



Rigshospitalet

Dear colleague,

We want to inform you on a number of changes occurring at CHIP.

First of all, we have moved physical location from University of Copenhagen to Rigshospitalet, where CHIP will be an integrated part of the department of infectious diseases and rheumatology. We have now a new posting address (see below), whereas all electronic, fax and phone contact details will not be affected by this.

The move is part of the ongoing collaboration between the University of Copenhagen and Rigshospitalet, and we will continue to be affiliated with the University of Copenhagen.

The decisions on the operational aspects of the move means that we now belong to a new legal entity - The Capital Region of Denmark, or better known as the Danish acronym RegionH. This has implications for those of our collaborators with whom we have contracts and agreements. We will contact each collaborative partner in due time to sort this out.

CHIP announced WHO Collaborating Centre

In August 2013 CHIP became WHO Collaborating Centre on HIV and Viral Hepatitis and this was officially announced in December 2013.



**WHO Collaborating Centre
on HIV and Viral Hepatitis**

The activities of the WHO Collaborating Centre is development of guidance and providing technical support to Europe and Central Asia (CEECA) on treatment and care in the CEECA region. We will collaborate with the WHO Regional Office for Europe, also located in Copenhagen also working on strategic partnerships to promote and disseminate evidence.



The collaboration between CHIP, Rigshospitalet and University of Copenhagen and the WHO Office for Europe was celebrated on 9 December 2013 with a reception at Rigshospitalet. From left: Martin Donoghoe, Programme Manager, WHO Europe; Jens Lundgren; Birthe Høgh, Vice-Dean for Research, University of Copenhagen; Jannik Hilsted, Medical Director, Rigshospitalet; Guenael Rodier, Director of the Division

New Logo, New Organisation

As apparent from the top of the newsletter, CHIP modernised its logo in order to better reflect the type of activities we are engaged in. We hope you like it. We will still be known as Copenhagen HIV Programme, but prefer to use the short version CHIP, which then links to the new logo.

As you will know from last year's [Annual Report](#) we have a lot of activities ongoing. To better address the many challenges we have decided to change the organisation by announcing a new Director of Research Coordination. We are pleased that Dorthe Raben has accepted to join Jens and Jesper in managing the group. Responsibilities will be shared as follows:

- Dorthe will coordinate the activities of the observational research activities within EuroCoord (EuroSIDA, COHERE, TB-HIV), D:A:D, the HIV in Europe initiative and WHO Collaborating Centre activities
- Jesper will take up the responsibility to manage the IT and Bioinformatics function including the MATCH activities, and will remain responsible for the randomised trial activities as well as finance, contracting and reporting to sponsors and grant organisations - Jesper will change title to Director of Administration and IT Development
- Jens will maintain the overall responsibility for the group, and maintain his focus on scientific.



The changes are partly because our current manager of IT and Bioinformatics, Jesper Kjær, has accepted a position in the private industry. Jesper has worked at CHIP for 13 years and we are deeply thankful for the tremendous effort and creativity he has contributed with. His impact on world-wide database structure via HICDEP and the creative solution to data merger by the distributed datamanagement (DDM) tool is impressive and have positively impacted on how HIV cohort research conducted globally. We wish Jesper all the best in his new position.

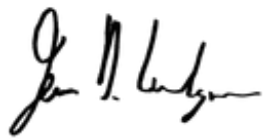
Jesper Kjær will continue his affiliation with CHIP as a consultant, and the skilled IT-team in CHIP will continue their daily activities maintaining and improving our IT solutions.

Many of the new projects and initiatives we envision for the next couple of years have substantial IT components integrated and involve a number of external collaborators from our network. We therefore found it important to have a person with detailed knowledge of all aspects of our network as head of the IT function, and the natural choice was Jesper Grarup.

The changes in areas of responsibility between Dorthe and Jesper will also mean shift of responsibilities throughout the organisation, also reflecting that we for a while have been moving into a more clearly defined matrix structure where staff members from the organisational functions participate in cross function project teams in a more formal structure.

We are looking forward to your continued collaboration in 2014.

Best regards,



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