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The Norwegian Society for Microbiology (NSM) is an association for people with an interest in microbiology. Our major goal is to promote the field of microbiology and to facilitate member contact and communication. The society organises a general meeting annually, in addition to occasional scientific meetings in collaboration with other societies such as the Norwegian Society for Medical Microbiology (NFMM), the Norwegian Society for Virology (NVF) and the Society for General Microbiology (SGM, UK). All meetings have invited speakers presenting recent findings of both scientific and public interest. Examples include "Diarrhoea associated *E. coli*" (J.-E. Afseth), "Antibacterial strategies - bioprospecting" (K. Stensvåg), and "Virulence determinants of Lyme disease Borrelia" (S. Bergström). The NFM board has five members (chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and one member) elected by the General assembly.

History

NSM was established in 1959 to promote interest in microbiology among scientists at Norwegian universities and other scientific institutions. Initially, it included only personal members, but today also organisations and companies can be registered as members. Upon its foundation, NSM got its own regulations and the board period was eight years. From 2002 this period was reduced to five years.

NSM has arranged a general meeting annually, usually as a scientific "Christmas meeting" supported by universities or enterprises. In addition, the society has organised national scientific meetings often in collaboration with the Norwegian Society for Medical Microbiology (NSMM). The 3 day winter meetings at Voss, organised annually between 1998 and 2005 was a popular event with a scientific program covering the main topics of microbiology, and a social program including skiing in the beautiful mountains around the town. The autumn meeting, originally established as a one day seminar in Oslo in October 2000, has since then been a popular meeting place for young microbiologists in Norway.

Collaborations

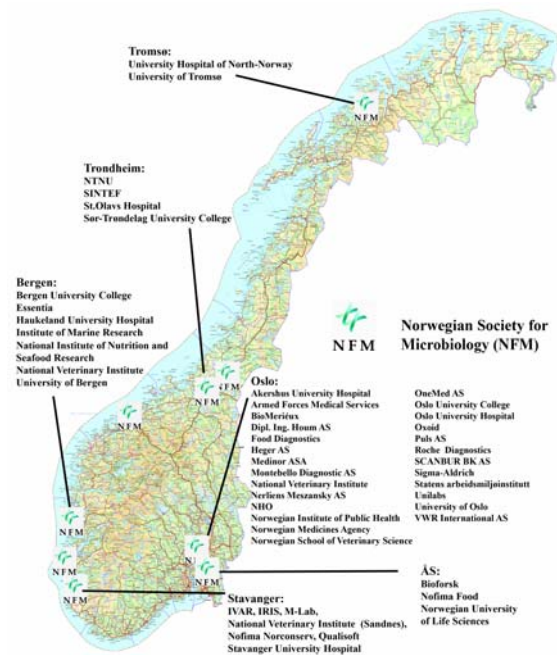
NSM collaborates with microbiological societies from other countries in arranging scientific conferences in Norway and elsewhere in Scandinavia. In Norway the Norwegian Societies for Microbiology, Virology and Medical Microbiology arrange joint meetings and conferences every year.

A closer collaboration with the other Nordic Societies for Microbiology is in the process of being established.

The Norwegian Society for Microbiology is the Norwegian member in FEMS.

Members

NSM has 240 personal members. In addition, 15 companies supplying laboratory equipment and reagents are associate members. The members come from approximately 50 different companies, represented by research communities, educational institutions, hospitals, laboratories and other industries. If you would like to join the society: Kindly E-mail to gro.johnsen@ivar.no and pay the membership fee, NOK 200,- to NSM att. Jarle Mikalsen, Norwegian Veterinary Institute, PO Box 750 Sentrum, 0106 Oslo at bank account 0530 43 33 407. Please write your name clearly when transferring the amount.



Salmon farming at Lerøy Hydrotech Skårén.
Photography: Trygve Poppe



Winter sore in Atlantic salmon caused by *Moritella viscosa*
Photography: Søren Grove



Moritella viscosa dominates in a water sample from a fish tank with experimentally infected salmon
Photography: Christian Karlisen



Microorganisms play key roles in Arctic terrestrial ecosystems, here illustrated by methane oxidizing bacteria.
Photos: Christiane Graef, Mette M. Svenning and David Graham.

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