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Life Science at UiO – a long term perspective





Six messages to take home



- •The Life Science Initiative is the number one priority of the University of Oslo
- •The initiative is inextricably coupled to the new facilities planned for the last available spot in Gaustadbekkdalen
- •The initiative builds on strength
- •The initiative addresses urgent needs in Norway and in the global community and is firmly coupled to innovation competence
- •The initiative unites regional, national, and international players – it is *interdisciplinary, interinstitutional, and international*

activity



The University is now hosting Four Centers of Excellence within the Life Sciences



ancerbiomed.net

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www.cir.uio.no





RC Advanced grants in Life Science



Prof. Harald A. Stenmark, head of the CoE «Center for Cancer Biomedic ERC Advanced Grants 2008 - project "The PI3K-III complex: Function in cell regulation and tumour suppression

of. Harald Stenmark



Prof. Ludvig Sollid, head of the CoE «Center for immune regulation». ERC Advanced Grant 2010 - project "Coeliac disease: Understanding how a foreign protein drives aut formation".





Prof. Trygve Helgaker, at the CoE «Centre for Theoretical and Comput Chemistry» at UiTø and UiO. Computational chemistry - future life scient ERC Advanced Grant 2010. Helgaker's research is directed towards the development of efficient computational for large molecular systems, containing hundreds or thousands of atoms such as those encountered in biological

National centres for advanced research equipment at UiO - Life Science

- National Financing Initiative for Research Infrastructu
- Competitive calls recent centres established within the Life Sciences at UiO:
- Norwegian High-Throughput Sequencing Centre at UiO/OUS (2010)
- UiO node
- OUS node

The Norwegian High-Throughput Sequencing Centre

www.sequencing.uio.no



- A National Subcellular Imaging Platform at UiO (2011
 - Advanced microscopy and imaging techniques developed from the Oslo-NorMIC technology platform





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Lesson 1

Building strong research environments is a long-term effort







What have these scientists in

common ?

Long-term efforts, internationally active, being part of longlasting traditions







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Lesson 2

Investing in research leads to more and better science





Publications —— Relative Research Interest —— Relative Research Interest (smoothed).

UiO-production - the PubMed database

luality indicators - The new biology

clear increase in citations of Norwegian contributions highly significant increase in citations from the Oslo area

Figure 3.1.5 Relative citation index in biology, medicine and health for the period 2000-2008 year periods) (world average = 100).



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IFU statistics of the Norwegian landscape

ure 3.4.1 The Norwegian profile of scientific publishing in molecular biology. Proportion of t icle production in 2009 by institutions/sectors.





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Lesson 3

Strong research - innovations follow

... something is happening



The first UiO innovation prize - Life Sciences

- Inger Sandlie, 2011 prize winner
- Human albumin superbinders prolonging the life time of drugs
- Cooperation with Novozymes



DnB NOR's Innovation prize - Life Sciences

- September 2011, PCI Biotech was awarded both the prestigious DnB NOR's Innovation prize 2011 and the Peoples award.
- PCI Biotech has developed a unique and patented photochemical drug delivery technology for use in cancer therapy and other diseases.



- a successfull company within OC

e Norwegian biotech company Algeta recently signed an agreement with ayer Schering Pharma AG worth **1 billion US \$**

ALGETA

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in Norwegian Life Science companie



New Inventions

New Patent Applications Commercialization





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Lesson 4

The emergence of a Life Science cluste in the Oslo region



In emerging promising cluster



June 2008 Genome Technology identified Oslo as an emerging new biotech cluster highly ranked.

«It's certainly not the biggest biotech cluster, but for its size, the efforts to cement a bioscience segment here in Norway are impressive».



Cancer Cluster - strengthens and facilitates





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ow to proceed?

Three strategies at UiO:

- 1. new ways of organizing interfacultary research
- 2. new types of international research centers
- 3. new premises for multidisciplinary research



.Organization - new interfacultary ocused research area

within molecular life sciences





Organizational strength Research collaboration between university and hospitals

inew types of international search centres



Centre for Cancer Biomedicine







Clear interdisciplinary profile



premises for nultidisciplinary Life Science

ncluding chemistry and pharmacy

In instrument for trengthening Norwegian ife Science,

panning from chemistry to iomedicine,

with Norways largest ospital as neighbor

with Norways largest epartment of informatics as eighbor



I he entire value chain

Biokjemi



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nspired by strategy report from MIT

Convergence is a new paradigm that can yield critical advances in a broad array of sectors, from health care to energy, food, climate, and water. The Third Revolution:

The Convergence of the Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Engineering



- convergence a blueprint for innovation
- Convergence means a broad rethinking of how all scientific researce can be conducted.
- A major beneficiary of convergence will be in biomedicine

A great ruture opportunity



Rector W.C. Brøgger:

"Hvert Videnskabens, Literaturens og Kunstens Storværk er for et lidet Folk som vort et langt sikrere Værn for vor Frihed og vor Selvstændighed, end baade Armeer og Kanoner og Torpedoer og Panserskibe og Fæstninger"

A small nation may make a difference simply because it has

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