VII Nordic Connective Tissue Meeting in Helsinki, Finland
October 2-3, 2014

Preliminary Program

Thursday 2.10.2014

9:15 Registration
9:50 Opening of the symposium. Jarmo Käypä
10:00–10:45 Keynote Lecture. Title TBA. Irma Thesleff, University of Helsinki (Confirmed)

Session I
10:45-11:15 Role of hyaluronan-CD44 interactions in cancer. Paraskevi Heldin, Uppsala, Sweden. (Confirmed)

11:15-11:45 Coffee, posters & exhibition

11:45-12:15 Tumor stroma as a source for novel biomarkers in GI cancers. Malin Sund, Umeå, Sweden. (Confirmed)
12:15 -12:35 Selected short presentation
12:35-12:55 Selected short presentation

12:55-14.30 Lunch, posters & exhibition

Session II
14:30-15:00 Linking pericellular proteolysis with migration signaling and tumor cell cytoskeleton. Kaisa Lehti, University of Helsinki, Finland. (Confirmed)
15:00-15:30 Title TBA. Veli-Matti Kähäri, University of Turku, Finland. (Confirmed)
15:30-16.00 Title TBA. Katja Heinemeier, Institute of Sports Medicine, Denmark. (Confirmed)

16:00-16:30 Refreshments, posters, exhibition
16.30-17:00 Title TBA (Lung fibrosis). Annika Andersson-Sjöland, University of Lund, Sweden. *(Confirmed)*
17:00-17:20 Selected short presentation
17:20-17:40 Selected short presentation

19.00 Dinner

**Friday 3.10.2014**

10:00-10:45 Dick Heinegård Memory Lecture: The cartilage extracellular matrix – past and future. Patrik Önnerfjord, University of Lund, Sweden *(Confirmed)*

10:45-11:15 Coffee, posters & exhibition

**Session III**
11:15-11:45 Title TBA. Simo Saarakkala, University of Oulu, Finland. *(Confirmed)*
11:45-12:15 Invited speaker (Denmark).
12:15-12:35 Selected short presentation
12:35-12:55 Selected short presentation

12:55-14.00 Lunch

**Session IV**
14:00-14:30 Regulation of cell fate decisions by cell-matrix interactions. Sara Wickström, University of Cologne, Germany. *(Confirmed)*
14:30-15.00 Alfa11 integrin in development and cancer. Donald Gullberg, University of Bergen, Norway. *(Confirmed)*
15:00-15:30 TBA. Johanna Myllyharju, University of Oulu, Finland *(Confirmed)*
15:30-16:00 Closing of the symposium and poster awards