



NORSK SELSKAP FOR IMMUNOLOGI

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MEMBERS OF NSI

Currently (as of November 12th 2014), the NSI has 161 paying members, but this number is inaccurate as there are still groups/individuals that have not yet paid (ap. 50 members). We clearly need to improve routines for collection of member fees, to avoid a rush right before the annual meeting. A large part of the members are now entered via collective memberships from research groups or larger research networks such as CIR, which is a very practical format for the NSI and easier to follow up.

THE NSI BOARD 2014

President Marit Inngjerdingen, PhD, Department of Immunology, Rikshospitalet, Oslo University Hospital. She was elected in 2013 for a two-year period.

Treasurer Ole Jørgen Bjarnason Landsverk, PhD, Department of Pathology, Oslo University Hospital. He was elected in 2012 and has served his two-year period. He will be replaced at the annual meeting.

Secretary Vibeke Sundvold Gjerstad, PhD, Institute of Basal Medical Sciences, University of Oslo. She was elected in 2013 for a two-year period.

Board member Tor Espen Bedvold, Department of Pathology, Oslo University Hospital. He was elected in 2013 for a two-year period.

Board member Kishan Kumar Chudasama, Department of Immunology, Radiumhospitalet, Oslo University Hospital. He was elected in 2013 for a two-year period.

Board member Malin Karlsson, PhD, Invitrogen Dynal, Oslo, Norway. She was elected in 2012 and has served her two-year period. She will be replaced at the annual meeting.

Board member Gerd Berge, Department of Medical Biology, University of Tromsø. She was elected in 2013 for a two-year period.

Board member Signe Åsberg, Department of Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine, NTNU Trondheim. She was elected in 2013 for a two-year period.

THE NSI BERGEN BRANCH

The NSI Bergen branch board consisted in 2014 of:

President: Silke Appel, Dept. of Clinical Science, UiB

Secretary: Bergithe E. Oftedal, Dept. of Clinical Science, UiB

Board member: Gyri Haugland, Dept. Of Biology, UiB

Board member: Sonia Gavasso, Dept. for Clinical Medicine, UiB

Board member: Eirik Bratland, Dept. of Clinical Science, UiB

Board member: Anita Rønneseth, Dept. Of Biology, UiB

NSI Bergen organized Day of Immunology April 29th 2014, with the title: "Vaksinasjon og biologisk behandling". It was an exciting program with ap. 50 participants and contributions from Elling Ulvestad, Kristine Greve Isdahl Mohn Dag Knappskog, and Martha Chekenya Enger.

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY FOR IMMUNOLOGY (SSI) AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

All NSI members are automatically members of the SSI. The NSI pays 15 Euros per member in annual membership fees to the SSI. NSI members are thus eligible to apply for travel grants and discounted meeting registration from the SSI. The latter is a member of the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS), which again is a member of the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS). The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Immunology was held June 11th – 14th 2014 in Reykjavik, Iceland. The SSI awarded travel grants for 5 Norwegian students: Margherita Boieri (University of Oslo), Ramakrishna Gopalakrishnan (University of Oslo), Kine Edvardsen (University of Bergen), Catalin Koro (University of Bergen), and Alexander Sauter (University of Bergen).

THE NSI WEBPAGE

The NSI-webpage was restructured in 2013, and has been actively in use in 2014, and updated throughout the year. Address: www.norwegianimmunology.org. The NSI also owns an active Facebook-page.

NSI MEETING HISTORY/ACTIVITIES 2014

The Immune-Quiz was organized February 13th at Vilhelm Bjercknes hus, Blindern campus. The event was a success with 40 participating immunologists, with the NSI board as quiz masters. Photos from the event are found on our Facebook pages.

The Day of Immunology 2014 was this year co-organized with the Medical Faculty in connection with the Faculty's 200-year anniversary. The seminar was held April 26th as part of a seminar series held at Gamle Festsal, Urbygningen. The topic for the seminar was "Vaccines", which was also the theme for the international Day of Immunology. The seminar was held in a 2-hour+ format, with short presentations by distinguished researchers from the Oslo region (Bjarne Bogen, Anne Spurkland, Dag Kvale, Gunnar Bjune, and Marianne A. Riise Bergsaker). The seminar was advertised by the Medical Faculty both on their internet pages, Facebook, through press releases, and by an advertisement in Aftenposten.

The "Immunology Happy Hour" was organized for the fifth time this year on the 8th of October. The theme this year was "research-based innovations" with talks by entrepreneur Eirik Næss-Ulseth and by Anders Holm from Inven2 directed at how researchers may start a commercial run and how to fund this. The event was followed by pizzas and socializing at Café Eric in Domus Medica.

A workshop on how to write grant applications was hosted October 20th at Rikshospitalet, directed at PhD students, post docs, and younger researchers. Talks were given by Dmitrii Rodionov from CreoTech, Benedicte Lie, and Erik Dissen. Lies talk can be downloaded from our webpages.

UPCOMING NSI EVENTS

The NSI Annual meeting will take place on Thursday 13th of November.
The 2nd Finse retreat will take place March 13-15, 2015.

ECONOMY

The financial situation is sound, but produced a negative result this year, mostly due to less income from company sponsors and reduced income due to lack of payment of membership fees. Please

find enclosed the statutory accounts for 2014. It is an aim to draw more funding from companies in 2015, preferably as patrons of NSI. The board will also more improve the routines for registering and collecting membership fees.

ELECTIONS FOR 2015-2016

The election committee has consisted of Olav Sundnes and Else Marit Inderberg Suso, and they have the following recommendations for the vacant positions:

NSI Board

The treasurer Ole Jørgen Bjarnason Landsverk and Malin Karlsson have finished their terms.

The positions as Treasurer and one board member are vacant.

Suggested candidates under election for the vacant positions:

Tor Espen Bendvold*, Department of Pathology, OUS as Treasurer

Gro Tunheim, National Institute of Public Health as board member

Arnar Gudjonson, Department of Immunology, OUS as board member

**Bendvold is currently a board member, and suggested to be reassigned as treasurer, there is thus the need to recruit two new regular board members.*

Election committee 2015-2016

Tone Berge, Department of Neurology, OUS - Rikshospitalet

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Auditors

The auditors for 2014 were Lise Kveberg, CIR, OUS and Jodie Goodridge, Department of Immunology, Radiumhospitalet, and they are under election to also serve for 2015.

Oslo, the 6th of November 2014

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