

Visiting professors

One of the core activities at CIR is the Visiting Professor program. The scientific quality of the CIR environment has made it possible to attract some of the world's most important scientists in medical sciences to visit Oslo. The invited professors have stayed for one week at CIR. During this week they engaged in scientific discussions with researchers, supervision of CIR students and gave public lectures for the whole scientific environment at the University of Oslo and the Oslo University Hospital. Their visits have resulted in fruitful collaborations resulting in joint publications, researcher mobility and new ideas. A total of sixteen professors have been included in the Visiting Professor program, and most of them have visited us twice. In total 26 weeks. We are deeply honored by their visits and grateful for their superb scientific contributions to CIR and the immunological research environment in Oslo.



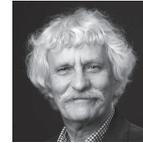
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One of the great highlights of my scientific career has been the relationships that I have had over many years with numerous scientists in the Center for Immune Regulation and University of Oslo. Starting with my dear friend Per Brandtzaeg, who directed the LIIPAT and for whom I have many fond memories, these interactions have involved numerous students, who have incidentally evolved into highly successful CIR and related faculty (such as Shuo-Wang Qiao, Espen Melum and Eric de Muinck), and many other faculty with whom I have collaborated and with great pleasure (such as Oddmund Bakke, Ludvig M. Sollid, Finn-Eirik Johansen, Jan Terje Andersen and Inger Sandlie). My scientific collaborations with Inger and Jan in particular have in recent years have been the most deep and enduring due to our common interests in the neonatal Fc receptor; they studied albumin and we IgG in this relationship. It was FcRn (and CIR) who were the scientific match makers through this interest and my role as visiting Professor to CIR (in a February in Oslo), and of course great camaraderie and respect, that have now lead to highly exciting new discoveries together. Congratulations to CIR and to all of my friends in Oslo.



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Being a scientist is a rare privilege and among the biggest privileges is the chance to encounter colleagues with whom one can, in total trust, exchange endlessly ideas and share the excitement of discovery. I was impressed by the vision of Ludvig Sollid to bring in scientists as visiting professors from around the world and give them and the trainees of the Center for Immune Regulation at the University of Oslo the chance to have in depth and free interactions. The vibrant scientific community of the CIR, and the quality and rigor of the science that I witnessed impressed me. I was also touched by the kindness and humanity of the young scientist and faculty I met. It was also a joy to observe growing young talented scientists such as Rasmus Iversen and Jorunn Stammæs, and see others such as Shuo-Wang Qiao becoming successful independent investigators. I want to thank Inger Sandlie, Frode Jahnsen, Bjarne Bogen, Oddmund Bakke and Ludvig Munthe for welcoming me, and Ludvig Sollid for his friendship. I have enjoyed every visit to the CIR and come to love Norway. Congratulations to all the members of the CIR. I know that many new adventures and exciting discoveries are awaiting you.



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