

### UPCOMING NSMM EVENTS

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> NSMM scientific meeting 2006: Nosocomial Fungal Infections To- day.**

The next and third Scientific Meeting of NSMM will take place in Oslo, Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at a new conference centre located near Rikshospitalet University Hospital. Pictures from the conference centre can be found at [www.gsk-konferansesenter.no](http://www.gsk-konferansesenter.no)



GSK Konferansesenter, Oslo.

The main theme will be nosocomial fungal infections and invited speakers include colleagues with experience within the ICU, haematology and paediatric settings. Various topics such as diagnostics, treatment and clinical outcome in the various patient groups will be discussed.

The meeting is held the day before the annual meeting of the Norwegian societies for clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, so it is our hope that this will enable many Norwegian colleagues to participate.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

The AGM 2005 was held April the 1<sup>st</sup> at Børsen, Copenhagen. Two new board members were been elected and the board now consists of:

Maiken Cavling Arendrup DK (president),  
Malcolm Richardson FI (vice-president),  
Per Sandven NO (general secretary),  
Ditte Saunte DK (treasurer),

Lena Klingspor SE,  
Jan Faergeman SE,  
Juha Salonen FI and  
Peter Gaustad NO.

We welcome the new board members and remind you all that detailed information on affiliation etc. can be found at the [www.nsmm.nu](http://www.nsmm.nu)

### RECENT NSMM EVENTS

The NSMM-Course: "Introduction to Medical Mycology" was held at Statens Serum Institute the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The course was limited to 50 participants – however, 56 had paid before the registration was closed, and thus we were a few more. The programme included lectures as well as practical demonstrations of fungal cultures and thus allowed fruitful discussions.



Demonstration of fungal cultures. From left to right: Christian Schønning, Maiken Cavling Arendrup and Per Sandven.



NSMM course. The audience.

The following day the 2<sup>nd</sup> scientific meeting “Proper use of Antimycotics” was held at “Børsen” the historic stock exchange building built by King Christian the VI<sup>th</sup> in the centre of Copenhagen the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

We were proud to welcome Georg Mashmeyer from Germany and Rod Hay from the United Kingdom as key-note speakers covering two important topics: Invasive Aspergillosis and Antifungals available and their use in mono and combination therapy of fungal infections. But also the Nordic speakers covered interesting topics and we encourage members who did not participate in the meeting to visit the NSMM website where the programme including abstracts and pictures from the meeting are now available under event archive.



Coffee break. 2<sup>nd</sup> NSMM meeting 2005.



2nd NSMM meeting: Audience



Break at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scientific NSMM Meeting

## Recent Joint NSMM and EFISG session during ECCMID in Copenhagen 2005

An educational session “Invasive Infections due to Rare or Emerging Yeasts and Moulds: Clinical Aspects, Diagnosis and Treatment” was held as a joint symposium between NSMM and European Fungal Invasive Study Group (EFISG) as part of the ECCMID conference in Copenhagen.

Malcolm Richardson was convenor of the session which included three presentations were: “Clinical aspects of emerging invasive fungal infections” by Murat Akova, “Emerging fungal pathogens: clinical usefulness of new diagnostic tools and identification methods” by Manuel Cuenze-Estrella” and “Treatment of rare and emerging infections” by Helen Samatakou.

Hopefully, we will be able to make the presentations available at our websites in the near future, but until then handouts are available upon email request to Malcolm Richardson.

## OTHER BUSINESSES

### NRMM

The first “Nordic EQA shipment” was distributed in the Nordic countries in February.

It consisted of five simulated patient samples to be handled exactly the same way as ordinary, routine specimens are handled. Enclosed in the shipment were questionnaires focusing on the methods used.

A link to the NRMM web site can be found on the NSMM home page.

## ECMM news

### TIMM meeting October 2005

The next Trends In Medical Mycology meeting Conference is held the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of October in Berlin, Germany. All aspects of fungal infections are covered and we encourage you to visit the conference website for more information:

[www.timm2005.org](http://www.timm2005.org)



Frank Odds resigned earlier this year from the president post of the European Confederation for Medical Mycology. Jacques Meis from Neijmegen in The Netherlands has been elected as a new president. Jacques Meis is an experienced mycologist and is also currently head of the Dutch society for Medical Mycology. We welcome him as new president of ECMM.

Finally, a ballot among the ECMM representatives has been in favour of Genoa in Italy as the venue for the TIMM 2007. Shortly after the

Berlin meeting we will know if EORTC can support this suggestion.

### NSMM Membership info

We are proud and happy that more than 150 colleagues have now registered as NSMM members and that our website in the middle of March had had more than 20,000 visits. For a 1½ year-old society we think it is quite a success and appreciate that so many colleagues have joined the society.

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.

From time to time we are contacted by Mycological Societies and publishers of mycological journals who want to distribute adverts on journals, meetings etc. Until now our unwritten policy has been not to share email or postal addresses with anyone. However, we would like you to indicate, if you prefer otherwise.

### Sponsors

Again this year it has been possible to raise sponsor support for the next year's meeting. We gratefully thank Swedish Orphan, Pfizer, MSD, Galderma and Biomerieux for their generous contributions.

On behalf of the society

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