Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Scientific Committee and the Local Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the 34th Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology in Copenhagen, September 2-5, 2012.

The congress will have a wide focus on rheumatology and comprise a mix of high level presentations from invited guest speakers, smaller workshop sessions for immersion in everyday clinical issues and oral and poster presentations of original research.

The Organizing Committee will make every effort to ensure, that this meeting will be successful and fruitful scientifically, professionally as well as socially.

The exciting congress programme will not leave time for you to be a tourist in Copenhagen. However the social program will take you around to some of the most famous and beloved places in our city, and if you have the energy to join the 5K run on Tuesday morning, you will hopefully have seen enough to come back and visit our city.

We are very excited about the training program for doctors in their specialist training. Through a generous grant from the Scandinavian Society of Rheumatology, we are able to invite doctors from each of the Nordic countries to the course, which takes place immediately prior to the congress.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you to Copenhagen this September, where scientists and health professionals from all over Scandinavia will come together, learn from each other and share experiences that will be remembered. Let’s meet and share it!

Yours sincerely

Karen Lisbeth Faarvang, Congress President
Mikkel Østergaard, Scientific President

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Important Dates 2012

Deadline for the Abstract Submission: April 1
Notification of Abstract Acceptance: Before May 31
Deadline for Early Registration: May 31

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**Scientific Programme & Call For Papers**

The key focus area of the congress is the inflammatory rheumatological diseases including the inflammatory joint diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, spondyloarthritis and gout; but also the connective tissue diseases and vasculitides. However, the conference will also cover more broadly, including degenerative diseases (incl. degenerative spine disease and osteoarthritis), sports medicine, osteoporosis, and comorbidities. The conference will include practical skills workshops including ultrasonography, MRI and microscopy for crystals and various aspects of examination techniques (eg. joints and back). The format will be a mixture of invited lectures, oral abstract presentations, selected time for poster presentation and workshops.

The Scientific Organizers wish to invite abstracts for oral/poster presentation related to Rheumatology.

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted electronically in the dedicated database. You will find the link on www.scr2012.dk

**Deadline for abstracts submission is April 1, 2012**

**Abstract Topics**

- **Topic 1**: Basic and translational research
- **Topic 2**: Rheumatoid arthritis, treatment
- **Topic 3**: Rheumatoid arthritis – clinical aspects (other than treatment)
- **Topic 4**: SLE, Sjögren’s and APS, ascelitis, scleroderma, myositis and related syndromes
- **Topic 5**: Spondyloarthritis, psoriatic arthritis, infection-related rheumatic diseases
- **Topic 6**: Osteoporosis, other bone diseases, metabolic diseases and crystal diseases
- **Topic 7**: Back pain, mechanical musculoskeletal problems, local soft tissue disorders, fibromyalgia and pain in rheumatic diseases, rehabilitation
- **Topic 8**: Osteoarthritis, sports medicine and soft tissue disease
- **Topic 9**: Imaging and diagnostics
- **Topic 10**: Epidemiology, health services and outcome research, education, pediatric rheumatology
- **Topic 11**: Difficult cases (see separate note on the webpage on the required format)

More detailed information may be found on www.scr2012.dk

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**Social Programme**

**Sunday, September 2, 2012, 18:00 – 20:00 hrs**

**Welcome Reception in the exhibition area, Tivoli Congress Center**

Included in the Congress Fee

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**Monday, September 3, 2012, 19:00 hrs**

**Reception at Copenhagen City Hall, Copenhagen City Hall Square**

The Lord Mayor of the City of Copenhagen is cordially inviting all participants of SCR 2012 for a reception at the City Hall.

The Copenhagen City Hall was designed by the architect Martin Nyrop who was inspired by the city hall in Siena (Tuscany). The building was inaugurated in 1905 and the architectural style is the National Romantic style. It is dominated by its richly ornamented front, with the gilded statue of Bishop Absalon, the founder of Copenhagen, just above the balcony, and the tall and a slim clock tower.

Included in the congress fee (by invitation only)

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**Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 06:30 hrs**

**The official SCR-2012-Copenhagen-5K-Run, meeting point: Tivoli Congress Center**

Join your colleagues for the Sightseeing Run at 6:30 hrs. It will take you on a 5 km scenic tour along the Copenhagen Harbor. Please sign up when you register for the congress, or meet us at the front entrance of the Tivoli Congress Center if you suddenly feel for exercise early in the morning.

Free

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**Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 20:00 hrs**

**Congress Dinner at Restaurant “Grøften”, Tivoli Gardens**

The Local Organizing Committee invites all participants to a traditional evening in Tivoli, with Danish “smørrebrød” and professional networking at Restaurant Grøften.

The Tivoli Gardens (or simply Tivoli) is an old and rather famous amusement park in Copenhagen dating back to 1843. Restaurant Grøften is one of Tivoli’s oldest and most traditional restaurants, well known by the Copenhageners, who appreciate the welcoming atmosphere, service and good food – especially the Danish open faced sandwiches “smørrebrød”!

Price DKK 500, which includes access to Tivoli, dinner & beverages (no entertainment)

![Tivoli Gardens](image)
Preliminary Programme

**SUNDAY September 2\textsuperscript{nd}**

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Congress Venue

The Tivoli Congress Center is a modern conference center with dramatic architecture and excellent location. It lies within walking distance of the Central Station, the Tivoli Gardens, the City Hall, and the waterfront.

To get to the Tivoli Congress Center from the Copenhagen Airport is a short trip whether you choose public transportation or take a taxi. The train between the Airport and the Central Station leaves every 20 minutes, and the travel time is 15 minutes; tickets may be purchased from ticket machines in the luggage area or arrival terminal at the price of 36 DKK. A taxi costs approximately 200 DKK.

The Tivoli Congress Center encompasses the Tivoli Hotel with the Wake-up hotel as its closest neighbor. The Tivoli Hotel has several restaurants including the popular Sticks & Sushi on the top floor.

Address: Arni Magnussons Gade 2 DK-1577 Copenhagen V
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Registration

On-line registration opens February 1, 2012 - www.scr2012.dk

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The Registration Fee For Delegates, Med. Students And Nurses & Other Health Professionals Includes:

- Participation in the scientific program
- Admission to the exhibition
- Conference materials
- Welcome reception
- Coffee breaks & Lunch from Monday to Wednesday
- Reception at the City Hall

The Registration Fee For Accompanying Persons And Exhibitors Includes:

- Admission to the exhibition
- Welcome reception
- Coffee breaks & Lunch from Monday to Wednesday
- Reception at the City Hall

If you cancel before before August 1, 2012, all fees will be refunded less DKK 500 for administrative costs. After this date, no refund will be possible. After August 1st there is no refund of the Congress Dinner.

Accommodation

The Congress Organizer has made preliminary hotel reservations in the nearby hotels. Please make your on-line booking as you fill in your registration.

The following hotels will be available in the on-line booking system:

Tivoli Hotel****
Arni Magnussons Gade 2-4, 1577 København V
www.tivolihotel.dk
The Tivoli Hotel and Tivoli Congress Center opened in 2010; all under one roof. The hotel is designed in collaboration with the Tivoli Gardens, and the well-known atmosphere from the old amusement park is recognizable in the interior design of rooms and public areas.

The hotel offers 396 hotel rooms, meeting rooms, bars, restaurants and fitness area with pool.

Standard rooms, single use  DKK 1.495
Superior rooms, single use  DKK 1.595

Copenhagen Island Hotel****
Kalvebod Brygge 53, 1560 København
www.copenhagenisland.dk
The Copenhagen Island Hotel is a modern business hotel located on the waterfront of the Copenhagen Harbor, offering a great view and recreational areas. The hotel is located across the street from the Tivoli Hotel and Congress Center.

The hotel offers 325 rooms, meeting rooms, bar and restaurant and a small fitness area.

Standard rooms, single use  DKK 1.295
Superior rooms, single use  DKK 1.395

Wake-up Copenhagen**
Carsten Nieburs Gade 11, 1577 København
www.wakeupcopenhagen.dk
The Wake-up Copenhagen, which opened in 2009, is an inexpensive self-service hotel, which is part of the Tivoli Hotel and Congress Center complex. The hotel is only two minutes away from the Congress halls.

The hotel offers 510 hotel rooms – as it is located next to the Tivoli Hotel, there is easy access to restaurants and bars.

Standard room, single use  DKK 790
Superior room, single use  DKK 890

All rates (in DKK) are stated per room and night incl breakfast, VAT, tax and service charges.
Training Course
Fellowship from Scandinavian Society Research Foundation.
The Local Organizing Committee of SCR 2012 is pleased to organize a training course for doctors in their specialist training. The course has been made possible by a generous grant from the Scandinavian Society for Rheumatology.

Entitlements:
The participants must come from one of the Nordic countries (Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark) and will receive free tuition, meals, accommodation and congress registration. The accommodation covers both the course and the congress (4 nights). The Training course will take place at the Tivoli Congress Center.

Program:
Start: Saturday, September 1, 2012, 13:00 hrs
End: Sunday, September 2, 2012, 14:00 hrs
The course will be based on case stories, which the participants will be asked to analyze and discuss, in order to get a broad perspective on the rheumatologic issues. The aim of the course is both the scientific content as well as networking with doctors on the same educational level from other Nordic countries.
Please contact your national society for further details.

Official Carrier
SAS has been appointed Official Airline for the 34th Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology

Sponsorship & Exhibition
The 34th Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology welcomes sponsors and exhibitors. The Organizers are inviting sponsors to support the meeting. An exhibition will be organized and located in connection with the meeting rooms, poster exhibition and coffee break area. This is an excellent opportunity for the companies to meet the participants and present your company and products. Please find more information at www.scr2012.dk or contact the congress secretariat.

The Organizers of SCR 2012 gratefully acknowledge the sponsors and exhibitors who already support the congress.

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