



Norwegian Society for Immunology

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Nov 18th, 2005

Dear NSI member,

First, let me congratulate you with being member of an organization in rapid growth! NSI has had a remarkable 50 % increase in number of paying members in the last year.

NSI has now 150 paying members! NSI has not had as many paying members for the last 5 years.



One explanation is that we've had more than ten times as many scientific meetings compared to the previous year!

If you hadn't noticed... please read our annual report:

<http://www.norwegianimmunology.org/agm/2005/AgendaAGA2005Final.pdf>

Our last meeting, the Annual General Meeting, was also a great success!

As retiring secretary, the new board has given me the honour to sum up the Annual General Meeting of 2005:

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2005

The Annual General *Assembly* had a lot to discuss - in particular the issue about local branches of NSI. Please read the Minutes from the General *Assembly*:

<http://www.norwegianimmunology.org/agm/2005/MinutesAGA2005.pdf>

Also, if you'd like more details about the local branches and their possible board representation in NSI, you may find interest in reading this:

http://www.norwegianimmunology.org/local_branches.htm

Endothelial cell activation in inflammation and immunity

The main lecture, by Guttorm Haraldsen, attracted approximately 80 persons. After his talk, 40-50 stayed for the following poster and abstract sessions. We had 25 submitted abstracts, and 14 young scientists presented their data in two separate sessions, chaired by the NSI seniors Terje Michaelsen and Sigbjørn Fossum.

The **prize for the best oral presentation** was given at the social event.

Anne Lise Karlsgot Hestvik

Multiple sclerosis: Idiotope specific T cells induce apoptosis of oligodendrocytes in vitro.

By: Anne Lise Karlsgot Hestvik, Frode Vartdal, Trygve Holmøy

The social event, for which 36 persons attended, was a remarkable three-course dinner, with music and dance.

My sincere thanks to the party committee, Solveig Stig, Ranveig Braathen, and Trond Halstensen, for the preparation of a first-class gourmet meal!

Also thanks to Marianne Frøyland and Yiqing Cai for valuable help, and to our new secretary, Anders Sandvik, for considerable help with all the necessary practical arrangements..

The new board

As I said, I've retired as secretary of NSI! Sending you this newsletter with the minutes from the AGM 2005 is therefore my last official NSI task for now. But probably, you won't get rid of me that easily - I've already paid the **membership fee for 2006!** Have you??? Please, do!

And now, a brief presentation of the new NSI board:

<http://www.norwegianimmunology.org/board.htm>

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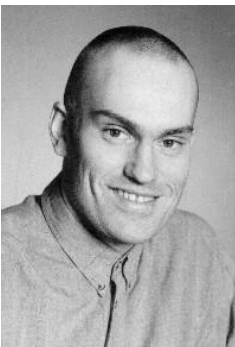


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With a big thanks for having had the pleasure of being NSI secretary from 2004 to 2005,

November 25th, 2005

Best regards,
Arne Westgaard
Former secretary of NSI