

The 24th Annual Norwegian Symposium on Heart Research

October 8-9, 2026

Thursday October 8

10:00-11:30 Cardiac Café

Chairs and panel: Kåre-Olav Stensløkken (UiO/OUS) and Ragnhild Helseth (OUS)

10:00-11:00 Jianxiang (Gegen) Wang (NTNU): The Idea Furnace – An AI-augmented workflow from research question to first funding draft

11:00-11:30 Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience (Kåre-Olav Stensløkken, Ragnhild Helseth and Jianxiang (Gegen) Wang)

11:30-12:00 Registration

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:05 Kåre-Olav Stensløkken, Director of NORHEART (UiO/OUS): Welcome

13:05-13:15 Bo Gleditsch, Secretary General, Nasjonalforeningen: Symposium opening

13:15-14:35 New approaches to cardiac pathophysiology and treatment

Chairs: Ingrid Christophersen (OUS) and Kåre-Olav Stensløkken (UiO/OUS)

13:15-13:40 Godfrey L. Smith, University of Glasgow and OUS: Heterogeneity in the heart

13:40-14:00 Mona E Rootwelt-Revheim (OUS/UiO): Future use of PET in cardiac research and diagnostics

14:00-14:20 Ragnhild Helseth (OUS): Large language models for optimizing cardiovascular care

Break 14:20-15:00

15:00-17:30 Abstract sessions (moderators and panel members)

1: Biomarkers

Moderators: Sigrun Halvorsen (OUS/UiO) and Torbjørn Omland (AHUS/UiO)

Panel: Mai Tone Lønnebakken * (UiB), Bjørnar Grenne (NTNU), John Munkhaugen (Vestre Viken/UiO), Håvard Attramadal (UiO)

2: Inflammation, remodeling and heart failure

Moderators: Bente Halvorsen (OUS/UiO) and Kjetil Wessel Andressen (UiO)

Panel: Anne Hafstad * (UiT), Erik Sveberg Dietrichs (UiO), Henrik Schirmer (Ahus/UiO), Helge Skulstad (OUS/UiO), Finn Olav Levy (UiO), Ole-Jakob How (UiT)

3: Genetics, exercise, arrhythmias and acute myocardial infarction

Moderators: Nina Eide Hasselberg (OUS) and Bill Louch (UiO)

Panel: Morten Høydal * (NTNU), Charlotte Ingul (NTNU), Åsa Birna Birgisdottir (UiT), Anna Isotta Castrini (Vestre Viken), Brage Håheim (UiT), Trine Fink (OUS)

4: Imaging and cardiac function

Moderators: Mette-Elise Estensen (OUS) and Espen Remme (OUS)

Panel: Dana Cramariuc * (UiB), Håvard Dalen (NTNU), Jørgen Gravning (OUS/UiO), Andreas Østvik (NTNU/Sintef), Jan Otto Beitnes (OUS), Christian K. Five, (Vestre Viken)

*Panel chair

18:30 Dinner

Friday October 9

9:00-10:10: The female heart and new technologies

Chairs: Kristina H. Haugaa (OUS/UiO) and Charlotte Ingul (NTNU)

09:00-09:20 Lasse Løvstakken (NTNU): Medical ultrasound imaging - Current and future opportunities with AI

09:20-09:40 Nigussie Bogale (HUS): SCAD- From clinical mystery to “hotflush” topic

09:40-10:00 Anja Bye (NTNU): Polygenic risk scores in cardiovascular disease – potential for clinical use

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-11:20 The heart, the brain, and arrhythmias

Chairs: Mathis K. Stokke (UiO/OUS) and Peter Schuster (HUS/UiB)

10:30-10:55 Arnljot Tveit (Vestre Viken): Left atrium and the brain

10:55-11:20 Jan Pål Loennechen (NTNU): Pulsed field ablation – from biology to therapy

Break 11:20-11:30

11:30-12:00 Abstract winners and presentations

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12:00-13:30 Lunch

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