

### 1<sup>st</sup> NSMM & 19<sup>th</sup> SSCM joint meeting

The 1<sup>st</sup> NSMM and 19<sup>th</sup> SSCM joint scientific meeting was recently held in Stockholm the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2004. More than 120 colleagues from the four Nordic countries participated.



Maiken Cavling Arendrup, Jan Faergemann and Lena Klingspor preparing for the meeting

The scientific programme focused on invasive candidosis and it was our goal to cover as many aspects as possible of this important infection, i.e. clinical features, diagnostic markers and the different clinical presentations depending on different clinical settings. We were proud to welcome Frank Odds as the key-note speaker together with a distinguished faculty of speakers from the Nordic countries.



Audience



Frank Odds giving keynote lecture

The meeting was held in beautiful surroundings at Teaterskeppet, and in addition to the scientific programme and the opportunity to discuss with colleagues, participants also could enjoy the beautiful seaside view of Stockholm. We thank the meetings secretary Lena Klingspor for an excellent conference.



Coffee break on board



Per Sandven and Maja Gundersen

Careful readers may notice that the meeting was announced as 1<sup>st</sup> NSMM and 24<sup>th</sup> SSCM annual meeting of the Swedish Society's, however this was actually the 19<sup>th</sup> annual meeting for the Swedish society. The programme and abstracts can be found on the NSMM web site [www.nsmm.nu](http://www.nsmm.nu) in the meetings/courses section, where you can also find more pictures from the meeting.



Maiken Cavling Arendrup & Frank Odds in front of Teaterskeppet

### Upcoming NSMM Membership events

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> NSMM scientific meeting. First announcement. April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005.**

The next scientific meeting of the Nordic Society for Medical Mycology will be held in Copenhagen on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. This is the day before the opening of the ECCMID conference also held in Copenhagen.

This meeting will focus on "Proper Use of Antifungals" and will include topics such like

- Antifungal agents currently available and ones being developed
- Pharmacokinetics / pharmacodynamics (PK/PD)
- Clinical use in different fungal infections e.g. Deep versus superficial infections, vaginitis and other mucosal infections, solid organ infections, skin infections, eye infections and subcutaneous infections such as Madura foot, etc.
- Correct dosing in various clinical groups such as children, renal or hepatic insufficiency, immunodeficiency etc.
- Combination therapy
- Susceptibility and resistance epidemiology

Further information regarding programme registration and abstract submission forms will be available in due course at the website [www.nsmm.nu](http://www.nsmm.nu).

#### **Medical Mycology Introduction Seminar, March the 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.**

A one-day course in medical mycology will be held in Copenhagen at Statens Serum Institute March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005. The course will be mainly theoretical, however, cultures of different fungi and

susceptibility plates will be demonstrated for those who are interested. The course will focus on the essentials of medical mycology and is aimed at doctors and clinicians without advanced mycology training. Topics will include

- Introduction to fungi. Classification and taxonomy
- Superficial fungal infections
- Invasive fungal infections
- Epidemiology
- Antimycotics
- Susceptibility testing
- Diagnostics

The number of participants for this course is limited to 50 and applicants will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

### **NRMM**

A new Nordic group on fungal methodology, called Nordic Reference Group on Methods in Medical Mycology (NRMM), has been formed by a Swedish initiative. The main focus of the group will be methods related to fungal identification, antifungal susceptibility testing and resistance development. In addition, the group will aim to develop a Nordic quality assessment scheme in mycology. The main focus of this scheme will be educational. NRMM will consist of 1-2 members from each of the Nordic countries. The members shall be elected by national organisations (e.g. The Norwegian Society for Medical Microbiology, The Danish Society for Clinical Microbiology etc.). The Nordic Society for Medical Mycology will act as a "host" for NRMM and may, if deemed necessary, elect one additional member. NRMM information will appear on the NSMM home page. The following NRMM members have been elected:  
Norway: Peter Gaustad and Per Sandven,  
Sweden: Erja Chryssanthou and Victor Fernandez, Finland: Markku Koskela, Ice-

land: Ingibjorg Hilmarsdottir and Denmark: Maiken Cavling Arendrup.

Ideas, comments and suggestions for the next scientific meeting, the introduction course or any other NSMM business will be appreciated - please contact anyone of the board members.

### **Membership info**

An updated list of members can be found at the NSMM website, and please help spread the news about NSMM in your network.

Membership application can be made electronically at the website and is valid when your membership fee has been received at any of the Nordic NSMM accounts.

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