DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Dear all

Today is your last chance to register for the 6th CCBIO Annual Symposium at Solstrand in just a few weeks, as well the satellite symposium on Liquid Biopsy organized by professor Klaus Pantel and CCBIO. If you have not signed up for these events, please do so.

In this issue, you can also read about research on oral cancer in Sudan, upcoming CCBIO courses, other events, and the recent doctoral defenses. Congratulations to Vibeke Fosse and collaborators for the EMIM 2018 Poster Award. Also, professor and CCBIO investigator Line Bjørge is now the new chair of Onkologisk Forum.

Best regards, Lars A. Akslen, Director

ORAL CANCER IN SUDAN

The Johannessen group has a clear vision of the need to collaborate with researchers in the countries where oral cancer is the biggest burden. Therefore they have selected three countries: India, Nepal and Sudan. Recently, the group went to Khartoum, Sudan, to follow up on a longstanding collaboration on oral cancer between Bergen and Khartoum. We asked Anne C. (Tine) Johannessen to tell us a little about the collaboration.

The UiB-Khartoum relationship dates back 55 years, Tine explains. Now oral cancer is a large field of collaboration, as the use of smokeless tobacco is strongly embedded in the Sudanese culture, leading to oral cancer as a substantial social burden. Sudanese PhD candidates are training at UiB with the goal to build up a platform of research competence in their home country.

Read more here.
The symposium will be a combination of talks by invited international speakers such as Richard Hynes, Bruce Zetter, Frederick Locke, Thomas F. Meyer, Carina Strell, Leonard Fleck, Mark LaBarge, Fanny A. Vatter, William N. William Jr., Christina Fotopoulou, Ursula Klingmueller, Sui Huang and Ian Mills, and other senior and junior researchers, extended poster sessions where younger researchers can present their work, and ample time for interaction between the participants.

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Still possible to register for the liquid biopsy satellite symposium May 22nd

Registration deadline is also May 7th for the Satellite Symposium on Liquid Biopsy which is held May 22nd 2018 at Solstrand Hotel, the day before and at the same place as the CCBIO Annual Symposium 2018.

The scientific program for the Liquid Biopsy Satellite Symposium May 22nd should be of great interest.

We start off with a lovely lunch, and then prominent international experts on Liquid Biopsy such as Klaus Pantel, Catherine Alix-Panabières, Costanza Paoletti, Guido Jenster and Ulf Landegren will present data on the latest developments of the field and future possibilities. The Satellite Symposium has updates on circulating tumor cells (CTCs), circulating nucleic acids and microvesicles, with emphasis on practical and clinical applications and the biology of metastasis. We will also get an insight into local Stavanger and Bergen projects, with Bjørnar Gilje and Randi Hovland.

Program and other information is available on this webpage. Registration: please use this registration link. Deadline is May 7th.
**Vibeke Fosse** was presenting author of the poster, which was entitled “Improved Cytoreduction of Ovarian Cancer using CD24-targeted Fluorescence Image Guided Surgery in a Preclinical Murine Model”.

Authors are Katrin Kleinmanns, Vibeke Fosse, Katharina Bischof, Shamundeeswari Anandan, Line Bjørge and Emmet McCormack.


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**EMIM 2018 POSTER AWARD**

The CCBIO course “CCBIO905 – Methods in Cancer Biomarker Research” is now available for the fall term, August 27-29, 2018. This 5 ECTS credits course has focus on methods relevant for basic and translational cancer biomarker research.

The thematic parts include methods ranging from basic techniques on nucleotides and proteins to more advanced approaches, as well as bioinformatics and biobanking supplemented by presentations on ethics and economics of cancer biomarkers.

The students are acquired prepare group presentations on important scientific papers describing results from clinical trials that have led to approval of new cancer treatments.

Lars A. Akslen and Jim Lorens have the academic responsibility and Ingeborg Winge is the course coordinator. The course is primarily intended for PhD candidates who are affiliated with CCBIO, but is also open to other students, researchers and students attending the designated Medical Student Research Program.

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RECENT CCBIO IN THE MEDIA

03.05.18, Bergens Tidende, "Uheldig hemmelighold", Ole Frithjof Norheim interviewed on his view of the pharmaceutical industry's demands to keep the price negotiations with governments exempt from public disclosure.


24.04.18, MedicalXpress, "Changes in breast tissue increase cancer risk for older women", James Lorens, Mark LaBarge, Fanny Pelissier.

20.04.18, Dagbladet, "Det lille implantaetet skal redde liv: Får du en flekk på huden, kan du ha kreft", Oddbjørn Straume interviewed about his thoughts on a Swiss research project.


03.04.18, Vi Menn, "Hemmer kreft", Karl-Henning Kalland.

19.03.18, LMI Nyheter, "Fem kjappe om kliniske studier", Bjørn Tore Gjertsen.

15.03.18, LMI Nyheter, "Få kliniske studier gjør at norske pasienter ikke får rask nok tilgang til «state of the art»-behandling", Bjørn Tore Gjertsen.

06.02.18, World Health Network, "Drug For Tapeworm May Fight Prostate And Colon Cancer", Karl-Henning Kalland.

PUBLICATIONS

You can find the CCBIO publications on this pubmed link. See the last 5 below.


GUEST LECTURE MAY 22ND BY LEONARD FLECK

Professor Roger Strand at CCBIO and the Centre for the Study of the Sciences and the Humanities invites to a guest lecture May 22nd by Professor Leonard M. Fleck, Michigan State University.

Title: "Precision Medicine, Ethical Ambiguity: Rough Justice, Ragged Edges"
When: May 22nd at 10:15-12:00
Where: Parkveien 9, Bergen
Read more here.

RECENT CCBIO DOCTORAL DEFENSES

Henriette Christie Ertsås April 6th.

Maria Ramnefjell April 10th.
Title: “Prognostic biomarkers and clinico-pathologic characteristics in non-small cell lung cancer”. Supervisors: Professor Lars A. Akslen and Associate Professor Lars Helgeland. See press release.

Emilia Hugdahl April 20th.
Title: “Prognostic and molecular markers in primary and metastatic cutaneous melanoma”. Supervisors: Professor Lars A. Akslen and Associate Professor Rita Ladstein. See press release.

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