

Invitation

Hereditary cancer and genetic counselling in the Nordic countries

Dear colleagues,

Many of us have discussed the idea of closer Nordic collaboration in the field of hereditary cancer, inspired by and as a spin-off of ERN GENTURIS. We are happy to inform you that our first meeting will take place on November 12th in Skien, Norway!

The timing and location were chosen because the annual Norwegian national genetics conference will be held in Skien on November 13th-14th, providing a great opportunity to connect with an extended network of colleagues in genetics.

The meeting is open to all healthcare professionals working with hereditary cancer. There will be a small participation fee of 350 NOK which covers lunch and refreshments on November 12th.

Registration

You can register for the meeting on this [registration link](#).

Deadline for registration is **October 1st**.

For those of you who also wish to attend the Norwegian national genetics conference on November 13th- 14th, you can find more information about the program and registration [here](#).

Abstracts

We aim for an interactive meeting and encourage everyone to submit abstracts for oral presentations. You can choose between two categories:

1. Scientific project

Please submit a structured abstract describing your study. The abstract should include names of all authors and their affiliations. The name of the person presenting the abstract must be underlined. Font: Times New Roman, size: 12; Maximum length: 250 words (excluding title, authors, and affiliations).

2. Challenging clinical case

Please submit a PowerPoint presentation on a challenging case you want to discuss with our Nordic expert panel. The presentation should be of maximum 2-3 slides (1 slide pedigree, 1-2 slides pertinent details).

In the e-mail you should include a title of your presentation, your name, place of work, and position. Junior colleagues will be prioritized for the case presentations.

Send your abstract/PPT to: cathrine.bjorvatn@helse-bergen.no

Deadline for abstract submission is **October 1st**.

Thank you for contributing!

Accommodation: Participants must book their own accommodation. NFMG/NSHG has agreements with two hotels:

- **Clarion Collection Hotel Bryggeparken:** Price NOK 1405 per night. For reservations, contact the hotel via email at cc.bryggeparken@strawberry.no, and mark the reservation with room block number: 1090GR015186. Have a credit card ready for guarantee. **Note:** The agreement is valid only for room bookings made by September 13, 2024.
- **Thon Hotel Høyers:** Price NOK 1495 per night. For reservations, visit: [Thon Hotels](#) Reservation number for booking: 30354890 **Note:** The agreement is valid only for room bookings made by August 13, 2024.

The hotels are a 500-meter walk from Ibsenhuset. The number of rooms is limited, so it's first come, first served. [Thon Hotel Høyers, Kongens gate, Skien til Ibsenhuset, Lundegata 6, 3724 Skien - Google Maps](#)

Below you find the preliminary program for the 12th of November and a link to the program for the Norwegian national genetics conference on the 13th-14th of November.

We hope you will join us for what we hope will be the first in a series of Nordic meetings on hereditary cancer.

You are warmly welcome!

Kind regards,

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Venue: Ibsenhuset Skien, Norway

Preliminary program (changes may occur)

November 12th 2024

13:00	Take-away lunch	
13:15	Welcome - The idea of a Nordic network, presentation of participants	Hildegunn Høberg Vetti & Cathrine Bjorvatn
13:30	Organisation of hereditary cancer service in the Nordic countries - Presentation from ERN GENTURIS national coordinators (20 min each)	Sweden (Svetlana Lagercrantz) Denmark (Karin Wadt) Finland (Minna Poyhonen)
14:30	Break	
14.45	Organisation cont.	Norway (Hildegunn Vetti) + Iceland (tbd)
15:25	Nordic education of genetic counsellors	Cathrine Bjorvatn
15:40	Disclosure of genetic information to at-risk relatives	Anna Rosén
16:05	Break	
16:20	Presentation of submitted abstracts	
17:20	Challenging BRCA variants - <i>BRCA1</i> c.5096G>A (R1699Q) - <i>BRCA2</i> c.8331+2T>C	Charlotte Lautrup Siri Briskemyr (tbc)
17:45	Break	
18:00	Challenging clinical cases - Participants are encouraged to present cases	Discussion with Nordic experts
18:45	Digitalising genetic information	Cathrine Bjorvatn
19:00	End of the meeting	

November 13th 2024

09:00 – 10:00	Morning after discussion - Is there a need for a Nordic network for hereditary cancer?	
10:00-18:00	The Norwegian Genetics Conference (English day)	See separate program and registration