

**NORIA Symposium  
“Nordic Research Initiatives”  
November 28-29, 2006 in Oslo**

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NordForsk has the pleasure of inviting you, or your designated representative, to the NORIA (Nordic Research and Innovation Area) Symposium, **November 28 – 29<sup>th</sup> in Oslo**.

The purpose of the Symposium is to discuss both the processes and the organisation of the planning of future Nordic research cooperation, and to identify and discuss possible areas and priorities of cooperation. A central question will be how the expertise of different actors (such as national research funding bodies, the NOS committees, other existing Nordic collaborative organs, innovation actors, universities, etc) can be brought together to optimise Nordic cooperation and the utilisation of common infrastructure and databases.

The venue of the Symposium is Voksenåsen Kultur og Konferansehotell in Oslo, Norway. The Symposium will be held in English.

**Preliminary Programme:**

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 12.00 Lunch  
13.00 Opening of Symposium, Director Liisa Hakamies-Blomqvist, NordForsk

**Theme 1: Current Nordic instruments – some outstanding examples.**

**Chair:** Kari Kveseth, member of the NordForsk Board and Director Int. Affairs, The Research Council of Norway

- 13.05 Introduction by Chair  
13.20 NCoE Mol. Medicine, WIRED, Coordinator Ole P. Ottersen, Norway  
13.40 Nordic Optical Telescope, Director Johannes Andersson, Norway  
14.00 Nordic Research School in Library and Information Science, NORSLIS, PhD-student, Sara Kjellberg, Sweden  
14.20 Coffee break, 20 minutes

**Theme 2: Towards new research areas – with new instruments?**

**Chair:** Anneli Pauli, Vice Chair, NordForsk and Vice President, The Academy of Finland

- 14.40 Introduction by Chair  
14.50 Representative from NOS-H/S, *to be announced*  
15.10 Nordic Agricultural Research, Director Erkki Kemppainen, Finland  
15.30 Nordic Energy Research, Director Birte Holst Jørgensen, Denmark  
15.50 Representative from NOS-N, Chair Lars Stemmerik, Denmark  
16.10 Short break, 10 minutes  
16.20 Nordic Fishery Research, Chair Helge Paulsen, Norway  
16.40 Nordic Forest Research, Chair Kari Mielikäinen, Finland  
17.00 Representative from NOS-M, *to be announced*  
17.20 Nordic Cooperation on Research Infrastructure: Nordic Possibilities and European perspectives, Professor Roy Gabrielsen, Norway  
17.40-18.30 Panel discussion  
20.00 Dinner at Voksenåsen

## Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

### Theme 3: Priorities in future Nordic collaboration.

- Chair:** Liisa Hakamies-Blomqvist, Director of NordForsk
- 09.00 Introduction by Chair
- 09.10 RANNIS - The Icelandic Centre for Research, Director Hans Guðmundsson
- 09.25 The Swedish Research Council, Deputy Director Gunnel Gustafsson
- 09.40 The Research Council of Norway, Director Arvid Hallén
- 09.55 The Danish Agency for Science, Technology & Innovation, *to be announced*
- 10.10 Short break, 10 minutes
- 10.20 The Academy of Finland, Vice President Anneli Pauli
- 10.35 VINNOVA - Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems  
Deputy Director Lena Gustafsson
- 10.50 Panel discussion
- 11.30 Short break, 10 minutes

### Theme 4: New Nordic Research Initiatives – Industrial PhD Programmes.

- Chair:** Stina Gestrelus, member of the NordForsk Board and Deputy Managing Director, Medicon Valley Academy
- 11.40 Introduction by Chair
- 11.50 Previous Nordic Industrial PhD Programme, General Secretary NORDTEK, Peter Göranson, Sweden
- 12.05 Nordic Innovation Centre, Dep. Managing Director Mads Peter Schreiber, Denmark
- 12.20 Industrial PhD Initiative in Denmark, *to be announced*
- 12.35 Towards an Industrial PhD Programme in Norway, *to be announced*
- 12.50 Summary of Symposium, Director Liisa Hakamies-Blomqvist, NordForsk
- 13.00 Lunch

An updated programme will be found at [www.nordforsk.org/symposium](http://www.nordforsk.org/symposium)

### Accommodation and transfers

Accommodation and travel expenses (lowest cost for flights available) for invited speakers are covered by NordForsk. Conference costs and dinner for all participants are covered by NordForsk. Please, note that the reservation of rooms at Voksenåsen from November 28-29 needs to be done by NordForsk. Therefore, please fill out the attached form and specify if you would like NordForsk to reserve a room for you. Participants that are not invited speakers pay their own accommodation at check-out (approx. 1.015 NOK/per night). For practical details, please contact: Ellen Rydberg, [ellen.rydberg@nordforsk.org](mailto:ellen.rydberg@nordforsk.org), telephone: +47 94839171.

### Location

The venue of the Symposium is Voksenåsen Kultur og Konferenshotell, Ullveien 4, 0791 Oslo, Norway. Voksenåsen was given to Sweden as a token of the gratitude of the Norwegian people for humanitarian aid given during the Second World War and the following years.

#### *Arriving by plane/train:*

Oslo is easily reached by a convenient train shuttle system from Gardermoen airport (takes approx. 15 min.). From Oslo S (Oslo Central Station), Voksenåsen can be reached by either taking the underground line no. 1 "Frognerstetern" to the penultimate station, Voksenkollen. The journey takes approx. 30 min. Voksenåsen is a 10 minute walk from Voksenkollen station.

A taxi ride from the city centre straight to Voksenåsen will take approx. 20 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

For further information see [www.voksenaasen.no](http://www.voksenaasen.no)

### Registration

To register for the Symposium, please fill out the registration form below and send it by e-mail to [ellen.rydberg@nordforsk.org](mailto:ellen.rydberg@nordforsk.org)

Due to the limited number of rooms available at Voksenåsen Hotel the reservation will be done on a first come, first served basis.

**Deadline for registration is Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

We hope to see you all in Oslo!

Best regards,



Liisa Hakamies-Blomqvist  
Director, NordForsk

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Registration form, deadline is Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
<b>Organisation:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>I will attend the dinner (yes/no):</b>	<b>Special dietary (vegetarian, allergies etc.):</b>
<b>I would like NordForsk to reserve a room for one night, November 28-29, at Voksenåsen (yes/no):</b>	