Publication: Premature death can be reduced by 40% in 20 years

The period for UNs Millennium Development Goals is about to expire. What should be the focus of new goals? What has proved to be a success? In a new study published in Lancet an international group of researchers suggest specific targets in addition to the broader UN health goal. Professor Ole F. Norheim is the first author of the study in which they write that most countries could avoid 40 % of all premature deaths in the next 20-year-period. The number of people dying before they are 50 could be halved.
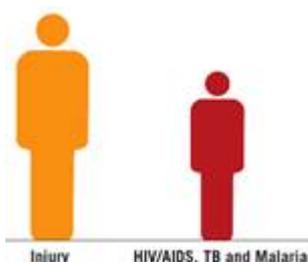Read more about the study here.

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Publication: Use of healthcare services by injured people in Sudan

Injuries are a growing problem worldwide, and almost 6 million people die each year as a result of injuries. This is over 30 percent more than the number of deaths caused by malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS combined. Injuries such as road traffic accidents, falls, burns, poisoning and violence represent serious public health challenges. Researcher Sally El Tayeb recently led a study which focus on the use of healthcare services after injury in Khartoum State, Sudan. She found that about half of those injured were treated at formal healthcare facilities, and that women were far less likely to seek formal healthcare compared to men.
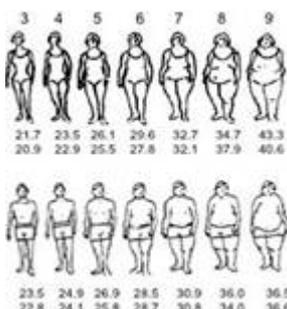Read more about the study here.

Publication: Obesity is a probable risk factor for MS

Kristin Wesnes and colleagues recently published a study in Multiple Sclerosis Journal concerning body size and risk of MS. The study used data from a questionnaire-based survey (EnvIMS) conducted among MS patients and healthy controls in Norway and Italy. Participants were given the task of checking the body figure 1 (thinnest) to 9 (thickest) that best characterized their own body shape in five year intervals from 5 years to 30 years. The results shows that the most obese in Norway (body figure 6-9) had an increased risk of MS compared with body figure 3 ("normal weight") which was particularly pronounced at 25 years of age.
Read more about the study at the Helse Bergen website (in Norwegian).

PhD candidate Marit S. Bakken to the Bergen final in Researcher Grand Prix

The so called "Forsker Grand Prix" in Bergen was held on the 24th of September at the sold-out venue in the new University College building. PhD Marit Stordal Bakken had four minutes on stage to engage the audience and judges in her research field. Bakken is researching the links between drug use and hip fractures, which she explains more about in this article (NRK). Using props as a "bad to the bone'-skull and a skeleton on wheels, Bakken managed to thrill both the crowd and the judging panel - and she was one of four who was voted on to the Bergen final. In the end, Audun Havnen and Florian Sambraus were the two candidates chosen for the national finals in Oslo. We congratulate Bakken with her great efforts in the competition! Read more and see pictures and video from this year's Forsker Grand Prix in På Høyden (in Norwegian).

Staff and personnel news

In the administration we have two new faces this month, both working on the section of studies. Jorunn Hvalby is our new Ph.d-coordinator while Kirsti Nordstrand is on a three year leave.
Olin Blaalid Oldeide (picture) will be working with TVEPS.
Ole Jacob Møllerløkken started September 1st in a permanent position as Associate Professor in occupational and environmental medicine. We welcome you all to IGS!

Sick child/sick childminder – remember to have your child registered in Pagaweb
If you have a sick child/sick childminder you register your absence via the self-certification form (egenmelding) in Pagaweb. In order to use this form you need to register your child/-ren on your profile in pagaweb. Please use this form: Personal and family details/ Person- og familieinformasjon.

New doctors
September 19 Bente E. B. Gjelsvik defended her thesis: "Trunk control in stroke. Aspects of measurement, relation to brain lesion, and change after rehabilitation".
September 23 Ellen Margrete Apalset (picture) defended her thesis: "Vitamin K and inflammation in relation to bone mineral density and hip fractures".
Congratulations!

Coming Disputations:
October 3 Håvard Trønnes will be defending his thesis: "Risk Factors and Outcomes Of Preterm Birth- A Study Of The Associations Of Preterm Birth With Cerebral Palsy And Atopic Diseases"

Calendar: Ebola researcher visiting, call for posters GlobVac and funding
1 Oct Filosofisk poliklinikk: Medisin på bristepunktet? Om legers over overdiagnostikk og overbehandling av friske mennesker, ved Gisle Roksund, Litteraturhuset
13 Oct Seminar with Prof. Charles Arntzen, vaccine specialist who has been working specifically on the Ebola medicine ZMapp. 14-16, Haukeland Read more and register here.
29-30 Oct The 22nd Norwegian Epidemiological Association (NOFE) conference, Trondheim
1 Nov Deadline – call for poster abstract for the GLOBVAC conference 2015
18 & 19 Nov Helse i utvikling - konferanse om kvalitet og prioritering Påmelding: 1.November

Current funding announcements: RCN, EEA, Horizon2020, SiU Read more here (PDF)
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