

NSMM WEBSITE UPDATED

Sparing you the tiresome details we are now happy to inform you that our webmaster José Arnau has successfully transferred the website to another company and is updated and accessible!



Therefore we encourage you to visit the webpage where updated information on the up-coming meeting in Oslo is available.

3rd NSMM scientific meeting 2006: Nosocomial Fungal Infections in the ICU.

We are proud to announce that **Jacques Bille** from Switzerland has accepted the invitation to give the key-note speech on fungal infections in the ICU setting. Jacques Bille has many years of experience within the clinical and diagnostic field of mycology. In the Nordic countries studies on diagnostic procedures and management of ICU fungal infections are currently being performed. We thus hope to present and discuss highly relevant data at the meeting. The final program is inserted at the following page in this newsletter. Visit www.nsmm.nu for further details and registration and abstract submission forms.

Presenting participants will have their travel and accommodation expenses covered by the society. Meeting secretary of the meeting will be Peter Gaustad and questions and suggestions can be directed to him at peter.gaustad@rikshospitalet.no

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

The AGM 2006 will be held June the 7th at the GSK conference centre in Oslo, just after the 3d annual meeting. Two positions in the NSMM

board are vacant as our general secretary Per Sandven and Juha Salonen both have decided to resign from the board due to changes of positions and workload. Peter Gaustad has accepted to take over the secretary post and Pentti Kuusela (FI) and Tore Abrahamsen (NO) have been nominated and are willing to stand for office as Board Member. Tore Abrahamsen has since 1998 been chief at the Section for Pediatric Immunology and Infectious Disease at Rikshospitalet in Oslo Norway and has a special interest in fungal infections in the pediatric population. Pentti Kuusela is presently Acting Consulting Physician in Clinical Microbiology at Department of Bacteriology and Immunology, Haartman Institute, University of Helsinki with many years experience within research and management and is in charge of the Mycology Unit in Helsinki University Central Hospital.



Tore G Abrahamsen



Pentti Kuusela

Any other Members willing to stand for office as Board Member are off course still most welcomed and should be nominated by at least two NSMM members no later than 3 weeks before the general assembly i.e. May 17th 2006.

NRMM: Where are the fungal tests performed?

The Nordic Reference group on Methods in medical Mycology has recently updated their website. A new feature is a list of fungal tests available not only at the Nordic reference laboratories and of less frequently used tests such as Therapeutic Drug Concentration Measurements, In Situ Identification of fungal elements in tissue and Histoplasma Antigen Detection available elsewhere. Visit www.nsmm.nu and click on the NRMM link.

Nosocomial fungal infection in the ICU

Final Program

Location: GSK Konferansesenter, Forskningsveien 2 a, 0319 Oslo. Tel: + 47 22702000.

- 10.00 Welcome and opening of the meeting.** *Peter Gaustad (Meetings Secretary) and Maiken Cavling Arendrup (President).*
- 10.10 Key note lecture: Fungal Infections in Intensive Care Unit Patients – state of the art.** *Jacques Bille CH.*
- 10.55 The Nordic Perspective: Presentations from ICUs in each Nordic country** *Kurt Espersen, Ole Viborg and/or Arne Berg DK. Fridtjof Riddervold NO. Christina Agvald-Öhman SE. Presenters from FI will be announced.*
- the magnitude of the problem
 - the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures
- 11.55 Coffee break**
- 12.15 Mycological Diagnosis in a Nordic perspective:** Results from a Nordic laboratory survey on diagnostic procedures (Jan-March 2006). *Maiken Cavling Arendrup, Peter Gaustad.*
- 12.45 Surveillance Cultures: A Pros and Cons session.** *Kurt Espersen (DK) and 2nd speaker will be announced.*
- 13.15 Lunch**
- 14.00 Workshop on fungal colonisation surveillance and diagnostic procedures:** What, why, when and how? Can we reach an agreement? Moderators: *Fridtjof Riddervold NO, Ole Viborg DK.*
- 14.45 Presentation of workshop conclusions**
- 15.15 Cases** (interactive session, abstracts and full titles available after the presentations)
- Tooth extraction in a young female. *Jon Peiter Saunte DK.*
A liver transplant patient. *Suheil Andreas Salamon, DK.*
Left arm paresis in a renal transplanted patient. *Gorm Atle Hansen, NO.*
- 16.15 Coffee break**
- 16.45 Treatment**
- Prophylaxis and empiric therapy, with what, how much, when and to whom. *Flemming Moesgaard DK.*
Fungal infections in the critically ill paediatric population *Tore Abrahamsen NO.*
Fungal infections in the critically ill adult ICU population *Arvid Bjørneklett NO.*
- 17.45 Free presentations**
To be announced
- 18.30 Annual General Meeting**
- 19.00 Farewell dinner at the venue**



Important dates:

Registration: Open until May 8th 2006

Abstract submission: Open until May 8th 2006

Abstracts for poster or oral presentation not only within the ICU field are also most welcome. Registration and abstract forms are available at the NSMM web-site. Membership of NSMM is needed for participation in the meeting.

Sponsors

Again this year it has been possible to raise sponsor support for this year's meeting. We gratefully thank Merck Sharp & Dohme, Pfizer, Schering-Plough, Swedish Orphan and Zeneus Pharma (in alphabetic order) for their generous contributions.

On behalf of the society.

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