

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

BROEGELMANN RESEARCH LABORATORY UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

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## **DIRECTOR'S COMMENT**



2020 has been a very challenging and different year at Broegelmann Research Laboratory. The Corona pandemic forced us to shut down all laboratory activities not related to Covid-19 research in March. Home-office for everybody was not always easy, especially during the lock-down when all schools were closed. Nevertheless, by having regular meetings via zoom, we managed to keep the spirits up. Also the teaching activities had to be re-organized to a digital format, which was especially challenging for the practical course HUIMM307 (Basic flow cytometry) where we had to send home all students with two more experiments to be run. But our skilled and enthusiastic staff managed to solve this issue so that the students could be credited the course. Many other activities, such as the Day of Immunology, the practical course HUIMM906 and our traditional celebration of St. Lucia had to be cancelled.

On top of all this, our long-standing director Roland Jonsson retired end of March, leaving me as acting head until a new leader is found. Instead of celebrating Roland's achievements over time with an international seminar with many invited guests lecturers, the pandemic forced us to have a digital seminar with only few local people present in the auditorium, and also the dinner was limited to 20 guests only.

In spite of all these challenges the Laboratory also this year contributed to two doctoral degrees: Carbamylation in an inflammatory and uremic environment by Brith Bergum, and Towards stratification of patients with Sjögren's syndrome – single cell analyses and immune profiling by Irene Sarkar.

One of the more important functions for quality assurance of the PhD-training is the Bergen Research School of Inflammation (BRSI) with a number of immunology courses and regular seminars. These activities were also in 2020 an important arena for networking and scientific interactions, even though we had to move all course activities to a digital platform.

2020 has been a productive year for further cementing our collaborations with major research groups at Karolinska institute. Both Yenan Bryceson and Marie-Wahren Herlenius got a 20% professor II position affiliated with Broegelmann Research Laboratory.

With these introductory words we proudly present our annual report 2020. It is as always not easy to speculate about the future, but with our skilled, enthusiastic and hardworking personnel, we have great expectations for continuous high activity.

Silke Appel, Dr. rer. nat.

Acting Head of Broegelmann Research Laboratory

# VISION AND RESEARCH AREAS

Our overarching objective is to improve the quality of life for patients suffering from chronic inflammatory diseases. Also, we aim to consolidate and strengthen our international recognition for the identification, development and promotion of new approaches for diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.

#### **CURRENT MAJOR FIELDS OF RESEARCH:**

- Translational studies in autoimmunity (exocrine glands, joints, skin); autoantibodies and biomarkers
- Functional genomics and genetic basis of the autoimmune exocrinopathy
- Dendritic cells in immunotherapy
- Host-microbe interactions (P.gingivalis arthritis, Alzheimer)
- Cardiovascular disease



## **THE BOARD**







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## OUR RESEARCHERS



#### **HEAD OF LABORATORY**

Roland Jonsson DMD, PhD

Professor of Medicine (The Broegelmann Chair in Immunology)

Acting Head since April 2020 Silke Appel, Dr. rer. nat. Professor of Immunology

#### ACADEMIC STAFF/SENIOR RESEARCHERS/ POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Head Bergen Research School in Inflammation (BRSI) Karl A. Brokstad, PhD (molecular immunology/cell biology)

Veronika Binder, PhD (post doc) (biochemistry)

Yenan Bryceson, PhD (prof II) (cellular/molecular immunology)

Richard Davies, PhD (postdoc) (cellular/molecular immunology)

Tim Holmes, PhD (post doc) (cellular/molecular immunology)

Tomasz Kantyka, PhD (post doc) (biochemistry)

Helga Midtbø, MD, PhD (post doc) (cardiovascular diseases)

Piotr Mydel, MD, PhD (prof I) (biochemistry/immunology)

Marie Wahren-Herlenius MD, PhD (prof II) (rheumatology/immunology)

#### **TRAINEES**

#### RHEUMATOLOGICAL IMMUNOLOGY [SUPERVISOR(S) IN PARENTHESES]

Brith Bergum, MSc, PhD fellow (Mydel/Jonsson)

Kirsten Lassing, Erasmus student, The Netherlands (Appel/Sarkar)

Irene Sarkar, MSc, PhD fellow (Appel/Jonsson)

#### **TUMOR IMMUNOLOGY**

Dag Heiro Yi, MD, PhD fellow (Appel/Jonsson)

#### **DERMATOLOGICAL IMMUNOLOGY**

Anders Krogh Aarebrot, Medical student research program (Appel/Holmes/Frøyen Sandvik)

Ingvild Øye Bueide, master student (Petrovic/Bergum/Appel)

Aleksandra Petrovic, MD, PhD fellow (Jonsson/Appel)

Victoria Marie Samuelsen, master student (Holmes/Petrovic/Bergum/Appel)

Liz van Bergen, Erasmus student, The Netherlands (Appel/Petrovic)

#### **MOLECULAR IMMUNOLOGY**

Manpreet Kour Hans, master student (Skavland/Appel)

Magdalena Keindl, MSc, PhD fellow (Lyssenko/Appel)

### ADDITIONAL SCIENTISTS/ KEY-COLLABORATORS AT UIB AFFILIATED WITH THE LABORATORY

Johan G. Brun, Professor, Department of Clinical Science

Rebecca Cox, Professor Influenza Centre, Department of Clinical Science

Torgils Fossen, Professor Department of Chemistry

Eva Gerdts, Professor, Department of Clinical Science

Stephanie Le Hellard, Professor, Department of Clinical Science

Erik Johnsen, Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine

Malin V. Jonsson, Professor, Department of Clinical Dentistry

Karl-Henning Kalland, Professor, Department of Clinical Science Valeriya Lyssenko, Professor, Department of Clinical Science

Rune Kroken, Assoc Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine

Hans Peter Marti, Professor Department of Clinical Medicine

Roald Omdal, Professor emeritus, Department of Clinical Science

Lene Frøyen Sandvik, Assoc Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine

Kathrine Skarstein, Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine

Jørn Skavland, PhD Department of Clinical Science

Silje Solberg, Assoc. Prof. Department of Clinical Medicine

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Kate Frøland Office manager



Marianne Eidsheim Laboratory manager



Kjerstin Jakobsen Laboratory manager



# PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS



THE DENDRITIC CELL AND PATIENT STRATIFICATION GROUP

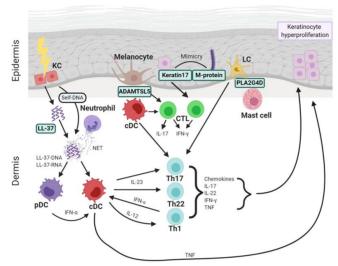
THE B CELL GROUP

NK CELL AND IMMUNE REGULATORY GROUP

THE POST TRANSLATIONAL MODIFICATIONS GROUP



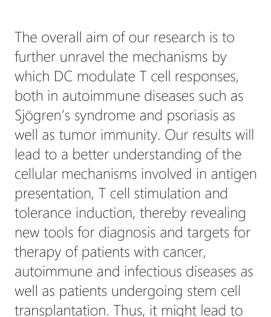
## THE DENDRITIC CELL AND PATIENT STRATIFICATION GROUP



Ten Bergen *et al., Scand J Immunol* 2020 Oct;92(4):e12945

Due to the outstanding capacity of dendritic cells (DC) to process and present antigenic peptides to T lymphocytes, several approaches have been developed for their application in cancer immunotherapy. DC-based immunotherapy has been shown to be safe, but so far, clinical impact has been lacking. By improving the quality of the DC populations used in the clinic, we hope to succeed in generating better DC-based immunotherapies.

Another focus of our research is single cell network profiling of distinct immune subsets to allow for analysis of pathway specific activity of patient samples at the single cell level. This will enable us to stratify different categories of patients and develop personalized therapies. During the past year, we used mass cytometry analyses of psoriasis patients treated with various biopharmaceuticals (anti-TNF, anti-IL-17 or anti-IL-12/23) to show that immune cell composition and signaling profile differed between responders and non-responders (Solberg et al., Eur J Immunol, in press).



an increased survival and better quality

of life for patients.



**GROUP LEADER**Silke Appel, PhD

#### **GROUP MEMBERS**

Anders Krogh Aarebrot, MD, PhD fellow

Ingvild Øye Bueide, master student

Richard Davies, PhD, postdoc

Manpreet Kour Hans, master student

Roland Jonsson, professor emeritus Magdalena Keindl, MSc, PhD fellow Kirsten Lassing, Erasmus student Aleksandra Petrovic, MD, PhD fellow Victoria Marie Samuelsen, master student

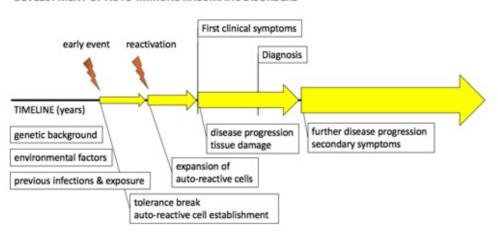
Irene Sarkar, MSc, PhD fellow
Liz van Bergen, Erasmus student
Dag Heiro Yi, MD, PhD fellow

#### THE B CELL GROUP

#### Sjögren's syndrome, Lymphocytes and Autoimmunity

In many auto-immune diseases, there is a strong involvement of the adaptive immune system, manifesting as autoreactive lymphocytes and autoantibodies. Most cells in the immune system do not operate separately but interact with surrounding cells and tissues. The focus of the research project is to uncover some of the details of lymphocyte populations, locally and systemically, their interaction and contribution to disease development. Using an established and well-characterised cohort of primary Sjögren's syndrome patients have been central in these studies

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF AUTO-IMMUNE RHEUMATIC DISORDERS**

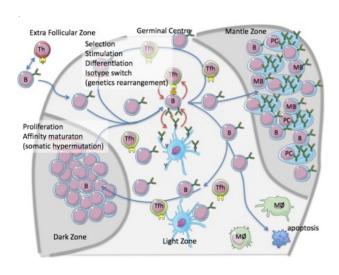


**Disease development in Sjögrens syndrome and related diseases.** The disease can start many years before the symptoms appear, and it can take years to establish a diagnosis. We don't know how these diseases develop, but multiple factors are involved, and we have no effective cure other than symptomatic relief/treatment.

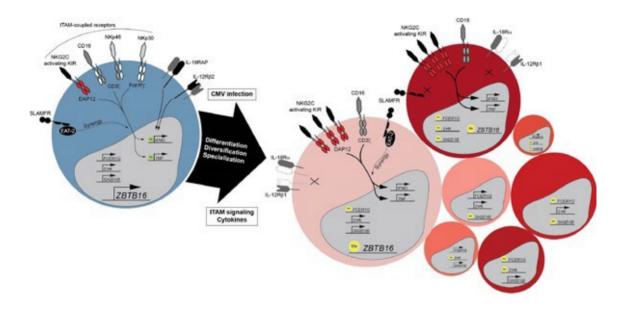


**GROUP LEADER**Karl Albert Brokstad, PhD

Germinal centre. Ectopic germinal centre formations are observed in minor salivary glands (exocrine glands) from patients with Sjögren's syndrome. Important immunological processes are performed in germinal centres and for Sjögren's syndrome patients may be an area where the disease is triggered and progressing.



#### NK CELL AND IMMUNE REGULATORY GROUP



My laboratory studies cytotoxic lymphocyte function in the context of immunological disease and cancer. Defects in cytotoxic lymphocyte function are associated with often-fatal hyperinflammatory primary immunodeficiency syndromes in infants. Hypomorphic loss-of-function mutations are associated with increased risk of developing certain forms of cancer, in particular hematological malignancies.

We are working to decipher the molecular regulation of cytotoxic lymphocyte differentiation and function in blood and tissues using cutting-edge techniques, including advanced flow cytometry and sorting combined with high-throughput sequencing. Insights promise to explain severe primary immunodeficiency and provide means for rational design of cellular immunotherapy of cancer.

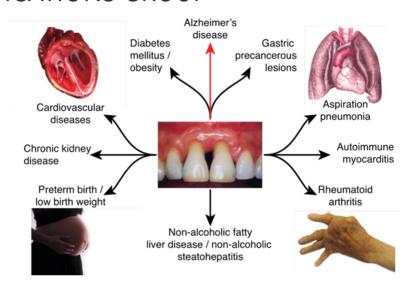
We thereby focus in particular on transcriptomics and proteomics data obtained from mouse models of disease in combination with similar datasets generated from human specimens collected in biobanks and clinical studies



**GROUP LEADER**Yenan Bryceson, PhD

#### **GROUP MEMBERS**Tim Holmes, PhD, post doc

## THE POST TRANSLATIONAL MODIFICATIONS GROUP



Chronic periodontitis (PD) is a disease of tooth-supporting tissues. It is a chronic disease with inflammatory nature and infectious etiology. It is now understood that anaerobic bacteria (P. gingivalis) is a keystone microorganism which initiates a shift in the composition of tooth-surface bacterial flora to pathogenic. In humans, infection with P. gingivalis invites T. denticola and T. forsythia to colonize the subgingival bacterial biofilm. This small consortium of pathogens is described as the "red complex". Proliferation of "red complex" species, especially P. gingivalis on the subgingival tooth surface initiates a chronic inflammation of the periodontium, which, if left untreated, last for years causing erosion of tooth supporting structures.

Occupied with heart diseases, cancer and stroke, leading causes of death in industrialized nations, we tend to ignore the reality that chronic periodontitis (PD) is the most prevalent infection-driven chronic inflammatory disease of mankind. The fact that around 30% of the adult population suffers from periodontitis seems to desensitize public opinion and health authorities to morbidity caused by this disease. To take it seriously we should keep in mind that up to 10% of people are loosing teeth due to severe form of the disease. If suffering caused by tooth loss due to advanced PD is not enough, mounting evidence shows a causative link between PD and various chronic inflammatory diseases including rheumatoid arthritis, Alzheimer disease, diabetes, COPD.

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In our research we examine in detail mechanisms, with special focus on post-translational modifications, responsible for the comorbidity between PD and various chronic inflammatory diseases with special focus on RA and AD. Casting new light on mechanisms will pave the way to novel early diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic and monitoring strategies of the patients suffering from comorbidities.





**GROUP LEADER**Piotr Mydel, MD, PhD

#### **GROUP MEMBERS**

Brith Bergum, MSc, PhD fellow Veronika Binder, PhD, post doc Tomasz Kantyka, PhD, post doc

### **GRADUATIONS**

#### **DOCTORAL DEGREES**

#### Brith Bergum

Carbamylation in an inflammatory and uremic environment

Supervisors: Piotr Mydel, Roland Jonsson

Philosophiae doctor (PhD) thesis defence January 22, 2020

#### Irene Sarkar

Towards stratification of patients with Sjögren's syndrome — single cell analyses and immune profiling

Supervisors: Silke Appel, Roland Jonsson

Philosophiae doctor (PhD) thesis defence November 6, 2020

#### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Kirsten Lassing, Erasmus student, Netherlands

Title: TAM receptor expression in patients with primary Sjögren's syndrome

Liz ten Bergen, Erasmus student, Netherlands

Title: Moderate to severe psoriasis: from autoimmune pathogenesis to signs of biological treatment response

# EXTERNAL FUNDING — MAJOR GRANTS





#### 2016 - 2021

National Science Centre (Sonata Bis). Carbamylation as a Modulator of Immune Response, project leader Piotr Mydel. Total 330 000 €

#### 2017 - 2020

The European Commission Horizon 2020 contract HarmonicSS (H2020-SC1-2016-RTD/731944) "HARMONIzation and integrative analysis of regional, national and international Cohorts on primary Sjögren's Syndrome (pSS) towards improved stratification, treatment and health policy making"; University of Bergen, partner Roland Jonsson: 2.5 mill NOK

#### 2018 - 2021

Polish National Science Centre (Opus) "Serum PAD-activity: Risk Factor in Development and Novel Biomarker in Rheumatoid Arthritis". Project leader Piotr Mydel; 3.9 mill NOK

#### 2019 - 2024

The European Commission Horizon 2020 contract NECESSITY (IMI2-JU/EU/H2020 nr. 806975) "New Clinical Endpoints in primary Sjögren's Syndrome: an Interventional Trial based on stratifying patients"; University of Bergen, partner Roland Jonsson

#### 2019 - 2024

National Institutes of Health (RO1 DE022597) "Bacterial peptidylarginine deiminase, a link between gums and joint disease", project leader Piotr Mydel. Total 6.4 Mio NOK

#### 2020 - 2023

National Science Center Poland (2019/33/B/NZ4/01889) "Protein Carbamylation in Hemostatic Dysfunctions in Chronic Kidney Disease"; project leader Piotr Mydel. Total 505 000 €

#### 2020 - 2023

EU Joint Programme – Neurodegenerative Disease Research (EC/JPND; ES655895) "Alzheimer's disease as a co-morbidity of chronic periodontitis with *Porphyromonas gingivalis* as a causative link between both diseases"; University of Bergen, project leader Piotr Mydel. Total 575 000 €

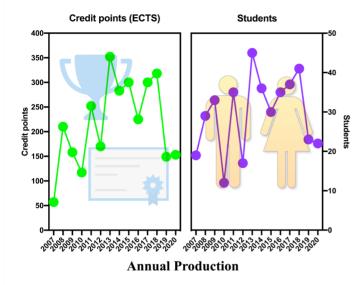
#### 2021 - 2024

EC/Grieg "Novel mechanisms of PAD activity regulation. Substrate specificity and activation of peptidyl arginine deiminases in the context of RA"; University of Bergen, project leader Piotr Mydel. Total 499 000 €

#### 2021 - 2025

Norwegian Research Council "The molecular basis of sex-differenes in Sjögren's syndrome; University of Bergen, project leader Marie Wahren-Herlenius. Total 10 mill NOK

# BERGEN RESEARCH SCHOOL IN INFLAMMATION (BRSI)



One of the most complicated organ systems in the body is the immune system. It is involved in a number of processes of the body, in both health and disease. The main focus of Bergen Research School in Inflammation is immunology and how it interacts with other functions of the body.

The research school is an integrated platform giving students training in formal and translational skills. The core activities are conducted by expe- rienced scientists from Broegelmann Research Laboratory and other research groups.

The training activity established to support PhD candidates in their research training with relevant formal skills, and it has developed into becoming a multi-disciplinary, and multi-level research school

Due to the lock down, the practical course HUIMM906 was cancelled. Thanks to a quick reorganizing of our staff and a switch to digital platforms, all other courses could be held more or less as scheduled.

#### **COURSES RUN IN 2020**

#### HUIMM901

Translational Immunology (Silke Appel)

#### HUIMM902

Journal Club and Watch (Karl A. Brokstad)

#### HUIMM303/903

Human Immunobiology (Karl A. Brokstad)

#### **HUIMM307**

Basic course in flow cytometry (Silke Appel)

#### HUIMM320

Basal Immunology (Silke Appel)



# MEETINGS AND DISSEMINATION

#### Corona research



#### **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION ROLAND November 26**

Roland got a well-deserved delayed retirement celebration November 26. Due to the pandemic, the international guests were only present digitally.

#### **Retirement Celebration**



Roland Jonsson DMD, odont dr (PhD)

Past Broegelmann Chair in Immunology

University of Bergen (UiB)

29+ years of service

26. Nov, 2020 / 13.00 - ca. 15.00 (1:00 pm - ca. 3:00 pm)

https://uib.zoom.us/j/68668348321?pwd=SEUwcCtNUXU5YllySStQME5ZTmZDZz09

13.00 WELCOME by Supreme Court Barrister, Bernt Jacob Pettersen, Chair of the Broegelmann Legacy

INTRODUCTION by Professor Per Bakke, Dean Faculty of Medicine

#### CHAIR: Professor Marit Bakke, Deputy Dean Faculty of Medicine

"The positive guy in the happy research family" by Professor Rikard Holmdahl, Karolinska Institutet

"The inspirational mentor" by Professor Marie Wahren, Karolinska Institutet

"Role model and mentor" by Professor Silke Appel, UiB

"Northern lights - 2011-2020" by Professor Piotr Mydel, UiB

"Rheumatology for ever" by Professor Johan G. Brun, Haukeland University Hospital

Hospital and UiB

"The inspirational friend from across the border" by Professor emeritus Roald Omdal, Stavanger University Hospital and UiB

#### BREAK (10 min)

#### CHAIR: Professor Pål Njølstad, Head Department of Clinical Science, UiB

"Endeavors with Roland: 2004-2017" by Dr. Nicolas Delaleu, Switzerland

"Sialadenitis has had its definitive pathologist. Thank you, Roland." by Professor John B. Harley, University of Cincinatti, OH, USA

"Scandinavian Immunology: an unparalleled engagement for our society and our journal" by Editor-in-Chief/Professor Petter Höglund, Karolinska Institutet

"Structure and quality in research training – Bologna implemented" by Senior Adviser Torunn Olsnes, UiB

"Doctoral training - a history of 43-years friendship with Roland" by Professor emeritus Rune Nilsen, Gvarv

"My Way" by Professor emeritus Roland Jonsson, UiB

"Concluding remarks" by Supreme Court Barrister emeritus Jan Einar Greve, Bergen







# EDITORIAL OFFICE FOR SCANDINAVIAN JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY



Since 1972 the Scandinavian Journal of Immunology, the official journal of Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI), has played an active part in promoting the science of immunology as well as being the most important financial contributor to SSI activities.

The editoral office for this journal is since 1999 located at Broegelmann Research Laboratory. Roland Jonsson has been the Editor-in-Chief from 1999 – 2017. The new Editor-in Chief is Petter Höglund from the Kl. In 2020, it has been published 12 issues in two volumes (Volume 91/92) of the Scandinavian Journal of Immunology with an average of 10 articles per issue.

The total institutional circulation is >14,000 (out of these nearly 6700 libraries in developing countries), dominated by consortia access. This means that the number of institutions with access to Scandinavian Journal of Immunology has increased during recent years. In 2020 the total submission was 556 (450 in 2019) manuscripts with a rejection rate of 78 % (81 % in 2019).

The impact factor for 2019 has continued to increase to 2.717 (2.563 in 2018).

# INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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Tonsils analyzed by imaging mass cytometry.CD14 (blue), CD141 (lime), and CD163 (red). Courtesy of Brith Bergum

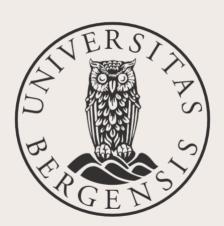
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