

**International Conference
on Myalgic Encephalopathy (ME)
– clinical work and recent research findings**

**18th October 2011 in Oslo
19th October 2011 in Bergen**

Organiser: Norwegian Myalgic Encephalopathy Association

18th October in Oslo (Scandic Edderkoppen Oslo, St. Olavs Plass 1, 0165 Oslo)

19th October in Bergen (Scandic Bergen City, Håkonsgt. 2 – 7, 5015 Bergen)

Programme for health personnel:

8.30 – 9.00: Registration, coffee/tea and fruit

9.00 – 9.05: Welcome and opening.

Ruth Astrid Sæter, Secretary General, Norwegian ME Association.

9.05 – 9.45: Investigations of adults with suspected ME.

Barbara Baumgarten-Austrheim, MD, Head of ME/CFS-Centre, Oslo University Hospital, Aker.

9.45 – 10.30: Clinical work in children and adolescents – investigations and illness trajectory. Nigel Speight, MA, MB, BChir, FRCP, FRCPCH, DCH. Consultant Paediatrician formerly at the University Hospital of North Durham, UK.

10.30 – 10.45: Break with refreshments

10.45 – 11.30: Neurological research on subgroups, biomarkers and distinctions between ME/CFS & FM. Benjamin H. Natelson, MD, Director of Pain & Fatigue Study Center, Beth Israel Medical Center, Professor of Neurology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY.

11.30 – 12.00: Latest news about virus research in ME.

Stig Jeansson, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus, ME/CFS Centre, Oslo University Hospital, Aker.

12:00 – 13:00: Buffet lunch

13.00 – 13.40: How has the research field advanced the last year?

Kenny De Meirleir, MD, PhD, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Himmunitas Foundation Belgium and Himmunitas Norway (Oslo).

13.40 – 14.20: Neurological investigations at Haukeland University Hospital in Bergen, and results from brain imaging studies in ME.

Halvor Næss, MD, PhD, Department of Neurology, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen.

14.20 – 15.05: Neurocognitive dysfunctions and treatment options in ME. Neuropsychologist, Professor Gudrun Lange, PhD. New Jersey Medical School, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

15.05 – 15.20: Break with refreshments

15.20 – 16.00: B-cell depletion in ME/CFS. Professor Olav Mella, MD, PhD, and Øystein Fluge, MD, PhD, Department of Oncology and Medical Physics, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen.

16.00 – 16.05: Leg-stretching break

16.05 – 17.00: Q & A. Chair: Ruth Astrid Sæter.

The Norwegian speakers will give their lectures in Norwegian.

Enrolment: www.me-foreningen.no

Final registration day: 5th October 2011

Registration fee: NOK 1.800

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