



11th European Neurofibromatosis meeting

Families and professionals together

July 7-10, 2005
Göteborg, Sweden

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WELCOME TO GÖTEBORG

Welcome to the 11th European NF-meeting in Göteborg (Gothenburg) 7 - 10th of July 2005. A congress for families and professionals dealing with the diagnosis with separate and conjoint meetings.

The meetings cover a wide range of topics from recent findings in cell biology to clinical aspects; how to treat tumours and neuropsychiatric assessment. Genetic counselling for NF will be a special session. Also special focus on children's situation and treatment with cochlea implants.

The speakers are practising clinicians from a wide range of specialities both from Europe and United States yet share a common interest and research in neurofibromatosis.

We hope to interest families and professionals with our programme. The conference is held in Arken attractively situated on the Göta Älv river to the west of Göteborg with accommodation available in the same building.

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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Thursday 7 July

- 15.00 Registration
19.00 Get-together at Arken

Friday 8 July

- 09.00 - 09.15 Welcome
Hans Aronsson, Region of Västra Götaland
Birgitta Rembeck - chair of the meeting
Anita Engström - chair of NF Sweden
- 09.15 - 13.00 Session 1 - NF 2 and Schwannomatosis
Jan Dumanski, Arvid Heiberg,
Helge Rask-Andersen, Mia McCollin
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 16.00 Session 2 - Cellbiology and tumours
Juha Peltonen Dieter Kaufman, Michael Early,
Lennart Angervall, David Gutmann
- 16.00 - 18.00 Session 3 - Genetics, research presentation
Eric Legius, Meena Upadhyaya, Vic Riccardo,
Rosalie Ferner
Dinner at Arken

Saturday 9 July

- 09.00 - 13.00 Session 4 - Clinical manifestation and genetic counselling
Minna Pöyhönen, Susan Huson, Bruce Korf,
Gareth Evans, Sirkku Peltonen, Eva-Maria Leisti
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 18.00 Session 5 - Clinical aspects and Neuropsychiatry
Egil Ruud, Madeleine Zöller, Birgitta Rembeck,
Barbro Westerberg, Sirkku Peltonen, Rohna
Macleod
- 18.00 - 18.30 Next European meeting

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME, cont'd

Sunday 10 July

09.00 - 11.00 Possibilities of future treatment
Jan Wahlström, Peter Bellerman

11.00 - 12.00 Summary of the Conference to lay persons

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Friday 8 July at 18.00

Boat trip in the archipelago



Saturday 9 July at 19.00

Dinner at Arken.



GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

**Deadline for abstract submission is
Notification of acceptance is**

**1 April 2005
early May 2005**

The Scientific Committee invites authors to submit abstracts for consideration and inclusion in the programme. Please find below instructions for preparation of abstracts.

Instructions For Submission of Abstracts

- Abstracts should be submitted no later than 1 April 2005 (www.congress2005.nf-forbundet.se)
- Only abstracts submitted through the submission on-line, available on the congress website, will be considered.
- Acknowledgement of receipt of the submission will be sent to the stated e-mail address in the section "Contact details". If you do not receive the confirming e-mail within 24 hours, your submission was not complete and needs to be resubmitted.
- Notification of acceptance of the abstracts will be e-mailed early May 2005.
- The corresponding author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing the other authors of the status of the abstract.
- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Maximum 300 words/2 000 characters (including spaces and excluding the title and author information).
- Make the abstract as informative as possible, including a brief **background, hypotheses or the purpose** of the study, the **methods** used, the **results** obtained, and the **conclusions** based upon the results. It is inadequate to state "the results will be discussed" or "the data will be presented".
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. The Organizers will not correct any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact. Poor English may be a cause for rejection.
- Presenters of abstracts must pay the registration fee for attendance at the Scientific Sessions.

**If you have any questions regarding abstracts please contact:
nf2005abstract@gbg.congrex.se**

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Swedish tax legislation requires delegates to pay their registration fee either including or excluding Swedish VAT (Value added tax).

- **Delegates from a company/organisation within the European Union** must state their VAT registration Number to be able to pay the Congress fee excluding VAT. If no VAT registration Number is given the fee will include VAT.
- **Delegates from a company/organisation outside the European Union** pay the Congress fee excluding VAT.
- **Swedish delegates** pay the Congress fee including VAT.
- **Hotels, social events** always include VAT.

Congress fee	excluding VAT before 1 May	including VAT 20% before 1 May
Professionals	SEK 3.400	SEK 4.250
NF members	SEK 1.600	SEK 2.000

	excluding VAT after 1 May	including VAT 20% after 1 May
Professionals	SEK 3.900	SEK 4.750
NF members	SEK 2.100	SEK 2.500

The Congress fee includes:

All congress material, abstract book, daily tea/coffee, lunches, welcome reception, boat trip, dinner, admission to all congress sessions.

PAYMENT

The total amount due including full prepayment of hotel must be transferred or paid by credit card, when the registration is submitted. Your registration will only be accepted when full payment has been received. All payment should be made in SEK payable to Congrex Göteborg. Payment can be made by:

- Remittance to IBAN (International Bank Account No.)
SE 66 5000 0000 0500 1103 7822/or bank account 5001-10 378 22,
BIC/SWIFT: ESSESESS with SE-bank, SE-405 04 Göteborg, Sweden.
Please clearly mark your name and Ref. NF 2005. All expenses in connection with transferring fees must be paid by the delegate.
- Credit card as listed on the on-line registration.
- Postal giro 7738-8, only Nordic participants.
- Bank giro 5887-2797, only Swedish participants.

We regret that no personal cheques, company cheques or Eurocheques will be accepted.

CANCELLATION

Registration

If you cannot attend, your registration is transferable to another member of your organisation. Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to Congrex Göteborg. Cancellation of registration will be accepted until 6 June 2005, up to which date the total amount will be refunded less a cancellation fee of SEK 400. We regret that no refund can be made for any cancellation received after 6 June.

Hotel reservation

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to Congrex Göteborg. Cancellation of hotel reservation will be accepted until 6 June 2005 the hotel prepayment, less the first night's cost will be refunded. No refund of the hotel prepayment can be made for cancellation received after 6 June.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The rooms have private bath or shower. Prices are including VAT and breakfast.

Arken Conference Center

(prices are per night and incl. VAT and breakfast)

Single room weekdays SEK 949 weekend SEK 710

If you need double room please contact Congrex

YOUTH HOSTELS

Slottsskogens Youth hostel

Vegagatan 21

Phone: +46 31 42 65 20

Homepage: www.sov.nu

Price/night/person: Single room: SEK 305 Double room SEK 205

Masthuggsterassens Youth hostel

Masthuggsterassen 10H

Phone: +46 31 42 48 20

Homepage: www.mastenvandrarhem.com

Price/night/person: Single room SEK 200 Triple room SEK 160

STF Youth hostel

Stigbergsliden

Phone: +46 31 24 16 20

Homepage: www.stfturist.se

Price/night/person: Single room SEK 295 Double room SEK 195
Room for 3-6 persons SEK 165

GENERAL INFORMATION

BADGES

Each participant will receive a name badge upon registration.

BANKS

Banks are open between 10.00 and 15.00 on weekdays.

CLIMATE

The weather in Göteborg at this time of the year is usually nice. For weather forecast please visit www.goteborg.com

CURRENCY

The official currency is Swedish Krona (SEK).

USD 1 = SEK 6,89 (Nov. 2004)

EUR 1 = SEK 8,98 (Nov. 2004)

For update on currency please visit www.oanda.com

DISCLAIMER

The Organizing Committee and Congrex Göteborg AB accept no liability for injuries/ losses of whatever nature incurred by participants and/or accompanying persons, nor loss of, or damage to, their luggage and/or personal belongings.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Göteborg has tram and bus services. Arken Conference Centre is located outside of the city centre. Please see map for direction.

Airport bus

Leaves from the airport every 15 minutes and takes approximately 20 minutes to the city centre. The bus stops at the Central Station. The fee is SEK 70 (October 2004).

Airport taxi

Costs approximately SEK 350. We recommend Taxi Göteborg, VIP Taxi or Taxi Kurir. Ask for fixed price.

MEALS

Coffee and lunches are included in the registration fee and will be served daily. Your name badge is your ticket.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is English (no translation facilities will be provided).

ON SITE REGISTRATION IN GÖTEBORG

On site registration will start on Thursday 7 July at 15.00. The registration desk and Congress secretariat are located at the Arken Convention Centre.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

The organizers cannot assume liability for any changes in the programme due to external or unforeseen circumstances.

VENUE

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HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY TO ARKEN CONFERENCE CENTRE

Address: Oljevägen,
Skandiahamnen/
Arendal



If you arrive by car:

From Landvetter airport it takes approximately 45 minutes to Arken.
From the Central station approximate 15 minutes.

E6 from Oslo

Take road No. 155 towards Öckerö after the GP house. Follow the signs towards Öckerö - Torslanda. After approximate 2 km turn off after the Lundby tunnel towards Arken according to the signs. Follow the sign until you see Arken.

E6 från Malmö

Turn of at Astra Zeneca in Mölndal towards Hamnar (the harbours). Follow the signs Hamnar for approximate 10 km. After the Gnistängs tunnel follow the sign towards Hisingen Hamnar. Turn off at Ytterhamnar to your right after the Älvsborg bridge. Follow the signs towards Skandiahamnen and thereafter Arendal until you see Arken.

E20 from Stockholm, Road 45 from Karlstad, Road 40 from Jönköping

Drive towards road E6 Oslo. By the Tingstads tunnel follow signs towards Hisingen. Follow the signs towards road No. 155 for Öckerö. Turn off at approximate 2 km after the Lundby tunnel towards Arken according to the white signs.

Taxi

If you arrive by train or airplane the easiest way is to take a taxi. Arken Conference Centre has an agreement with Taxi Kurir for a better price.

Local transportation

Please look at the website www.vasttrafik.se for update on directions. The name of the stop is Arken.

