



Faith in Medicine

Nordic ICMDA 2021

Gothenburg 12-15 August 2021

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Rick Paul, Netherlands

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Welcome to Nordic ICMDA-meeting in Gothenburg 2021!

We live in troubled times and need to come together from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden in order to better understand today's challenges and our calling as believers in Jesus Christ. Students in the health professions, junior doctors, specialized colleagues and retired medics, let's meet, listen and interact concerning the issues of our time.

The gospel is more relevant than ever in the midst of a pandemic, climate change, identity politics, totalitarian regimes on the rise, and massive propaganda as well as increased secularization of the west both in society in general as well as in the church.

Gothenburg is lovely in August and a limited number can meet in the venues suggested in the program. If you are not able to travel to Gothenburg, join the meeting over the internet.

The general outline of the Nordic ICMDA-meeting is according to the schedule and application form. Please register today on our website www.kristnalakare.se.

Special program for students!

All students are welcome to stay for the conference in Christian doctor's or student's homes. Two to four in each home. You will have to register for this on our website. We will also advertise 10 scholarships on our website.

Wednesday 11th of August at 17:00 students meet in the famous Slottsskogen (park in Gothenburg) for a picknick and fun.

Thursday 12th at 13:00 students go for sightseeing, Skansen Kronan et cetera.

Friday 13th we plan for a barbeque afternoon together with all participants.

Saturday 14th students leave Brethren church at 13:30 for an excursion to the island of Donsö via Saltholmen.

See you in August,

Jovanna Dahlgren
Chairman, KLM

Lars Ljungström
KLM international secretary

Magnus Landgren
Editor, *Ars Medicina*

Application form, Nordic ICMDA, Gothenburg, Sweden, August 12-15 2021

Fees: Participants in Gothenburg: Doctors/dentists 1000 SEK/100 €, Other healthcare personnel 500 SEK/50 €, Students 300 SEK/ 30 €.

Participation via Zoom: 500 SEK/50 €. Students 300 SEK/30€.

Pay to KLM, Sweden minimum two days before arrival. Swish 123 692 93 50, bankgiro 5033-2857, IBAN SE81 8000 0829 9098 4045 9920. BIC SWEDSESS

Communication mainly through e-mail. For updates see our homepage www.kristnalakare.se.

1. Surname _____ Family name _____
2. Country _____
3. Town _____
4. e-mail address _____
5. Cellphone + _____
6. Student ____ Specialist in _____ Retired ____
For students: Do you want help with accomodation? _____
7. Participate in Gothenburg _____ Participate via Zoom _____
8. Choose a seminar. For more details see our homepage.

	Thursday Aug 12	Friday Aug 13	Saturday Aug 14
Seminars:	1 ____	3 ____	5 ____
	2 ____	4 ____	6 ____

1. Global Health challenges. Rune Andersson, Vinod Shah
2. World view and freedom of conscience. Per Landgren, Ruth Nordström
3. When does human life begin? Tomas Seidal, John Wyatt
4. Death on demand. Johan Holmdahl, Kalle Mäki, Rick Paul
5. Identity confusion – Gender dysphoria. J. Dahlgren, Peter Saunders
6. Let your light so shine... Britt-Marie Joelsson

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me." Joh. 14:1

To be updated! www.kristnalakare.se. This update June 18, 2021.

ICMDA Nordic meeting 2021, Gothenburg, Sweden, and via Zoom				
12-15 AUGUST 2021				
	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
08:00-08:30	Welcome Devotion	Devotion	Devotion	Saturday: Special student programme with Rick Paul. Excursion to Donsö island in the afternoon.
08:30-09:00	Faith in Medicine Bible reading Speaker TBA	Faith in Medicine Bible reading Speaker TBA	Faith in Medicine Bible reading Speaker TBA	
09:00-09:30	Group gatherings	Group gatherings	Group gatherings	
09:30-09:45	Break	Break	Break	
09:45-10:15	Peter Saunders The role of faith for the Christian doctor	Rick Paul Is it just a job? The role of faith in vocational calling.	John Wyatt The Biblical view of man and caring	
10:15-10:45	Q & A	Q & A	Q & A	
10:45-11:00	Break	Break	Break	
11:00-11:30	Seminar 1 or 2	Seminar 3 or 4	Seminar 5 or 6	Service TBA
11:30-12:00	Group discussions	Group discussions	Group discussions	
12:00-12:30	Plenary session	Plenary session	Plenary session	
12:30-	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-18:00	"Hangout" for those in Gothenburg	Hangout and Barbecue afternoon for all participants at Evangeliska Brödräfsamlingen	"Hangout" for those in Gothenburg	Departure
18:00-19:30	Evening meal		Evening meal	
19:30-20:00	Covid-19 and the "Zeitgeist" - the general ideas and beliefs of our time Speaker TBA	Medical missions Norway	CMFs in the future Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland	
20:00-20:30	Plenary session	Medical missions Finland	Plenary session	
20:30-21:00	Devotion Norway	Devotion Finland	Devotion Denmark	
<p>Seminar 1: Global health challenges I - Good and just healthcare for us all Dr. Vinod Shah, India. Moderator Sen. prof. Rune Andersson</p> <p>Seminar 2: World view and freedom of conscience in medical care. Per Landgren, PhD. Ruth Nordström, Human rights lawyer.</p> <p>Seminar 3: When does human life begin? Sen. prof. John Wyatt. Moderator Dr. Tomas Seidal</p> <p>Seminar 4: Death on demand Dr. Kalle Mäki, Finland. Dr. Rick Paul, Holland. Moderator Dr. Johan Holmdahl</p> <p>Seminar 5: Identity confusion - gender dysphoria. Dr. Peter Saunders, GB. Moderator: Prof. Jovanna Dahlgren</p> <p>Seminar 6: Let your light so shine... Testifying without words. Ass. prof. Britt-Marie Joelsson</p>				
<p>Venues: All churches are within 15 minutes walking distance in central Gothenburg:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Evangeliska Brödräfsamlingen, Kungsgatan 45, 411 15 Göteborg Betlehems kyrkan, Erik Dahlbergsgatan 11B, 411 26 Göteborg (Tabernaklet Baptist Church, Götaber gsgatan 4, 411 34 Göteborg) <p>Hotels: There are several affordable hotels in central Gothenburg on the dates for the conference. See for example www.booking.com</p>				

2021 Seminars – Contemporary needs and “ethical hotspots”

Two parallel seminars daily, days 1,2,3. Participants can choose one seminar each day. Some may be recorded and made available afterwards.

One or two speakers get 30 minutes altogether. Then the audience is divided into groups, 5-8 each, for 30 minutes and may present questions to the moderator via the chat function in Zoom. During another 30 minutes the moderator presents some of the questions to the speakers.

1. Global health challenges I - Good and just healthcare for us all

Each year in India, 10 million people are thrown into total poverty due to the inability to pay for their healthcare costs. This has become even more pronounced during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ruthless exploitation of women, children and natural resources, alcohol, drugs and trafficking destroy people. How do we achieve good and just medical care for everyone? The role of faith in Christ in taking on overwhelming needs. Experiences from the Christian Medical College Vellore, India.

Moderator: **Dr. Rune Andersson, senior professor in Infectious Diseases**, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg.

Speaker: **Dr. Vinod Shah** via Zoom. Vinod Shah is the former CEO of ICMDA. He is a pediatric surgeon from CMC (Christian Medical College) Vellore.

2. World view and freedom of conscience in medical care

In Sweden it is getting more and more difficult to be allowed freedom of conscience if you, as a medical professional, referring to traditional ethics, would not want to participate in for example abortions or euthanasia. Recently, two midwives have been refused employment in Sweden because they do not want to participate in abortions. The Liberal party in Sweden has even suggested a change of the Swedish concept

of “freedom of conscience” to “care refusal”. Some politicians also say in public that Christians should not be allowed to work in healthcare at all. How has this change come about and where is it taking us? Is freedom of conscience no longer important for a democratic society?

Moderator: **Per Landgren, Ph.D.** History of Science and Ideas, former member of the Swedish parliament for the Christian Democrats.

The current situation in Sweden and within the EU. Speaker: Ruth Nordström, Human Rights Lawyer

3. When does human life begin?

During centuries Christian values have influenced the concept of human dignity and formed our respect for life despite vulnerability, disability or impairment. This contrasted with ancient cultures where newborn with disabilities or ill elderly could be left in the wilderness or thrown out from the family. Does the question of when life begins matter for how we treat others?

Moderator: **Dr. Tomas Seidal, MD, Ph.D.** Pathologist, Halmstad, Sweden.

Speaker: **John Wyatt, Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics, Ethics & Perinatology** at University College London

4. Death on demand – euthanasia – and palliative care

Should we ourselves be allowed to decide when our lives are no longer worth living and thereby have a right to medical assisted suicide? In Switzerland, Holland and Belgium “death on demand” is already in practice, but not yet in the Nordic countries.

What are the benefits? What are the negative factors? Can doctors be forced to provide the means to end another person’s life? Is there a Christian approach?

Moderator: **Dr. Johan Holmdahl, MD, Ph.D.** senior specialist in Nephrology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg.

Speakers: **Dr. Kalle Mäki, Finland** - The situation in Finland. **Dr. Rick Paul** - The Dutch experience.

5. Identity confusion – gender dysphoria

Since the last ten years the Western world has experienced an epidemic increase of gender dysphoria. From a few patients that mostly knew from early childhood they were in the “wrong” body, we have in recent years experienced a more than 10-fold increase.

Mostly teenage females with neuropsychiatric disorders experience a feeling of “rapid onset gender dysphoria”.

How common is identity confusion? Does “rapid onset gender dysphoria” really exist as a medical entity? What are the long-term effects of treatment? What are the experiences from the Tavistock center in the UK?

Moderator and speaker: **Jovanna Dahlgren, professor of Pediatrics**, Queen Silvia Children’s Hospital, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg.

Speaker: **Dr. Peter Saunder, CEO ICMDA.**

6. Let your light so shine...

How can we testify to our patients about the “good news” in a setting where we are not allowed to convey the gospel? “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16 KJV).

Saline solution. Personal testimonies.

Moderator/speaker: **Britt-Marie Joelson, Ass prof.**, Pediatric Cardiology, Queen Silvia Children’s Hospital, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg.