2013: THE SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE
Nordic Health Research and Innovation Conference
Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th of May
Solstrand Hotel, Os, Norway
Welcome...

...to a new and hopefully even better conference. New name, new organisation and even more ambitious plans.

We mark the 8th conference at Solstrand by presenting NRI, Nordic Health Research and Innovation Networks. The name change is based on the fact that what started as a conference only, over the years has grown into an organisation trying to unite everybody working with health research and innovation in all of the Nordic countries. We have taken on new tasks – developing new networks and administrating common projects, and feel that the name should reflect this function.

But the NRI-conference remains at the centre of our activities, and we are proud to present this year’s program in this brochure.

We hope that you will find topics which will engage and stimulate you, that you will meet up with old friends and colleagues and that you will meet new people who will help and support you in your work.

The Search for Excellence

The ultimate goal for NRI-Networks is to promote better health services for everybody in the Nordic Region. We believe that strengthening research, innovation and development at Nordic hospitals is a prerequisite for that to happen. We have a lot to gain by more cooperation building on our common cultural and professional heritage.

Positive development needs an understanding of the challenges ahead, getting the right people together and sufficient resources to make change possible. At the NRI-conference we try to accommodate this. We want you to learn from the best and to be able to interact with colleagues who may be facing the same challenges you are. That is why we have structured the conference with ample time to meet people from the other Nordic countries and from 2013 – even with the possibility to arrange your own network meetings as part of the conference.

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

Denegri, Simon: Chair of INVOLVE, National Director for Public Participation and Engagement in Research, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Great Britain.

Ekblom, Anders: MD, PhD, DDS, Associate Professor. Global Head of Science and Technology Integration, President AstraZeneca Sweden AB.

Haarder, Bertel: First Vice President, Danish Parliament. Chairman, Danish delegation to the Nordic Council. Former Minister for Education & Research, European Affairs, Interior & Health, Development, Integration, Ecclesiastical and Nordic Affairs, Denmark.


Kvinsland, Stener: Chief Executive Officer at Haukeland University Hospital; Director of the Oslo University Hospital Board. Director of the NRI Board, Norway.

Kværner, Kari J: Professor dr.med. Leader, The Clinic of Innovation, Oslo University Hospital, 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.

Langø, Thomas: Senior Research Scientist (PhD) and Project Manager, Department of Medical Technology, SINTEF Technology & Society, Trondheim, Norway.

Lepola, Pirkko: Executive Secretary of FINPEDMED (Finnish Investigators Network for Paediatric Medicines) at the University of Tampere, Finland.

Lisby, Kjeld: Chief Innovation Officer at Aalborg University Hospital, Denmark.

Ludt, Jannikke: Head of Research Section at The Norwegian Cancer Society. Board member at Oslo Cancer Cluster, Norway.

Mårvik, Ronald: Chief of Department, National Centre for Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Trondheim University Hospital, Norway.

Simonsen, Jesper Bredmose: Anthropologist, Idéklinikken, Aalborg University Hospital, Denmark.

Sonesson, Linda: Senior Adviser at Akershus University Hospital, PhD student in medicine, Oslo, Norge.

Tøndel, Camilla: Consultant paediatrician at Paediatric Clinical Trial Unit / Department of paediatrics, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen, Norway.

Weber, Randal: M.D., F.A.C.S Professor and Chair of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery, The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA.

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 main conference will commence Monday May 7th at 13.00.
Detailed information at our conference website: www.nordicnetworks.org

Transportation to the Conference Site:
Conference coaches will be arranged for participants from Bergen airport to and from the hotel.
• Coach, Monday May 6th
  Departs Bergen Airport, Flesland (BGO) at 11.00 AM
• Return coach, Wednesday May 8th
  Departs Solstrand Hotel at 13.45 and arrives at Bergen Airport at appox.15.15.
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 5,700.
Hotel accommodation is NOK 1,550 per night.

Registration:
Register online at: www.nordicnetworks.org
Programme – Monday May 6th

11.00  Registration
12.30  Lunch
13.30  First main conference session:
A new dynamics between industry and hospital
Welcome to NRI - a conference and a network
Speaker: Stener Kvinnsland, NRI Board, CEO Haukeland University Hospital, Norway
New approaches to collaboration between pharmaceutical industry, academia and healthcare
Speaker: Anders Ekblom, President for AstraZeneca Sweden AB, Global Head of Science and Technology Integration, Astra Zeneca, Sweden
The MD Anderson culture of discovery, patient centred care and education: a prescription for success
Speaker: Randal Weber, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Head and Neck Surgery, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA
Is there a future for clinical trials in the Nordic countries: The perspective from the Nordic Council
Speaker: Bertel Haarder, Chairman, Danish delegation to the Nordic Council
Networking - an opportunity to meet and greet colleagues
Merits and incentives for clinical studies?
Speaker: Pierre Lafoile, Project manager Nordic Trial Alliance, Sweden
16.30  Panel discussion – deans at faculties of medicine and directors at Nordic universities and university hospitals
- break -
19.00  Nordic networks – presentation of various networks and initiatives within health research and innovation in the Nordic region:
Nordic monitoring network, Nordic nurse researchers, NorCRIN etc.
20.00  Dinner

Programme – Tuesday May 7th

08.30  Second main conference session:
Nordic clinical research - should we specialise?
Finding Nordic Niches in Clinical Trials – Could Paediatric Studies Lead the Way?
Speaker: Minna Korhonen, Head of Clinical Operations Nordic Countries, Boehringer Ingelheim, Finland
European paediatric clinical trials in Finland - focusing also on Nordic collaboration
Speaker: Pirkko Lepola, Executive Secretary of FINPEDMED, Clinical Research Institute Helsinki University Central Hospital Ltd. CRI HUCH Ltd., Finland
Paediatrics moving forward
Speaker: Camilla Tøndel, Paediatric Clinical Trial unit, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway
10.15  Third main conference session:
Patient involvement
Patient involvement in health research
Speaker: Simon Denegri, Chair of INVOLVE, National Director for Public Participation and Engagement in Research, National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), UK
The importance of the clinical research in the Nordic countries. How patients benefit
Speaker: Jannikke Ludt, Kreftforeningen, Norway
A patient experience
Speaker: To be announced
Discussion
12.00  Lunch
13.00  Third main conference session:
Innovation in practice
Innovation in practice
Speakers: Kjeld Lisby, Chief Innovation Officer, Aalborg University Hospital, Denmark.
Kværner, Kari J: Leader, The Clinic of Innovation, Oslo University Hospital, Norway.
A survey of innovation in Nordic hospitals
Speakers: Jesper Bredmose Simonsen, Anthropolog, Idéklinikken, Aalborg University Hospital, Denmark
Sonesson, Linda: PhD student, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden.
Innovation based on close collaboration between technological and clinical scientists
Speakers: Ronald Mårvik, St. Olavs hospital / NTNU, Thomas Lange, SINTEF, Norway
Summary of NRI-conference
16.30  Break
Social networking and free use of the facilities at Solstrand - hot tip: Wellness area!
19.30  Aperitif
20.00  Conference dinner
Programme – Wednesday May 8th

08.30 Parallel sessions

Nordic Network for Nurse Researchers
- workshop organised by Erik Elgaard Sørensen, Aalborg Hospital Science and Innovation centre

Nordic Trial Sites
- workshop organised by Advisory group member Mia Englund, KTA prim, Stockholm

Nordic Paediatric Research
- workshop organised by Advisory group member Mia Bengtström, Pharma Industry Finland, Helsinki

Nordic network for hospitals innovations
- workshop organised by Jesper Bredmose Simonsen/K. Rasmussen, Ideklinikken, Aalborg University Hospital

NORM: Nordic Monitoring Network
- meeting arranged by Board leader, Annette Jørgensen, Aarhus GCP unit

Others:
NorCRIN (The Norwegian node of ECRIN) will have a closed meeting during the conference, lunch meeting Tuesday 7th

12.30 Lunch

13.45 Bus leaves for Bergen Airport

Workshops – and network meetings

Workshop A
Nordic Network for Nurse Researchers
Workshop organised by Erik Elgaard Sørensen, Aalborg Hospital Science and Innovation centre

The aim of this workshop is to establish a network of nurse researchers in Nordic University Hospitals. The workshop will focus on common challenges and common solutions as well as on how such a network could be organised. The discussion will be hands on and the goal is to set down a task force which will develop the ideas presented at the workshop.

Workshop B
Nordic Trial Sites
Workshop organised by Advisory group member Mia Englund, KTA prim, Stockholm

The aim of this workshop is to discuss how the various trial sites in the Nordic region may support each other touching on some of the following questions:
- What are the factors that make us attractive?
- Are we competitors or collaborators?
- Is it an idea to present ourselves as “one team”?
- Should we make a common list/map?
- Agreements and budgeting - any differences in the Nordic countries?
- Various ways to make effective routines

Workshop C
Nordic Paediatric Research
Workshop organised by Advisory group member Mia Bengtström, Pharma Industry Finland, Helsinki

The aim of this workshop is to discuss common challenges and through this strengthen the ties between everybody in the Nordic Region who is or may become involved in clinical trials involving children.
Many of our members are part of Nordic Networks who need to meet regularly. In addition to the fact-based workshops that have always been part of the conferences, we have therefore reserved the third conference day as a venue for such meetings.

Most of these are open to all participants at the NRI-conference, and this is clearly marked in the program. A few are primarily reserved for the network members, but if you are interested in joining these meetings, please contact us, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

As new meetings are added all the time, please check our website for the latest update.

**Workshops and network meetings Wednesday May 8th**

**Workshop D**
**Nordic network for hospitals innovations**
Workshop organised by Jesper Bredmose Simonsen/ K. Rasmussen, Ideklinikken, Aalborg University Hospital

**Workshop E**
**NORM: Nordic Monitoring Network**
Meeting arranged by Board leader, Annette Jørgensen, Aarhus GCP unit

**Other workshops and network meetings**
Several networks have planned their Nordic network meetings in connection with the NRI-conference. Make sure that you check the schedule for these meetings and for other activities at our website: www.nordicnetworks.org

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NRI-Networks

Innovest AS and Haukeland University Hospital initiated the first NRC-conference in 2006 as a forum for researchers involved in clinical research in the Nordic countries.

The network created through the conferences is the basis for new organisation: Nordic Health Research and Innovation Networks, NRI Networks.

The aim is to develop the NRI conferences as an arena for exchange of knowledge and transfer of competency from one country to another. In addition NRI will work to resolve common issues, develop common rules and common practices and strengthen the interaction between the hospitals and the industry. The overall goal for NRI Networks is to ensure the best health services possible for everybody in the Nordic countries.

NRI – networks has six focus areas:
- Nordic cooperation in health research and innovation
- The organisation of health research and innovation
- The financing of health research and innovation
- The politics of health research and innovation
- The implementation of health research and innovation
- The relationship between hospitals and the industry

Conference information and registration at:
www.nordicnetworks.org

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