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Important dates:

- 10 June 2004 – deadline for submission of abstracts
- 10 July – notification of acceptance
- 15 June – deadline for low congress fee
- 15 August – cancellation of participation

Programme outline

Thursday 2 Sept	Friday 3 Sept	Saturday 4 Sept	Sunday 5 Sept
	09:00 – 12:30 Registration 09:30 – 11:30 Satellite Symposium by Wyeth Lederle 11:30 – 12:25 Lunch	08:30 – 10:30 Session 3: Part 1 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee & exhibition 11:00 – 13:00 Part 2 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch	09:00 – 10:30 Session 6: 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee & exhibition 10:45 – 11:30 General Assembly 11:30 – 13:00 Session 7: 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
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WELCOME

Dear colleagues,

The Scandinavian Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy shall shortly be meeting in Oslo.

We are eagerly waiting to welcoming you here with us.

This annual meeting has proven to be important to us – and we are especially welcoming students and scientists to share knowledge with them.

Travel grants are available for young scientists and the congress fee is waived. Poster boards will be made available and a special session has been dedicated the posters and discussions with the presenters.

Awards will be given to the best posters.

In Oslo we also encourage members of the Society to contribute! We wish to have a “swinging and jazzy” evening on Friday, after the reception at Oslo City Hall. Those of you feeling like playing along, please bring your horns!

We wish to thank our sponsors and exhibitors making this event possible. We aim to achieve an atmosphere where members, speakers, scientists, students and exhibitors shall all gain - and will do our utmost to make this into a memorable meeting.

Heartily welcome to Oslo in September!

Oddbjørn Brubakk
Congress President

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

This programme is preliminary and subject to changes

Thursday 2 September

14:30-17:00 **Mini-course: Diagnosis and management of resistant tuberculosis**

Chair: **Tone Tønjum**, NO and **Otto Cars**, SE

- **Sven Hoffner**, SE: The epidemiology of resistant tuberculosis and multidrug resistant tuberculosis
- **Troels Lillebæk**, DK: Multidrug resistant tuberculosis in Denmark
- **Tone Tønjum**, NO: Impact of genome instability on antibiotic resistance and pathogenesis of tuberculosis
- **Varla Leimane**, Latvia: Clinical diagnosis and treatment of multidrug resistant tuberculosis

17.30 Dinner for participants in the Mini- course

Friday 3 September

09:00-12:30 **Registration**

09:30-11:30 **Satellite symposium: Infections in the ICU, arranged by Wyeth Lederle**

11:00 Exhibition opens

11:30-12:25 **Lunch** at Hotel Bristol

12:30-12:40 **Opening of the meeting**

12:40-14:00 **Session 1: Adjunctive therapy in severe infections**

Chair: **Marianne Jertborn**, SE and **Johan N. Bruun**, NO

- **Esa Rintala**, FI: The use of activated protein C in the treatment of sepsis and septic shock
- **Anna Norrby-Teglund**, SE: Use of immunoglobulins in treatment of serious streptococcal infections.
- **Petter Brandtzæg**, NO: Corticosteroids in the treatment of bacterial meningitis and sepsis.

14:00-14:45 Coffee break and visit to the posters and exhibition

14:45-15:30 **Honorary lecture**

Chair: **Olav Øktedalen**, Norway

- **Per Brandtzæg**, Norway: Mucosal immunity - role as front-line defence against infections.

15:45-17:00 **Session 2: Invited Young Scientists.**

Chair: **Karl G Kristinsson**, IC and **Nils Frimodt Møller**, DK

- Programme not decided.

18.30 Reception at Oslo City Hall

20.30 Get-together, Stortorvets Gjestgiveri, Stortorvet
Entrance from Grubbegaten

Saturday 4 September

08:30-10:30 **Session 3: Infections in global perspective and imported infectious diseases to the Nordic countries.**

Part I

Chair: **Bodil Eriksen Neuman**, FI and **Bjørn Myrvang**, NO

- **Gunnar Bjune**, NO: How the HIV epidemic has changed the tuberculosis problem in Africa.
- **Ib Bygberg**, DK: Interactions between malaria and HIV infection.
- **Søren Fangel-Jensen**, DK: HIV in immigrants to Denmark
- **Dag Kvale**, NO: The prospect of alternative therapy against HIV infection.

10:30-11:00 Coffee break and visit to posters and the exhibition

Saturday 4 September cont ...

11:00-13:00 **Part II**

Chair: **Lars Østergård**, DK and **Mogens Jensenius**, NO

- **Francisco Vega-Lopez**, UK: Diagnosis and treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis.
- **Heidi Lindbeck**, SE: Dengue fever imported to Sweden
- **Lars Rombo**, SE: Who need drug prophylaxis against malaria
- **Bjarne Bjorvatn**, NO: Strategies to increase global coverage of essential vaccines.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 **Session 4: Chronic fatigue syndrome/Myalgic encephalopathy (CFS/ME)**

Chair: **Oddbjørn Brubakk**, NO and **Christian Østergaard**, DK

- **Birgitta Evengard**, SE: ME exists! Experience from an outpatient clinic in Sweden.
- **Sverrir Bergmann**, IC: Akureyri disease- an early epidemic of CFS/ME
- **Kenny DeMeirleir**, Belgium: New diagnostic tools in CFS/ME-, the evidence for infections as a trigger for the syndrome and the indications for treating some of the patients with antibacterial drugs,

15:30-16:00 Coffee break and visit to the posters and exhibition

16:00-17:30: **Session 5: Free papers**

Chair: **Jukka Nikoskelainen**, FI and **Gunnar Kahlmeter**, SE

- Programme not decided

19:15 Bus departure from Bristol Hotel

19:30 **Dinner at Wallmans Salonger**

Sunday 5 September

09:00-10:30 **Session 6: Infections in injecting drug users**

Chair: **E. Arne Høiby**, NO and **Asle Enger**, NO

- **Chris McGuigan**, UK: Clostridium infections in IDU
- **Mogens Jensenius**, NO: Botulism in IDU
- **E. Arne Høiby**, NO: Bacillus infections in IDU.
- **Marcus Kuusi**, FI: Hepatitis A among IDU

10:30-10:45 Coffee break and exhibition

10:45-11:30 **General Assembly in the SSAC**

11:30-13:00 **Session 7: Nosocomial infections**

Chair: **Bjørn-Erik Kristiansen**, NO and **Otto Cars**, SE

- **Rune Bakke**, NO: Biofilms
- **Outi Lyytikäinen**, FI: Catheter-related infections
- **Bjørn Iversen**, NO: The Dent-o-Sept story
- **Robert Skov**, DK: Report from the MRSA working group

13:00 End of meeting

13:00-14:00 Lunch

CALL FOR PAPERS

The SSAC 2004 organizing committee welcomes the submission of abstracts of original contributions for presentation at the meeting. All topics in infectious diseases, antimicrobial chemotherapy, medical microbiology and immunology may be submitted.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the SSAC board and may be selected for poster presentation and will appear in the final programme.

From each of the Nordic countries one poster will be chosen and presented in the session of Invited young scientists. Eight posters will be selected for oral presentation in the session of Free papers.

2 posters will be awarded the Bristol-Myers Squibb poster prize of NOK 10 000 each.

Submission of abstracts

Deadline for submission of abstracts is **10 June 2004**.

An abstract form will be made available on SSAC Web site:

www.srga/ssac/ssac2004.html

Size: H: 21 cm W: 14,8 cm, no margins required

Abstracts may be submitted by regular mail as paper print, or on diskette / CD, or by e-mail as attachment. Abstracts must be in English.

Please forward the abstracts to:

SSAC 2004

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Notification of acceptance and instructions for preparing for posters will be given no later than 10 July 2004.

Specific Information

Invitation to Young Scientists

Among the submitted abstracts the board of the SSAC will select one abstract from each Nordic country to be presented as an oral 10 minutes presentation in the session of "Invited Young Scientists". It is therefore important to indicate the age and position of the author in the abstract form. The presenting author will receive reimbursement covering registration fee, hotel accommodation and air-fare.

Travel grants

The SSAC foundation and the SSAC board have also this year donated a number of travel grants to be used for young doctors and scientists participating in the meeting. Each grant is limited to a maximum of NOK 5000. The application form is found on the SSAC website www.ssac.nu. The completed application form should be sent by mail or fax to the scientific secretariat no later than 15 June 2004.

The SSAC board will decide the distribution of grants and will give priority to applicants who are submitting an abstract to the meeting.

SSAC Mini-course

On Thursday 2 September from 14:00-17:00 a Mini course will be arranged, entitled: "Diagnosis and treatment of multidrug resistant tuberculosis". The purpose is to focus on an increasing problem in the Nordic countries.

The Mini course is free of charge for SSAC-members and for participants at the meeting. The number of participants is limited to 50. Places will be allocated on a "first-come-first serve basis".

To register for the Mini course please tick off the appropriate box on the registration form.

SSAC General Assembly

SSAC General Assembly will take place during the meeting on 5 September 2004.

Satellite Symposium

A satellite symposium is organized in connection with the meeting. The symposium is arranged by Wyeth Lederle under the title "Infections in the ICU".

See last page of Second Announcement for more information.

Those interested in participating in the symposium should indicate so by ticking off the appropriate box on the registration form.

PRACTICAL and GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue:

Bristol Hotel
Kristian IV's gate 7, Oslo

Access to the meeting area is through the reception of the hotel and up the stairs in the middle of the café.

Accommodation:

Rooms are available at Bristol Hotel from 2 till 5 September. Rates are quoted per room per night, including a buffet style breakfast, service charges and local tax.

Economy room	Single room standard	Double room standard
NOK 995	NOK 1 070	NOK 1 370
Limited no. of rooms		

Please reserve your accommodation on the registration form. To secure the reservation, a deposit of NOK 1 000 per room reservation is required. The deposit is to be paid together with the registration fee(s), and will be deducted from the final hotel bill upon check out.

Additional hotel rooms in the vicinity will be made available depending on requests.

Badge:

We kindly urge all participants to wear their badge at all times during the meeting – and also during the joint social programmes.

Bank charges:

Bank charges will be deducted from the pre paid hotel deposit or claimed upon registration. Please make sure that all payments are received – net of all bank charges.

Cancellation and changes:

The cancellation fee is NOK 350 per person. Cancellations must be forwarded in writing to ICS, Sissi P. Solberg A/S as soon as possible. For cancellations received before 15 August, a refund of the prepaid amount – less the cancellation fee – will be processed after the meeting.

Cancellations received after this date entitles to no refund and unpaid registration fee(s) or/and accommodation deposit(s) will be claimed.

Changes of accommodation (dates/ type of room) or unpaid hotel bills will be invoiced at NOK 250. Accommodation may be cancelled without charges until 15 August at 24:00

Credit cards are accepted: Diners Club, EuroCard/Mastercard, AmEx and Visa. When paying by credit card, please forward the registration form via fax with the signature of the cardholder.

Exhibition:

The exhibition will be open from Friday 3 September at 11:00 – till the end of the meeting. Coffee will be served in the exhibition area being next to the plenary session room.

Insurance / Liability:

The organisers accept no liability for personal injuries sustained, nor losses or damages to property belonging to the participants or accompanying persons either during or after – or as a result of the meeting. Please arrange for personal adequate insurance.

Language:

The official language is English. All abstracts and presentations must be in English.

Local transportation:

There will be no transportation to the reception at Oslo City Hall – nor to or from the Get-together party at Stortorvets Gjestgiveri on Friday 3 September.

Bus transfer will be provided from the Bristol Hotel to Wallmans Salonger on Saturday 4 September at 19:15 - departing from Bristol Hotel. The return transportation will be at 24:00 (midnight). Those wishing to stay longer will have to make their own return arrangements.

Payments:

All payments must be made in NOK (Norwegian kroner) to:

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Please make sure all payments are made net of all bank charges and clearly states the name of the participant(s).

The payments must be received by ICS **by 15 August 2004**. Payments received after this date will be processed as if the registration was received after 15 August and the higher registration fee charged and claimed.

Poster exhibition:

Posters will be located on Level 3 – in Olav Salen, - access via the stairs in the conference area.

Each poster may have the following measures:

Width: 97, 6 cm

Height: 140 cm

Mounting: Friday 3 September from 08:30.

Dismantling: Sunday 5 September as early as possible, please

Tape and pins will be provided. Posters left on the boards will be destroyed.

Registration fees:

	Until 15 June 2004	From 16 June 2004
SSAC members	NOK 2 950	NOK 3 450
Non-members	NOK 3 950	NOK 4 450
Young members*)	NOK 1 950	NOK 2 150
Acc. Persons	NOK 1 600	NOK 1 800

*) Young members of SSAC are either below 30 years of age or have not yet completed their specialist training.

Registration fee(s) include:

Participation in the scientific programme, access to the Exhibition and the Poster exhibition, coffee breaks with refreshments, lunches (no beverages included), reception at Oslo City Hall followed by Get-together party Friday 3 as well as the Dinner at Wallmans Salonger on Saturday 4 September. Participants will also receive the final programme with abstracts, a list of participants and a personal badge. Accompanying persons may take part in the social programmes only.

Secretariat during the meeting:

Location: Bristol Hotel – level 2 – outside the Haakon and Maud rooms. The secretariat will be open from Thursday 2 September at 13:30 till Sunday 5 September at 13:30. The secretariat will be manned half hour prior to and after the scientific programme.

Social programmes:

Friday 3 September

18:30 Reception at Oslo City Hall – hosted by the City of Oslo
Please be on time! Please bring the invitation card found in the personal registration envelope. The reception will last approx. 1,5 hrs.

Dress code: Business

Friday 3 September cont ...

20:30 Get-together party – with swinging music
Stortorvets Gjestgiveri, Stortorvet, entrance from Grubbegaten.
A buffet style dinner and beverages – and a Jazz band!
If you wish to play along, please bring your horn.

A map showing the location will be available at the Secretariat

Saturday 4 September

19:15 Bus transportation from Bristol Hotel

19:30 Dinner and entertainment at Wallman Salonger, Mølleparken 6

24:00 Return transportation to Bristol Hotel

Dress code: Business

Transport from and to the Gardermoen International Airport. We recommend “Flybussen”, the Airport Express Bus, which will stop very close by the Bristol Hotel.

Departure: Every 15 minutes just outside the arrival hall. Tickets at NOK 105 one way; round trip tickets at NOK 160 (must be bought at the airport). Transfer time approx. 45–50 min.

If you have any questions regarding the practical arrangements, please contact ICS, Sissi P. Solberg A/S

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