

UPCOMING NSMM EVENTS 2008

The NSMM is happy to announce two upcoming events in the spring of 2008: the annual scientific meeting and a course on histopathology.

5th NSMM scientific meeting and the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Swedish Society for Clinical Mycology

The next and fifth Scientific Meeting of NSMM, arranged in collaboration with the Swedish Society for Clinical Mycology, will take place on May 22nd 2008, Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting is held at "Teaterskeppet" which is situated in Stockholm harbour and during the lunch-break the ship will take us on a trip in the beautiful Stockholm archipelago.



Information regarding the programme is available on the web site and registration and abstract submission forms will be available soon. (www.nsmm.nu).

The theme of the meeting will be **Impacts of Diagnostics on Antifungal Treatment**

and it is a great pleasure to announce that we have the honour to have two distinguished invited key-note speakers: William Steinbach from Duke University, USA who will talk on "Fungal Infections

in the Neonatal and Pediatric Population" a topic which is highly relevant but less well studied in the Nordic countries and Rosemary Barnes from Cardiff University, UK who will talk on "Impacts of Diagnostics on Antifungal Treatment: Have New Developments brought us any further?" which with all the new tests being developed is a burning topic.



William Steinbach



Rosemary Barnes

So....

Plan now to attend!

Another event in 2008 is

NSMM Course

Histopathology in Medical Mycology: Theory to Practice

A one-day course on the diagnosis of fungal infections by histopathology will be held at the Department of Pathology, Karolinska, Huddinge, Stockholm on May 21st 2008 by Professor Henrik Elvang Jensen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The course will cover the most important mycoses with focus on the diagnosis including discussions of methods, diagnostic strength, differential diagnoses, pitfalls, etc. The course will be a composition of lectures and practical exercises at the microscope for the morphological recognition of fungi. The application of immunohistochemistry for the identification of fungi to the genus and/or species level in tissue will be covered in the lectures.

The course is aimed at clinical microbiologists and pathologists with interest in medical mycology.

The programme draft is indicated below.

- 09.00 Lecture: Histomorphological diagnosis of mycoses I
- 10.00 Coffee/tea
- 10.15 Practical: Microscopy of histological slides
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12.30 Lecture: Histomorphological diagnosis of mycoses II
- 13.00 Practical: Microscopy of histological slides
- 14.00 Coffee/tea
- 14.30 Lecture: Immunohistochemical diagnosis of mycoses
- 15.30 Practical: Microscopy of histological slides
- 16.45 Closing and evaluation
- 17.00 End of course

At the course relevant literature will be handed out. The number of participants is limited to 10 due to its hands-on design, and registrations will be handled on a first come first serve basis. For programme, and registration please visit www.nsmm.nu

RECENT EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

The AGM 2007 was held just after the scientific meeting held in Helsinki. The minutes will be sent to all members separately by the NSMM Secretary.

4th NSMM scientific meeting 2007: Superficial Fungal Infections

The 4th scientific meeting was held on May 30th in Helsinki at the Biomedicum Helsinki and organised by the Finnish Society for Medical Mycology in conjunction with the NSMM. This years meeting focused on superficial fungal infections. **Jack Sobel** from the Department of Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, USA gave the key-note lecture on Recurrent Recurrent Vulvovaginal Candidiasis: Advances in Pathogenesis and Treatment. This was a very useful and timely update on a difficult to treat infection. The Nordic perspective of recurrent vulvovaginitis was given by **Professor Jorma Paavonen** of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Uni-

versity of Helsinki. Continuing the theme of superficial infections, **Jouni Issakainen**, from Turku, Finland presented a detailed review of Non-dermatophytes as Agents of Onychomycosis. **Professor Jan Faergemann** for the Department of Dermatology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg updated the meeting participants on new treatment options for onychomycosis. The use of probiotics is a contemporary topic at the moment and **Malcolm Richardson** from the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology, University of Helsinki gave a lecture on the use of probiotics in controlling oral candidosis. The infectious diseases specialists viewpoint on topical issues in superficial fungal infections was given by **Veli-Jukka Anttila** and **Asko Järvinen**, both from the Division of Infectious Diseases, Helsinki University Central Hospital. Dr Anttila spoke about skin and mucosal manifestations of systemic fungal infections, and Dr Järvinen gave his perspective on the problems associated with antifungal therapy for superficial fungal infections. The theme of the symposium was complemented with three clinical case presentations given by **Elsa Svejgaard** and **Merete Hædersdal**, both from Denmark. We hope that everyone enjoyed the meeting as much as we did and thank all the speakers and participants for coming.



NSMM Meeting Helsinki: Professor J. Sobel



NSMM Meeting Helsinki: participants

3rd Trends in Medical Mycology (TIMM)

One of the premier medical mycology congresses within the European context is the Trend in Medical Mycology conference. With previous Trends being held in Amsterdam and Berlin it was Turin's turn. A very successful and varied programme took place on 28-31 October 2007. The NSMM was well represented with our President being a member of the Executive Committee, and faculty members from all the Nordic countries. For further details of the 3rd TIMM visit www.TIMM2007.org. For your information the next TIMM will be held in Athens on 18-21 October 2009 www.TIMM2009.org. NSMM will again be represented in the executive organising committee by the ECMM delegate Maiken Cavling Arendrup and any suggestions or comments will be welcomed in order to make the 4th TIMM even more successful and attractive than the recent one (contact Maiken Cavling Arendrup at mad@ssi.dk) Other mycological happenings around the globe are featured on the NSMM web site.

ECMM news

The annual board meeting of the ECMM (European Council for Medical Mycology) to which the NSMM is affiliated was held in Torino during the TIMM conference.



ECMM board members 2007

The society has experienced a remarkable growth during the last years due to sponsorship and due to the fact that the TIMM conferences are now so successful that a surplus is shared between the ECMM, the EORTC and the congress care company. As a result it will in the future be possible to

allocate money for activities like research grants, study-groups, etc. The ECMM has organised two symposia in Istanbul in connection with the IUMS meeting on August 5 2008 focusing on invasive fungal infections in the ICU and zygomycosis. For further information please visit www.ecmm.org

A number of ECMM working groups are now active targeting Scedosporiosis, Zygomycosis, ICU candidosis, Malassezia and a pulmonary mycoses registry. Interested colleagues can visit the ECMM web site for further information on the work of these working groups.

Finally, as no venue has yet been selected for the TIMM conference in 2011 bids are open for national and Nordic societies. Informal contact has been made to the NSMM and if interested colleagues in the NSMM society are willing to contribute to a future TIMM congress in the Nordic region please contact Maiken Cavling Arendrup at mad@ssi.dk

Sponsors

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

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