

### UPCOMING NSMM EVENTS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> NSMM scientific meeting 2007:

The next and fourth Scientific Meeting of NSMM will take place in Helsinki, 30 May 2007 at Biomedicum Helsinki as a joint meeting with the Finnish Society for Medical Mycology. The theme is Superficial Fungal Infections and it is with great pleasure that we can announce that Jack Sobel has accepted to give the key-note lecture on the mycological aspects of Vulvovaginal Candidiasis. Jack Sobel is a distinguished researcher, physician and speaker who has for many years been interested in mucosal Candida infections.

#### Superficial fungal infections

- 11.00 Welcome  
FSMM President & NSMM President
- 11.05 Key-Note Lecture: Mycological Aspects of Recurrent Vulvovaginal Candidiasis.  
*Jack Sobel MD.*
- 12.00 Lunch/Posters
- 13.00 Onychomycosis: are non-dermatophyte moulds important?  
*R. Suhonen (FI)*
- 13.30 Update on recurrent vulvovaginal candidosis  
*J Paavonen (FI)*
- 14.00 The use of probiotics in controlling oral candidosis  
*Malcolm Richardson (FI)*
- 14.30 Diagnostic and treatment challenges in skin and mucosal fungal infections: Three clinical cases.  
*Else L Svejgaard & Merete Hædersdal (DK)*
- 15.00 Onychomycosis: New Treatment Options  
*Jan Faergemann (SE)*
- 15.30 Coffee/Tea Break/Posters
- 16.00 Skin and mucosal manifestations of systemic fungal infections  
*Veli-Jukka Anttila (FI)*
- 16.30 Antifungals for superficial fungal infections: Achievements and limitations  
*Asko Järvinen (FI)*
- 17.00 Free/offered papers (3)
- 17.30 End of meeting
- 17.45 Annual General meeting
- 18.30 Dinner (Fee 25 €)

Further information regarding programme, registration and abstract submission forms is available at the web site.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

The AGM 2007 will be held May the 30<sup>th</sup> at the Biomedicum in Helsinki, just after the 4th annual meeting.

This year the following members of the board have now served their 3 year-term: Maiken Cavling Arendrup DK, Malcolm Richardson FI, Lena Klingspor SE, and Jan Faergeman SE. All four accept re-election, however, any members willing to stand for office as Board Member are of course most welcomed and should be nominated by at least two NSMM members no later than 3 weeks before the general assembly i.e. May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007. If more than one nomination is received, the Society shall proceed to elections by ballot at the AGM. The preliminary agenda for the AGM (propositions from the members remain to be included) is the following:

1. Report from the president  
Maiken Cavling Arendrup
2. Report from the general secretary  
Peter Gaustad
3. Report from the treasurer  
Ditte Saunte
4. Next scientific meeting  
Topic and Venue
5. Election of board members
6. Propositions from the members
7. Any other business

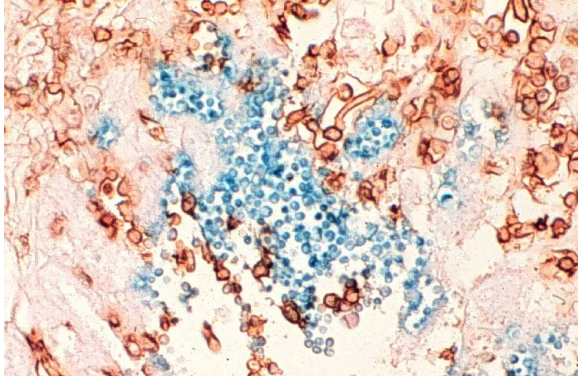
We welcome suggestions propositions and ideas from the members, please contact any of the board members (contact information available at the web-site [www.nsmm.nu](http://www.nsmm.nu))

#### ONE-DAY COURSE IN HISTOPATHOLOGY May 31 2007

A one-day course in histopathology for the detection and species or genus identification of fungal elements in tissue will be held in Haartman Institute, Haartmaninkatu 3, University of Helsinki May 31– that is the day after the annual meeting.

Henrik Elvang-Jensen (Denmark) who has over many years developed and optimised the use of immuno-detection and identification of fungal

elements in tissue sections has set up a programme including lectures and practical exercises. Yeast, mould and dimorphic infections will be covered.



*C. albicans* (red) and *C. glabrata* (blue). Immunohistopathology. By courtesy of Henrik Elvang-Jensen.

The deadline of registration is 1<sup>st</sup> of March, registration will be at a first come first serve basis and the number of participants will be limited to 10 in order to ensure maximum yield. However due to the expenses associated with the course, the course will only be held if 10 people register.

Registration fee is 400 € and registration is done by email to Malcolm Richardson at

[malcolm.richardson@helsinki.fi](mailto:malcolm.richardson@helsinki.fi)

and is valid when the registration fee is received and confirmed by Malcolm Richardson. Detailed information on the programme and venue will be available at the web site no later than Feb the 1<sup>st</sup>.

## RECENT EVENTS

### NRMM news

The second “Nordic EQA shipment” which raised several important issues concerning difficulties in diagnosing important fungal pathogens when in a mixed culture, has now been accepted for publication in the Scandinavian Journal for Infectious Diseases. It is our hope that the results will thus reach a broader audience and hopefully lead to greater awareness on the handling of samples from patients at risk of fungal infections.

If interested you may order a copy of the report by contacting Maiken Cavling Arendrup ([mad@ssi.dk](mailto:mad@ssi.dk)) and a link to the printed article will be put on the NRMM website (accessible from [www.nsmm.nu](http://www.nsmm.nu)) as soon as it is available.

A third “Nordic EQA shipment” is currently under preparation and is planned to be distributed in the spring or early autumn. It is our hope that the majority of the Nordic Laboratories handling samples from hospitalised patients for microbiological testing will participate.

## NSMM WEBSITE UPDATED

Our website has been updated and registration forms are now available together with the final programme for the 4<sup>th</sup> joint NSMM & FSMM meeting and information on the Course in Histopathology.



Therefore we encourage you to visit the webpage, and as usual suggestions and comments are welcome.

## Sponsors

Although still just in the beginning of 2007 it has been possible to raise sponsor support for this year's meeting. We gratefully thank Merck Sharp & Dohme and Schering-Plough (in alphabetic order) for their generous contributions.

On behalf of the society.

Maiken Cavling Arendrup, President of the Nordic Society for Medical Mycology, [mad@ssi.dk](mailto:mad@ssi.dk)



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