

CeGem PhD Scientific Retreat

Fostering Collaboration between Basic and Clinical Research

Dear CeGem PhD retreat participant,

We are excited to invite you to a special two-day scientific retreat focusing on fostering collaborations between basic and clinical research. At this event, you will learn from experts in the field how to design clinical studies, engage in insightful discussions, and work together on potential collaborative projects. For the retreat to be interactive and productive we need your participation both before and during the retreat. Don't worry, we don't expect any perfect presentations but think it is a great chance for you to get some practice in explaining your science and discuss potential future collaborations in a supportive setting. We hope that starting interdisciplinary collaborations will seem less complicated and scary to you after these two days!

Event details :

Date: 19-20 May, 2025

Location: Comwell Køge Strand, Strandvejen 111, 4600 Køge

Preparation instructions:

1. **Prepare a 10-minute presentation about your current project with a focus on collaboration potential**, supported by PowerPoint slides. This will be used in small groups to facilitate the group work. In your presentation, please address the following points:
 - *What* specific research question is your project aiming to answer?
 - *Why* is this question important?
 - *Who* is it relevant for in the context of clinical research?
 - *Which* research area and methodology does your expertise lie in?
2. Please send a **brief description of your research project** (one or two lines would be enough) and **three keywords** that represent your research field and the methods you are proficient in. Indicate whether your research is **basic** or **clinical**. If possible, suggest your ideal collaboration partner. Please email this to **Jiyoung Kim (jkim@sund.ku.dk)**

We look forward to your participation and are excited to see the innovative collaborations that will emerge from this retreat.

Best regards,

CeGem steering committee



Agenda

DAY 1, Setting the stage for collaboration Monday, 19th May 2025

08:30 - 09:00 Arrival and light breakfast

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome and introduction**

- Getting to know each other
- Brief overview of the retreat goals and schedule

09:30 - 11:00 **Group activity: Student project presentation in small groups**

- Form small groups of 4 students
- Students present their current research projects (10 minutes per student)
- Group feedback and discussion with focus on collaborative potential

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30 **Julia Johansen**, *Clinical professor and translational research at the cancer center Herlev, initiated BIOPAC a national pancreatic cancer biobank for translational research*

- TBD
- Q and A

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 **Inge Marie Svane** *Herlev Hospital, leader of the translational research Center for Cancer Immunotherapy*

- Cancer immunotherapy – from technology innovation to clinical translation
- Q and A

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 - 17:00 **Group activity: Identifying collaboration opportunities**

- Discuss potential collaboration ideas based on the morning presentations
- Each group lists possible collaborations
- Brainstorm specific aims, methods and expected outcomes.

17:00 - 17:30 **Wrap up and reflections**

- Summary of the day's activity and key takeaways
- Open floor for reflections and suggestions for day 2

17:00 - 18:30 **Explore Køge strand and socializing**

18:30 - 20:00 Dinner

20:00 - Evening social hours

DAY 2: Building Collaborative projects, Wednesday, 20th. May 2025

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast

09:00 - 09:20 Recap of day 1 and goals for day 2

- Brief recap of discussions and collaboration ideas from day 1.
- Introduction to the day's objectives and activities

09:20 – 10:20 **Torben Hansen CBMR** (*Hansen group - Genomic Physiology and Clinical Translation of Metabolic Research*)

- TBD
- Q and A

10:20 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 11:00 Team project development

- Work on detailed project plans
- Identify necessary resources, timelines, and potential challenges
- Plan how to pitch the collaboration project as a group

11:00 - 12:40 Team project presentations

- Each team presents their collaboration project (10-15 min per team)
- Feedback from peers and guest speaker(s)

12:40 – 13:00 Closing remarks and voting for the best project ideas

- Summarize key takeaways and action points
- Encourage continued collaboration and networking

