



Norwegian Society for Immunology

Annual General Assembly 2005

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**Oslo, November 18th 2005
Domus Odontologica
Rikshospitalet
Oslo**

1. ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Members of NSI

147 ordinary members, 15 students and no patrons had paid the membership fee by November 17th. This is almost 50 % increase from last year, and the highest number of paying members for five years!

Annual General Meeting	Paying members
26.11.2004	103
26.11.2003	100
25.11.2002	125
10.12.2001	144
11.12.2000	152
1999	?
02.12.1998	168
06.12.1997	?
02.12.1996	228
06.12.1995	258
09.11.1994	256
30.11.1993	375
15.12.1992	342

Members of the board

President: Trond S. Halstensen, Institute of Oral Biology, University of Oslo
Treasurer: Alexandre Corthay, Institute of Immunology, Rikshospitalet
Secretary: Arne Westgaard, Department of Surgery, Rikshospitalet, and Department and Institute of Pathology, University of Oslo

According to NSI's statutes, the board should have six members, and two deputy members. However, to our knowledge, there have only been three board members for several years (see board proposal regarding modification of statutes below).

Economy

The NSI financial situation is sound. Please find enclosed the Statutory Accounts for 2005.

Scandinavian Journal of Immunology

NSI members are offered free subscriptions to the Scandinavian Journal of Immunology for the calendar year 2006, with a nominal fee for postage of NOK 65.-.

Web site and mailing list

The NSI home page URL is www.norwegianimmunology.org

These web pages have been redesigned to match the needs of our members!
Please visit them often for updated information about all NSI activities, as well as links to external meetings and much more.

We have also created a mailing list and actively used this to inform members about important NSI news. This mailing list may also serve as a discussion forum, moderated by the NSI secretary to avoid spam. The address is: nsi-members@medisin.uio.no

NFIT

NSI and NFIT have had a collaboration meeting, resulting in an agreement on collective membership of NSI for NFIT members. We think this will benefit both organizations.

Collaboration with Immi club

On the general assembly in 2004, some members expressed wishes to merge NSI and IMMI club meetings. Several of the activities this last year have thus been a result of collaboration between NSI and IMMI club.

Meeting history 2004-2005

(Most recent meetings first)

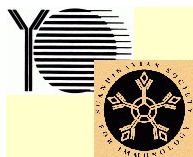


MHC class II association with lipid rafts modulates T cell activation

Paul Roche, PhD

Principal Investigator Paul Roche Laboratory,
Experimental Immunology Branch, National Cancer Institute
Date: October 12, 2005

(Present at the meeting: 40)



Joint Meeting 36th Annual Meeting of the DGfI and the SSI

Date: September 21-24, 2005

Venue: Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel, Germany

The following NSI members were awarded SSI/NSI travel grants:

Terje Frigstad, Jan Terje Andersen, Julie Dee Qian, Kristin Sten Gunnarsen, Ole Jrgen Bjarnarson Landsverk



**TLR-dependent and TLR-independent Immunoadjuvant Pathways:
The Detection of Antigens Presented in the Context of Cell Death**

Professor Bruce Beutler
Department of Immunology, The Scripps Research Institute
Date: September 8, 2005

(Present at the meeting: 50)



**Studies of infectious diseases in an endemic area:
Immunology research at the Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), Ethiopia**

Dr Abraham Aseffa
Date: August 30, 2005
Organized by:
The NSI, the Faculty of Medicine (Univ of Oslo), and the GLOBINF network

(Present at the meeting: 30)



NKG2 receptors and IL-15: a dialog between CTL and tissue targets

Bana Jabri, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, University of Chicago
Date: August 23, 2005
Organized by: The NSI, and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo

(Present at the meeting: 40)



IL-15 and coeliac disease

Nadine Cerf-Bensussan, MD, PhD
Research director INSERM, Faculté Necker, Paris
Chief of INSERM unit EMI-0212: *Interactions between the intestinal epithelium and the immune system*
Date: June 16, 2005

(Present at the meeting: 40)



Immunotherapy of Lymphoma

Professor Ronald Levy, MD, PhD
Chief, [Division of Oncology](#), Stanford University School of Medicine
Date: June 13, 2005
Organized by: The NSI, and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo

(Present at the meeting: 50)



The gut-joint axis: clinically relevant?

The 9th Annual Broegelmann Lecture 2005
Professor Per Brandtzaeg
Date: May 20, 2005
Organized by: NSI Bergen



Regulatory T cells and the concept of Th1 and Th2 cells

Dr. Carsten B. Schmidt-Weber, PhD
Head of Molecular Immunology at SIAF, Davos, Switzerland
Date: May 19, 2005

(Present at the meeting: 30?)



Day of Immunology April 29, 2005

Immunologiens dag 2005

Initiative from EFIS: www.dayofimmunology.org/partners/norway

*The organizing committee consisted of the NSI board plus the following:
Helene Arentz-Hansen, Zlatko Dembic, Bent Rolstad, Anders Sandvik, Anne Spurkland, Gro Tunheim, John Torgils Vaage*

Activities in

Oslo:

- Popularized Immunology Conference, University Aula, April **29**
(Present at the conference: approx. 350)
- Popularized Laboratory Course, Rikshospitalet, April **28**
(Present at the lab.course: 2)

Bergen:

- Immunology lectures at Haukeland University Hospital (Bergen), April **29**
- Opening Ceremony of Bergen Research School in Inflammation (BRSI)



Chimeric NK cell receptors for cancer immunotherapy

Assistant Professor Charles L. Sentman
Date: March 10, 2005
Organized by: The NSI and the Immiclub

(Present at the meeting: 40)

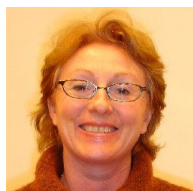


Reflections on the development and 46 years work in immunology

Professor Morten Harboe
Date: March 8, 2005

(Present at the meeting: 50)

(The initiative for the following two meetings was taken by last year's NSI board)



Design and construction of new antibody derived molecules, "Pepbodies" and "Troybodies"

Professor Inger Sandlie
Date: January 18, 2005

(Present at the meeting: 40)



Novel Mechanisms of Signalling by CD28

Professor Kjetil Taskén, Biotechnology Centre of Oslo, University of Oslo
Date: December 2, 2004

(Present at the meeting: 13)

PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD

2. Membership fee

The finances of the NSI are sound. The board therefore proposes the same membership fees for the year 2006:

Ordinary members, including PhD students:	NOK 200.-
Student members:	NOK 100.-
Companies:	NOK 1000.-
Collective membership for NFIT members:	50 % of ordinary membership fee

3. Modification of NSI's statutes

The present NSI board has worked hard to recover historical information about the organization, including the statutes. Most of the archives seem to have disappeared, possibly at the time when Rikshospitalet moved to the current location in May 2000.

With valuable help from our members, we have, however, managed to find most of the documents from the more recent years, and also some important documents from the time around NSI's foundation. In doing this "research" the present NSI board has become aware of a possible need for updating the statutes.

The current NSI statutes' §§ 5, 6 and 9 state that the board should also have members from the local branches. The total number of board members should according to our statutes be 6, with further 2 elected deputy board members. For many years, NSI has only had three board members, and no local representatives among the board members.

Presently, NSI only has one local branch, in Bergen, and none in Trondheim or Tromsø. NSI's contact person in Bergen for several years, Karl Brokstad, is not a member of the NSI board.

The NSI would therefore like to propose the following modifications of NSI's statutes (differences in text are underlined):

New § 5

"Kontingenten for NSIs medlemmer og for støtte-medlemmer fastsettes av generalforsamlingen. Kontingenten for personlige medlemmer innkasseres av styret. Selskapets kontingent følger kalenderåret, og skal være innbetalt til NSIs kasserer senest innen årets utgang. Medlemskapet trer i kraft fra og med innbetaling av den første årlige kontingent og opphører 2 år etter siste innbetalte kontingent."

Present § 5

"Kontingenten for NSIs medlemmer og for støtte-medlemmer fastsettes av generalforsamlingen. Kontingenten for personlige medlemmer innkasseres direkte eller av de lokale avdelinger som selv bestemmer sin kontingent. Selskapets kontingent følger kalenderåret, og skal være innbetalt til Selskapets kasserer senest innen årets utgang. Medlemskapet trer i kraft fra og med innbetaling av den første årlige kontingent og opphører 2 år etter siste innbetalte kontingent."

New § 6

"NSIs styre skal bestå av leder, sekretær, kasserer og ett styremedlem. Styret velges på årsmøtet for to år av gangen. Gjenvalg kan finne sted, og det bør sikres at ikke mer enn tre medlemmer skiftes ut samtidig. Ingen skal være leder i mer enn tre perioder sammenhengende. Det valgte styret tiltrer umiddelbart etter generalforsamlingen. Styret konstituerer seg selv. Styret er beslutningsdyktig når minst tre medlemmer er til stede på styremøtet eller har avgitt uttalelse i en sak. Styret skal samarbeide med lokalavdelingene om gjesteforelesere, og skal for øvrig holde lokalavdelingene orientert om saker av interesse."

Present § 6

"NSIs styre skal bestå av leder, nestleder, sekretær, kasserer, to styremedlemmer og to varamedlemmer. Styret velges på årsmøtet for to år av gangen. Lederen velges særskilt, for øvrig konstituerer styret seg selv. Gjenvalg kan finne sted, og det bør sikres at ikke mer enn tre medlemmer skiftes ut samtidig. Ingen skal være leder i mer enn tre perioder sammenhengende. Alle lokalavdelingene bør være representert i styret. Det valgte styret tiltrer umiddelbart etter generalforsamlingen. Styret er beslutningsdyktig når minst tre medlemmer, eller to medlemmer og ett varamedlem, er til stede på styremøtet, eller har avgitt uttalelse i en sak. Styret skal samarbeide med lokalavdelingene om gjesteforelesere, og skal for øvrig holde lokalavdelingene orientert om saker av interesse."

New § 9

"Ordinær generalforsamling skal holdes hvert år i november eller desember. Innkalling til generalforsamling skal skje med minst 4 ukers varsel og saksliste skal være sendt medlemmene minst 2 uker før generalforsamlingen.

Generalforsamlingen skal:

- A. Godkjenne sakslisten
- B. Godkjenne styrets beretning
- C. Godkjenne revidert regnskap
- D. Velge styre og revisorer, samt valgkomité (to personer) til neste års generalforsamling
- E. Fastsette kontingent for personlige medlemmer, støttemedlemmer og kollektivt medlemskap

Ekstraordinær generalforsamling skal avholdes dersom styret eller minst 1/3 av medlemmene forlanger det."

Present § 9

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Generalforsamlingen skal:

- A. Godkjenne sakslisten*
- B. Godkjenne styrets beretning*
- C. Godkjenne revidert regnskap*
- D. Velge styre og revisorer*
- E. Fastsette kontingent for personlige medlemmer, støttemedlemmer og kollektivt medlemskap*

Ekstraordinær generalforsamling skal avholdes dersom styret eller minst 1/3 av medlemmene forlanger det."

4. Elections

The current **Treasurer**, Alexandre Corthay, who was elected in 2004, wishes to continue for the remaining one year of his two-year term.

The current **Secretary**, Arne Westgaard, who was also elected in 2004, wishes to be replaced, one year before the end of his two-year term.

The current **President**, Trond S. Halstensen, who was elected in 2003, has finished his two-year term.

Presently, the remaining three positions in the board are vacant. This year's general assembly should elect at least one more **board member** to serve for a two-year term.

(If the general assembly should not agree on the board's proposal of reducing the number of board members from six (plus two deputy members) to four, see "Modification of NSI's statutes" above, then the general assembly shall have to elect also the remaining two board members and two deputies.)

The general assembly should also elect **two auditors** of the accounts, and an election committee for next year's general assembly.

This year's election committee consists of Tor Lea and Erik Dissen. They will present the candidates on the general assembly.

5. Other matters

We would like to present a brief history of NSI's logo. You may already have noted that the logo now has been redesigned by Tor Lea, the same person who designed the original logo.



November 18th 2005,

Trond S. Halstensen
President
(sign)

Alexandre Corthay
Treasurer
(sign)

Arne Westgaard
Secretary
(sign)