



Norwegian Society for Immunology

Annual report

with

Statutory Accounts

2006

**Annual General Assembly
Oslo, November 22nd, 2006, Domus Medica**

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Annual report 2006

Members of NSI

Currently (November 21st) NSI have 233 paying members. The number of members has been increasing steadily the last year thanks to a recruitment campaign and increased activities. At last years general assembly (November 17th) NSI had 147 members. The board is very pleased with this growth.

The single largest contributor to this growth was the collective registration of members from the Norwegian Society for Immunology and Transfusion Medicine (NFIT). A total of 52 NFIT members are now NSI members, 37 of which were not NSI members previously. The NSI board is looking forward to further collaboration with NFIT in the future.

A prize, in the form of a 2000 NOK voucher at Vinmonopolet, was presented to member number 200 as part of a recruiting campaign.

Members of the board

President Johanna Olweus, MD, PhD, Institute of Immunology, Oslo.

The President, elected in 2005, wishes to continue for the remaining one year of her two-year term.

Treasurer Alexandre Corthay, PhD, Institute of Immunology, Oslo.

The Treasurer, elected in 2004, has completed his two-year term.

Secretary Anders Sandvik, MSc, Institute of Pathology, Oslo.

The Secretary was elected in 2005 to replace the leaving secretary who left before the end of his two-year term. The Secretary has completed his term.

Board member Stig Tollefsen, PhD, Institute of Immunology, Oslo.

The Board member, elected in 2005, wishes to continue for the remaining one year of his two-year term.

According to the NSI statutes, the board should consist of a president/leader, treasurer, secretary and 1 or 2 additional board members.

Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI) and international organizations

All NSI members are collectively members of the SSI. NSI pay 15EUR per member in membership fees to SSI annually. SSI offer several benefits to our members including travel grants and discounted meeting registration. SSI is a member of the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS). EFIS is a member of the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS).

NSI meeting history / activities 2005-2006

Abstracts and announcements can be downloaded at: www.norwegianimmunology.org/history.htm

“Secretary Immunity: Past Present and Future”

Guest lecture by Professor Per Brandtzæg

November 8, 2006

“MHC/HLA: Past, present and future”

Guest lecture by Professor Erik Thorsby

October 30, 2006

“Antibodies and genetic glutenintolerance”

Guest lecture by Professor Markku Mäki

September 18, 2006

Jubilee Symposium in honor of Professor Erik Thorsby

September 15, 2006

Sponsored by NSI

“Retrospective: Via rheumatoid factors (autoantibodies to IgG Fc) to polyspecific antibodies and autoimmunogenic antibodies”

Guest lecture by Professor Em. Kristian Hannestad
September 13, 2006

Jubilee Symposium in honor of Professor Per Brandtzæg
June 09-10, 2006
Sponsored by NSI

“Characterization and monitoring of anti-tumor T cell responses in cancer patients”

Guest lecture by Dr Per thor Straten
June 02, 2006

“DNA repair and acquired immunity”

Guest lecture by Professor Geir Slupphaug
May 23, 2006

10th Annual Broegelmann Lecture - Day of Immunology, Bergen
May 19, 2006

Day of Immunology – *“Immunforsvaret til kamp mot kreft”*

May 12, 2006

“Conserved features of secretory immunity in mammals, birds and amphibians”

Lunch Seminar by Dr Finn-Eirik Johansen
April 26, 2006

“Pathogen-, genome- and HLA-wide epitope identification; a novel immunobioinformatics tool.”

Guest Lecture by Professor Søren Buus
March 3, 2006

Aniversary Symposium: Professor Sigbjørn Fossum 60 years!

December 12, 2005

Sponsored by NSI

Day of Immunology

The Day of Immunology is an international initiative to strengthen the public awareness of immunology as the basis for individual health and well-being. NSI organized a half-day seminar on the role of the immune system in the combat against cancers (*“Immunforsvaret til kamp mot kreft”*). More than 300 participants in the Universitetets Aula got to hear excellent popularized lectures from scientist and physicians. The event generated considerable media interest and coverage. The Day of Immunology is by far the largest event organized by NSI. For more details about the program visit our website: www.norwegianimmunology.org/doi/immunologidagen_2006.htm.

Economy

The financial situation is sound. Please find enclosed the statutory accounts for 2006.

Elections

NSI board

The current Treasurer, Alexandre Corthay, was elected in 2004 and has now completed his two-year term. **The position as Treasurer is vacant.**

The current Secretary, Anders Sandvik, was elected in 2005 to replace the former secretary who retired one year early. The Secretary has completed his term and wishes to be replaced. **The position as Secretary is vacant.**

To maintain the high level of NSI activities, the board wishes to expand by including one additional Board member. **A position as Board member is vacant.**

The Election committee recommends the following candidates for the vacant board positions:

Anne Lise K. Hestvik, PhD Student, Institute of Immunology (Secretary candidate)
Jan Terje Andersen, PhD Student, IMBV, Blindern (Treasurer candidate)
Edith Rian, Post doc., Institute for Cancer Research (Board member candidate)

All candidates have accepted to serve on the board.

Election committee

The election committee consisted of Tor Lea and Erik Dissen. The general assembly appoints a new election committee.

Auditors

The auditors for 2005-2006, Ludvig Munthe and Tone Berge, were appointed by the 2005 general assembly. The general assembly elects two auditors to review the NSI accounts for the year 2006-2007.

Approval of the local NSI board in Bergen

There are 36 paying NSI members in Bergen at present. The Bergen branch organizes meetings in collaboration with other organizations and institutes in Bergen. The NSI board appreciates this activity and would like to formalize the bonds to NSI Bergen by establishing a local board approved by the general assembly. The local representatives are elected for two years.

The following have accepted to serve on the local board:

Karl Albert Brokstad, PhD, Sr Research Fellow, Broegelmann Research Laboratory
Silke Appel, PhD, Post doc., Broegelmann Research Laboratory
Torbjørn Hansen, MD PhD, Ass. Prof., Gades Institutt, and Head Physician, Haukeland
Kate Frøland, Senior Executive Officer, Broegelmann Research Laboratory

Proposal from the board

Although the financial situation is sound, the increased activity over the past two years demand increased financial flexibility. The majority of the membership fee is directly transferred to the Scandinavian Society for Immunology (15 EUR/member). This arrangement provides our members with a number of benefits. However, it does leave little to NSI to spend on international speakers, meeting expenses and other running costs, despite a satisfying increase in member numbers. In 2006 we managed to produce a surplus from the Day of Immunology event due to kind sponsors and a lot of work. The society can not rely on sponsor funding to maintain the current activity level. Therefore the board proposes to regulate the membership fee for 2007.

Membership fees 2007

– Ordinary members*	250 NOK (200)
– Student members	150 NOK (100)
– NFIT members	200 NOK (150)
– Patrons/company members	5000 NOK (1000)

*Including PhD students
(Current fee)

Oslo, November 21th 2006

Johanna Olweus
President
(Sign)

Alexandre Corthay
Treasurer
(Sign)

Anders Sandvik
Secretary
(Sign)

Stig Tollefsen
Board member
(Sign)

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Bank	21.11.2006	17.11.2005	Change
Postbanken	156 128,55	158 409,89	-2 281,34
Year end result (156 128,55 - 158 409,89)			-2 281,34

Profit and loss account

Income 2006

Membership fees	39 640,00
Annual meeting 2005 (social event)	200,00
Day of Immunology 2006 sponsors	95 100,00
Interests 2005 Postbanken	145,20
Scandinavian Journal of Immunology	3 765,00
Total	138 850,20

Costs 2006

Annual Meeting 2005	10 214,60
NSI website domain annual fee (2005 + 2006)	625,00
NSI Award for Outstanding Article 2006	10 000,00
NSI meetings	22 712,06
Day of Immunology 2006 costs	61 682,45
Bank fees	346,36
Scandinavian Journal of Immunology	4810,00
Scandinavian Society for Immunology (2004 + 2005)	30 741,07
Total	141 131,54

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Notes:

- The meeting agenda was approved by the general assembly (18 members present).
- The annual report with statutory accounts was approved by the general assembly.
- Candidates for vacant board positions, recommended by the election committee, were elected for 2 years by acclamation.
 - o Jan Terje Andersen (Treasurer)
 - o Anne Lise K. Hestvik (Secretary)
 - o Edith Rian (Board member)
- The local NSI board for the Bergen branch was elected for 2 years and approved by the general assembly.
 - o Karl Albert Brokstad
 - o Silke Appel
 - o Torbjørn Hansen
 - o Kate Frøland
- The proposal from the board regarding new membership fee rates was approved by the general assembly.
 - o New rates:
 - Ordinary members (PhD stud. incl.) 250 NOK
 - Student members 150 NOK
 - NFIT members 200 NOK
 - Patrons/Company members 5000 NOK
- The election committee for the next 2 years (2007 and 2008) consists of Ludvig Munthe and Anders Sandvik. The committee was approved by the general assembly.
- The general assembly appointed 2 auditors at the 2005 annual general assembly meeting. The auditors serve for 2 years. Tone Berge and Ludvig Munthe complete their term after the 2007 annual general assembly meeting.

For election results and comments to the annual report with statutory accounts also see: "Minutes from the Annual General Assembly Meeting 2006".