

Welcome letter

Dear Nordic-Baltic friends, invited speakers, and sponsors!

It is a great pleasure to cordially welcome you to this joint NOPHO-NOBOS meeting in Trondheim in the middle of Norway (not in the middle of nowhere...). It is the 38th annual NOPHO meeting and the 13th biannual NOBOS meeting. We are very happy to host the meeting which will be held in the city center at Radisson Blu Royal Garden Hotel, just at the seaside of the beautiful river Nidelva. Last time NOPHO and NOBOS met in Trondheim was in 2001, and we hope our upcoming meeting will be as good as last time, or even better. Collaboration within pediatric oncology is essential for optimal care and cure and, that's why we have chosen **Together for cure and care in childhood cancer** as our slogan for the meeting; together as nurses, doctors and researchers; together across national borders and treatment groups; cure and care from diagnosis to long term follow-up. The ALLTogether protocol is a good example of standing together also in large scale international collaborations.

As main topics we have focused on immune-therapy, genetic predisposition, targeted therapy, late effects, and end-of-life care. Detecting of cancer predisposition genes is of increasing importance, but in the era of new generation sequencing, ethical considerations and debate, must be an



integrated part of the clinical development in this field. Therefore, a discussion with a professor in medical ethics concerning genetic testing is a topic in one of the common NOPHO-NOBOS sessions. End-of-life care is also of increasing interest for all health-workers, not least when palliative teams are about to be established in many pediatric departments. Hence, this is another common NOPHO-NOBOS session with a guest lecturer from St. Jude, among others.

Our younger colleagues will join forces in a common session with Young NOPHO-NOBOS on Friday, and continue with educational day on Saturday, hopefully participating in fruitful discussions and getting to know each other.

We are also happy to invite you to different social events during the meeting, among them a visit to our beautiful cathedral Nidarosdomen and get-together at Norway's National Museum of Popular Music – Rockheim.

For those interested in exhaustion and physical (and mental) “suffering” before breakfast, a heavy track has been chosen for fun-and-run Monday morning ...

So, let's play **together for cure and care in childhood cancer!**

Welcome!

On behalf of the local organizing committee,

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