



New publication: Fewer lose their lives in traffic, but more people die from COPD

In a recent study that was published in the Lancet in December, the researchers look at mortality trends in Norway and globally. The study examines 188 countries, and mortality data between 1990 and 2013 were analyzed. [Stein Emil Vollset](#), [Ann Kristin Knudsen](#) and [Ole F. Norheim](#) are the researchers participating from IGS. The traffic deaths in Norway dropped by 46 %, while chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and Alzheimer's disease, claimed more lives in Norway in 2013 than in 1990. [Read more about the study here \(in Norwegian\)](#).

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New e-book: Community-oriented health services

A new ground-breaking textbook switches focus from the individual's health perspective to the community's participation in health management and promotion. Professor [Knut Fylkesnes](#) at the Centre for international health together with long-term research partner Professor Charles Michelo at University of Zambia authors the chapter "Home-based voluntary HIV counselling and testing rooted in a community-oriented strategy in low resource settings". [Read more about the book here](#).



Research to prevent future pandemics

What is the connection between parasitic infections and allergies? This question is at the core of a new University of Bergen-led research project, which has received seed funding from the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). According to Professor [Cecilie Svanes](#) at Centre for international health, the world is facing an epidemic of allergies and asthma, which could develop into a disaster, much like the Ebola epidemic. Svanes believes that a closer inspection of parasites is a relevant approach in the current global health environment. [Read more about the project here](#).



Award for excellent teaching: Edvin Schei

Professor Edvin Schei at IGS has been awarded the Olav Thon Group award for excellent teaching. The jury notes that Edvin Schei has been a pioneer in introducing practice and professional practice early and as an integral part of medical school at the University of Bergen. He has contributed to the development of a first semester course in "Patient Contact" and the development of a new mentoring scheme.

[Read more here](#).

New book: "Lytt! Legerolle og kommunikasjon"

Edvin Schei has recently published the book «Lytt. Legerolle og kommunikasjon» a new type of medical textbook, which addresses key questions such as: How can one think, talk and act to be able to give adequate treatment for all types of patients? [Read more about the book here](#).



Professor at IGS to lead national academic council

The Norwegian Directorate of Health has appointed four national academic councils related to public health and prevention. The new academic councils are the Academic council for social inequalities in health, the Academic council for tobacco prevention, the Academic council for Physical Activity and the Academic council for Nutrition. Professor at IGS, Grethe S. Tell, will lead the the Academic council for tobacco prevention. They had their first meeting 13th of January.

[Read more about the councils here \(in Norwegian\)](#).



Staff and personnel news

We welcome new Professor II [Marianne Klemp](#) (picture) to the department. Klemp is employed for a period of four years, in combination with her position at The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services.

We also welcome two new research fellows. [Ida Marie Hoel](#) is a Ph.D. working on the project "Improving diagnosis of tuberculosis" and [Ulrikke J. V. Hernæs](#) is a Ph.D. working on the project "Malaria Chemoprevention for the post-discharge management of severe anaemia in children in Malawi, Uganda and Kenya: Moving towards policy".

New doctors

January 16 [Aase Aamland](#) (picture) defended her thesis: "[Medisinsk uforklarte plager og symptomer \(MUPS\) og sykefravær. Allmennlegens rolle](#)"

January 20 [Samuel Okware](#) defended his thesis: "[Three ebola outbreaks in Uganda 2000-2011](#)"

Coming Disputations:

February 18 12:15 [Jannicke Iglund](#) will defend her thesis: "Coronary heart disease in Norway: Relative importance of risk factors and educational inequalities in incidence and survival"; BB-Building

February 19 12:15 [Michael Mahande](#) will defend his thesis: "Recurrence of Perinatal Death, Preterm Birth and Preeclampsia in Northern Tanzania: A Registry Based Study" BB-Building

Calendar:

Des: [Ny studieplan i medisin – les siste nytt her](#) – prosjektfremdrift og planer fremover

Vår 2015: Ny vaktliste: [Veiledningstjeneste for medisinsk statistikk](#)

1 Feb: Registration Deadline, [The Global Health and Vaccination Research \(GlobVac\) Conference](#)

4 Feb 14:00 [Ebola: Early action - early winner](#), Seminar with Samuel Okware, 30 years of experience as a public health specialist in Uganda, at Jekteviksbakken 31 (Bergen Resource Centre)

4 Februar 19:00 Filosofisk poliklinikk [«Kan fremtidens kreftbehandling skreddersys - og hva vinner vi på det?»](#) Professor Lars A. Akslen innleder, Litteraturhuset

11 Feb 19:00 [Boklansering «Lytt. Legerolle og kommunikasjon»](#). Med forfatter Edvin Schei, programskaper Trond-Viggo Torgersen og professor Roger Strand, Litteraturhuset

5 Mar [Åpen dag på Det medisinsk-odontologiske fakultet](#), for elever i videregående skole

Current funding announcements:

RCN, PES, NordForsk Horizon2020, Legat til fremme av folkehelsen, etc [Read more here \(PDF\)](#)

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