

# The XXII Nordic Congress on the History of Medicine –

Bergen 3 – 5 June 2009

## Invitation

Medisinsk Historisk Selskap i Bergen and Nordisk Medicinhistorisk Forening wish you welcome to *The XXIIInd Nordic Congress on the History of Medicine*.

In 1989, the memorable XIIth congress was organized in Bergen. Exactly 20 years later, in 2009, we set out to repeat the success!

With true gems of the history of medicine in our city, we hope to reach this goal. People from all over the world make pilgrimages to see the Bergen Leprosy Museum in St Jørgen's Hospital and to visit the Bergen Leprosy Archives with the National Leprosy Registry of Norway (from 1856 onwards), in 2001 included on UNESCO's list of Memory of the World. Bergen has become a Mecca for scientists interested in registry based research. And they come to see the Armauer Hansen's Commemorative Rooms with his laboratory where he discovered the Leprosy bacillus in 1873.

In recent years, historians at the University of Bergen have set up a research programme in the history of medicine. A number of young research fellows will participate and present their interesting projects.

On the first day of the Congress, on Wednesday 3 June, 2009, we will organize a Pre Congress Workshop on topics related to museums of the history of medicine, addressing the challenge of how to select, preserve and present objects relevant to the rapid development in modern medicine.

We will organize an attractive social programme, including a visit to the old fortress Bergenhus with King Haakons grand hall from the mid 13th century. There will also be a sightseeing in the fascinating archipelago surrounding Bergen.

Don't miss Bergen in June 2009!

Looking forward to seeing you,

*Lorentz M Irgens*      *President*      *Nordisk Medisinhistorisk Forening*  
*Christopher Harris*      *Chairman*      *Medisinsk Historisk Selskap i Bergen*

# Welcome

## The congress venue

is Radisson SAS Hotel Norge.

## Congress language

Based on experiences from recent Nordic congresses, the Organizing Committee has decided that English will be the official language of the Congress. All abstracts as well as power point presentations including figures and tables will be in English. However, the oral presentation may, if so preferred, be in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish.

## Pre Congress Workshop

A Pre Congress Workshop on Museums of the History of Medicine will be arranged by The Bergen City Museum and the National Museum of Medicine. Many museums of the history of medicine seem to be in a period of development and reorientation. This corresponds to new achievements and approaches in museology, history and medicine. The museums are experimenting how to display old and new history. At the same time, an increasing public interest is observed in museums, which are perceived as treasuries for learning, experiencing and nostalgia.

We invite to a Workshop on Museums on the History of Medicine on Wednesday, 3 June 2009 in order to focus on the challenges of the museums today and their opportunities to set up meeting places for encounters between past and present.

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## **Registration**

On this website you will be able to register for the congress:

*<http://www.kongress.no/kongresser/kongresser-2009/the-xxii-nordic-congress-on-th/invitation/%20target>*

Any cancellation or changes must be notified in writing to the Technical organizer/Secretariat Kongress & Kultur AS on the following email address:

*post@kongress.no*

## Programme

All scientific sessions in the regular Congress programme are held at the Congress venue in Hotel Norge, near the City Park. (Please note the exceptions!)

*Wednesday 3 June, 2009*

10:00 – 17:00

### **Pre Congress Workshop on Museums of the History of Medicine**

The Leprosy Museum, St Jørgens Hospital, Kong Oscarsgt 59

and Bergen skolemuseum, Latinskolen, Lille Øvregaten 38.

Further information: *sigurd.sandmo@bergenmuseum.no*

19:00 – 21:00 *Get Together Party / Registration*

Venue: Pleiestiftelsen for Spedalske no 1

Kalfarveien 31, Bergen (The Leprosy Hospital from 1857)

21:00 – 22:00

Church Concert at St Jørgens Hospital (Church), Kong Oscars gate 59, Bergen

*Thursday 4 June, 2009*

### **Congress programme**

Radisson SAS Hotel Norge

08:00 - 08:30 Registration

08:30 - 12:00 Opening and scientific sessions

12:00 - 17:00 Excursion, concert and lunch

Excursion by boat in the Bergen archipelago to Lysøen, the summer residence of the nineteenth century violinist Ole Bull.

19:00 - 21:00 Reception

*Friday 5 June, 2009*

08:00 - 17:00 Scientific sessions

19:00 Congress Banquet at Mount Fløyen

**Main themes:**

- \* Maternal, Infant and Child Health
- \* Registry Based Research
- \* The Great Epidemics; Infectious Diseases from Leprosy to AIDS
- \* Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine
- \* Disabilities
- \* Medical Architecture
- \* Laboratory Medicine
- \* Maritime Medicine
- \* The History of Drugs
- \* Papers on other topics are welcomed as well!