

ME/CFS – The Hidden Disease

Nordic ME Conference in Stockholm and online

Program October 11th 2023

Moderator: Michel Silvestri, PhD, Head of unit, Swedish National eHealth Agency.

9:30 **Registration**

10:00 **Opening and Welcome**

Jenny Lundgren, Chair of RME

Desiree Pethrus, member of the Regional Council of Region Stockholm

Viral Reactivation – association with Covid

10:30 **Understanding infectious origin of ME/CFS**

PhD, Dr. Bhupesh K. Prusty, Inst Virology and Immunobiology,
Julius-Maximilians-Universität, Würzburg, Germany

11:05 **SARS-CoV-2 induces differential reactivation of latent viruses in ME/CFS**

PhD, Dr. Eirini Apostolou, University of Linköping

11:40 **Persistent infection and viral reactivation: a driver of common ME/CFS and LongCovid symptoms**

Dr. Amy Proal, PolyBio Research Foundation, Medford, USA (online presentation)

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

Ethical aspects

13:15 **An ethics-based approach to management of ME/CFS and Long Covid**

Professor Diane O’Leary, University of Maryland, USA (on site or online presentation)

13:50 **Children with ME taken into custody**

Dr. Nigel Speight, Durham, UK (on site or online presentation)

14:25 – 15:00 Break, refreshments

15:00 **Patient experiences with public services and interventions in Norway**

Results from the project Tjenesten og MEg,
PhD Anne Kielland, the FAFO foundation, Norway

15:35 **Panel discussion**

16:30 **Closing** (*cont’d on next page*)

Conference Venue: Landstingssalen, Landstingshuset, Hantverkargatan 45, Stockholm. Entrance at the back of the building. For those arriving by taxi, please direct your driver to the entrance on "Pilgatan".

Host: The conference is hosted by Riksförbundet för ME-patienter (RME) with the involvement of our national and local organisations.

Do you have any practical issues? Please contact RME Stockholm via e-mail at stockholm@rme.nu.

Co-hosting partners: Norges ME-forening, ME Foreningen in Danmark and Medicinska föreningen för ME/CFS i Finland rf.

