

NSCMID 2025 Pre-course Preliminary Programme

Pre-course on tick-borne diseases (TBDs)

Venue: Alandica, Strandgatan 33, Mariehamn, Åland

Wednesday, the 27th of August

Session 1: Of ticks and tick-borne pathogens

16.00-16.30 Lecture 1: Tick biology and ecology in the Nordic countries and the Åland Islands

Peter Wilhelmsson, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden

16.30-17.00 Lecture 2: Established and emerging TBD (eTBD) pathogens in ticks

Per-Eric Lindgren, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden

Session 2: Focus on the clinical issues of TBDs, part I

17.30-18.00 Lecture 1: Overview of TBDs in the Nordic countries

Nanna S Andersen, University Hospital of Southern Denmark, Denmark

18.00-18.30 Lecture 2: Important Clinical Insights: the Complexities of Emerging Tick-Borne Diseases

Johanna Sjöwall, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden

18.30-19.00 Lecture 3: Burning clinical issues in TBE

Malin Veje, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Thursday, the 28th of August

Session 3: Challenges and solutions in TBD diagnostics

- 8.30-9.00** Lecture 1: Novel tools for the identification of biomarkers in Lyme borreliosis and Lyme neuroborreliosis
Anna Henningsson, Ryhov County Hospital, Jönköping, Sweden
- 9.00-9.30** Lecture 2: TBE or not TBE, that is the question
Jessica Tikkala, Turku University Hospital, Turku, Finland
- 9.30-10.00** Lecture 3: Diagnostics of eTBDs; what tools do we have, and what is still missing
Hanne Quarsten, Sørlandet Hospital, Kristiansand, Norway

Session 4: Focus on the clinical issues of TBDs, part II

- 10.30-11.00** The many faces of Lyme borreliosis
Marika Nordberg, Ålands hälso- och sjukvård, Borreliagruppen på Åland rf, Mariehamn, Finland
Marjaana Pitkäpaasi, Ålands hälso- och sjukvård, Borreliagruppen på Åland rf, Mariehamn, Finland
- 11.00-11.30** Clinical characteristics and diagnostics of Lyme neuroborreliosis
Elisa Kortela, Helsinki University Hospital, Helsinki, Finland
- 11.30-12.00** Persistent Lyme neuroborreliosis symptoms after treatment
Randi Eikeland, Sørlandet Hospital, Kristiansand, Norway

13.00-14.01 Session 5: TBD case presentations

(4-5 cases x 12-15 min)

one-two 12-15 min presentation from each Nordic country
Abstracts of cases are invited and then the ones to presented are selected by the organizing committee