities at Solstrand Hotel
19.30  Reception and Conference dinner
Programme – Wednesday May 9th

08.30 Main conference V: The role of research in the hospitals of the future
How should an optimal collaboration between hospitals and pharmaceutical industry look like in the future?
Søren Rasmussen
Interaction of health care management and research activity at the first private university hospital in Germany
Jochen Werner

10.00 Workshops
Ways of Improving Clinical Research
How to apply the Medicines agency for Investigator- Initiated clinical studies
Monitoring - The Nordic Network
Innovation in Hospitals
NRC network

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Bus leaves for Bergen Airport

Workshops - programme

Workshop A
Ways of Improving Clinical Research
This workshop reaches to the core of the NRC-mission. What are the challenges facing clinical research in the Nordic countries, and how do we meet them? The discussions will involve some of the major speakers at the conference as well as representatives from the hospitals and from the industry.

Workshop B
How to apply the Medicines agency for Investigator- Initiated clinical studies
The workshop will be based on the Norwegian system, but researchers from other Nordic countries are invited as well.

Workshop C
Monitoring - The Nordic Network
A Nordic Monitoring Network is established. At the 2012 NRC-conference we will formalize this and consider concrete activities for 2012-2013.

Workshop D
Innovation in Hospitals
A few short stories are presented as an introduction to an interactive session about this complex theme. Updated information will be published on www.NRCnetwork.com

Workshop E
NRC network
This is a network meeting for Advisory group & Board of directors only.
Workshops
- speakers and moderators

**Workshop A**
Ways of Improving Clinical Research
Moderator: Steinar Aamdal

**Points of view from:**
- Paal Brunsvig, Section of Clinical cancer research, Oslo University Hospital
- Jannikke Ludt, Norwegian Cancer Society
- Maiken Engelstad, Norwegian Ministry of Health
- Monica Kjeken, The Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry in Norway

**Clinical Research infrastructure in Denmark:**
Dorthe Nilsen, Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

**Workshop B**
How to apply the Medicines agency for Investigator-Initiated clinical studies

Ingvild Aaløkken, Head of section, Norwegian Medicines Agency:
- Which Clinical trials are applicable to the Norwegian Medicines Agency
- How to apply for a Clinical trial
- Application form - EudraCT form
- Documents to attach
- European cooperation regarding a pilot project

Bjørn Tore Gjertsen, Professor, Chief Physician, Clinical Research Unit, Adults, Haukeland University Hospital:
- Challenges in the application process from an investigators point of view
- Where to get the documentation needed
- The advantage of a Nordic/European collaboration

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**Workshop C**
Monitoring- the Nordic network
Moderator: Karin Friis Bach

The three previous years Nordic monitors have had a number of speakers reporting on how to monitor Investigator-initiated trials; the government bodies have told about how they inspect the trials; and the monitors have discussed how to work together and as part of a network. Now it is time to start using the network. More information will be announced.

**Workshop D**
Innovation in Hospitals
Moderator: Anders Haugland

More information about this workshop on: www.NRCnetwork.com

**Workshop E**
NRC network
Moderator: Arne Godal
(Advisory group & Board of directors only)

**Workshops on Wednesday May 9th**

Based on the main conference topics we offer a series of workshops and meeting for specialised networks. These will give you an opportunity to discuss the subjects in smaller groups and in greater detail.
Conference information and registration at:

www.NRCnetwork.com

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