



CCBIO Newsletter

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Coming CCBIO events:

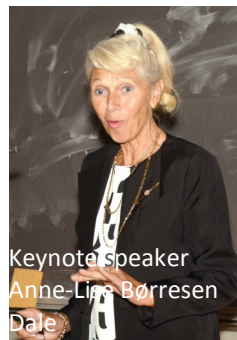
2 Oct. CCBIO Seminar, Zena Werb.

Director's comments

We hereby present to you the first CCBIO Newsletter. Our aim is to inform the extended CCBIO family about any new events and other information you all should be aware of, such as news stories and important dates. There will be some overlap with CCBIO's website. Information on strategic grants and key research findings is relevant for this news channel. We encourage all of you to be active with input. The CCBIO Newsletter will be sent by e-mail on a regular basis.



PhD research training at highest level



Keynote speaker
Anne-Lise Børresen
Dale

The CCBIO Research School for Cancer Studies was officially opened Thursday 11. September. Among the speakers were congratulants from University level with Prorector Anne Lise Fimreite, Faculty level with Vice-Dean of Research, Robert Bjercknes, and Department level with Head of Department Nils Erik Gilhus.

-The faculty is aware of CCBIO's high ambition, Robert Bjercknes said. -The CCBIO Research School will strengthen the experimental and laboratory approach in the PhD education. This is PhD training at the highest level, he added. [Read more here.](#)

Novel blood cancer biomarker strategy receives Cancer Society funding

The Norwegian Cancer Society has granted NOK 7 million over 4 years to a CCBIO project led by Professor Bjørn Tore Gjertsen. Title of the project is "Functionalized Personal Medicine: Patient stratification strategies by integrated functional profiling of cancer cells." [Read more.](#)



Camilla Krakstad awarded with the Falch Junior Prize for young researchers



We congratulate Camilla with the award!

Read article at Forskning.no and [at UiB.](http://at.UiB)

Agnete Engelsen receives award for best PhD dissertation 2013



We congratulate Agnete with the faculty award for best PhD dissertation! Agnete held her PhD defence on May 15th 2013 at the Dept of Biomedicine in combination with a mini-symposium. Title: "Intratumoural Heterogeneity of Glioblastoma: Implications of Immature Phenotypes on Tumour Growth and Resistance to Treatment". [Read a summary](#) (in Norwegian) of her dissertation.

Great interest in the CCBIO Junior Scientist Symposia

The conference room at BBB was initially booked for the purpose, but it soon became necessary to book an auditorium instead as the number of participants surpassed the expectations. June 11th was the first time the symposium was held, and 53 participants were registered. The second Junior Scientist Symposium took place August 28th, with more than 60 registered participants. Course coordinators Camilla Krakstad and Elisabeth Wik were pleased with the turnout. The participants have been satisfied with the seminars, and have highlighted the high-level research and presentations that are given, as well as the positive side of getting to know colleagues in research and the projects in the different research groups. Next symposium will be October 30. [Read more.](#)



Camilla and Elisabeth

Next CCBIO seminar



Remember the next CCBIO seminar with pizza get-together afterwards, **Thursday, 2 October**. Speaker: **Zena Werb**. Abstract will be announced. See overview of the [CCBIO seminars here](#).

Doctorate on breast cancer

CCBIO associate Crina Torin defended Friday June 20th her PhD thesis "The Role of the Axl Receptor Tyrosine Kinase in Breast Cancer". Tiron's doctoral work is mainly focused on Axl, a receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) that proves to be significant for many types of cancer, including breast cancer. She has examined the role of Axl has in the formation of tumors and subsequent metastases as well as the relationship between receptor Axl and gene regulation. [Read more.](#)

