DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

At the beginning of 2016, the CCBIO family suffered a tragic loss. Professor Helga B. Salvesen, Co-Director of CCBIO, died suddenly and unexpectedly on January 20. Helga was a much loved colleague and mentor to many in the research community, locally and at the national and international levels, and her passing is an incredible loss. She will be greatly missed, by her family and many colleagues and friends. Before the regular CCBIO seminar on 28.1.16, the director presented a eulogy in memory of Helga, see below.

Please read the newsletter and website for other matters and information about ongoing activities. If you have information or topics you want to share, let us know about this (send an email to the editor or to us). The CCBIO Annual Symposium is getting closer, do not forget to register.

Best regards, Lars A. Akslen, Director

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Confirmed international speakers:

Marsha A. Moses, Harvard Medical School/Boston Children’s Hospital, USA.
Ritva Heljasvaara, the University of Oulu, Finland.
Thorsten Schlomm, the University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE), DE.
Brunangelo Falini, Institute of Hematology, University of Perugia, Italy.
Meenhard Herlyn, the Wistar Institute Melanoma Research Center, USA.
Hani Gabra, the Imperial College London and the NIHR Clinical Research Network for North West London, UK.
Rolf Brekken, UT Southwestern Medical Center, USA.

Make sure to register before April 10th. The symposium is open for all.

Read more at www.ccbiosymposium.no
The study appears in Science Translational Medicine and is a collaboration between researchers from the Boston Children's Hospital's Vascular Biology Program, Centre of Cancer Biomarkers CCBIO at the University of Bergen, and Weill Cornell Medical College. The study shows that two forms of a peptide derived from a naturally-occurring human protein can force tumors to shrink significantly in an animal model of metastatic ovarian cancer. Read more here.
14-15 January 2016, Roger Strand (SVT and CCBIO) took part in two events organized by the Initiative for the Humanistic Study of Innovation at Indiana University in Bloomington, US.

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From the award ceremony at the Domus Academica at the University of Oslo: Rector at UiO, Ole Petter Ottersen, and the awardees Eirik Sundlisæter and Elisabeth Wik. Photo: Martine Scheen.

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