



## Glio- and neurotransmitters: significance in brain disease

**CMBN Symposium at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2012**

The symposium is organized by the Centre for Molecular Biology and Neuroscience (CMBN), University of Oslo (UiO), to highlight the emerging importance of the roles of glia-neuronal interactions in brain function and disease processes.

- 11:45 Arrive – *Refreshments, Coffee, Tea*
- 12:00 Welcome by Linda H. Bergersen / Jon Storm-Mathisen (CMBN & UiO)
- 12:10 J. Victor Nadler (Duke University, Durham NC)  
<http://pharmacology.mc.duke.edu/faculty/nadler.htm>  
Aspartate release and signaling in the brain
- 12:35 Albert Gjedde (University of Copenhagen)  
<http://forskning.ku.dk/search/profil/?id=52543>  
DOPA transmission – a novel monoaminergic mechanism of depression and dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease
- 13:00 Anders Björklund (Lund University, Sweden)  
[http://www.med.lu.se/expmed/neurobiology/members/anders\\_bjoerklund](http://www.med.lu.se/expmed/neurobiology/members/anders_bjoerklund)  
Use of stem cells for dopamine cell replacement i Parkinson's disease
- 13:25 Espen Dietrichs (Oslo University Hospital) <http://ous-research.no/home/dietrichs/home/6490>  
How does deep brain stimulation work in movement disorders?
- 13:50 *Refreshments, Coffee, Tea*
- 14:10 David Attwell (University College London, UK) <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/npp/research/da>  
The energetics of CNS white matter
- 14:35 Erlingur Johannsson (University of Iceland) <https://english.hi.is/simaskra/4194>  
Effects of a 6-month multimodal training intervention on retention of functional performance, body composition and metabolic syndrome factors in older adults
- 15:00 Vidar Steen (University of Bergen, Norway) <http://www.uib.no/personer/Vidar.Steen>  
Lipogenic effects of antipsychotic drugs in glial cells: relevance for therapeutic efficacy?
- 15:25 Ursula Sonnewald (NTNU, Norway) <http://www.ntnu.no/ansatte/ursula.sonnewald>  
Glia-neuronal interplay of transmitters and metabolic intermediates – relevance for brain diseases
- 15:50 Farrukh A Chaudhry (UiO) <http://www.bioteck.uio.no/english/research/groups/chaudhry-group/>  
Glutamate and GABA recycling through glutamine – what is the significance?

- 16:15 Refreshments, Coffee, Tea
- 16:35 Magnar Bjørås (OUS) <http://www.cmbn.no/group-bjoras.html>  
DNA repair deficiency in neurodegeneration
- 17:00 Robert H Edwards (University of California San Francisco)  
<http://pdcenter.neurology.ucsf.edu/faculty-staff/edwards-robert>  
The membrane interactions of alpha-synuclein
- 17:25 Reidun Torp (UiO, CMBN) <http://www.med.uio.no/imb/english/people/aca/torp/index.html>  
Understanding plaque formation in models of Alzheimer's disease by use of microscopic techniques
- 17:50 Tone Tønjum (UiO, CMBN) <http://www.cmbn.no/group-tonjum.html>  
Glial responses to bacterial meningitis
- 18:15 Ole Petter Ottersen (UiO, CMBN) <http://www.uio.no/english/people/leadership-team/olep/index.html>  
New insight in the homeostatic roles of astrocytes
- 18:40 End of Symposium
- 19:00 Dinner (by special invitation)