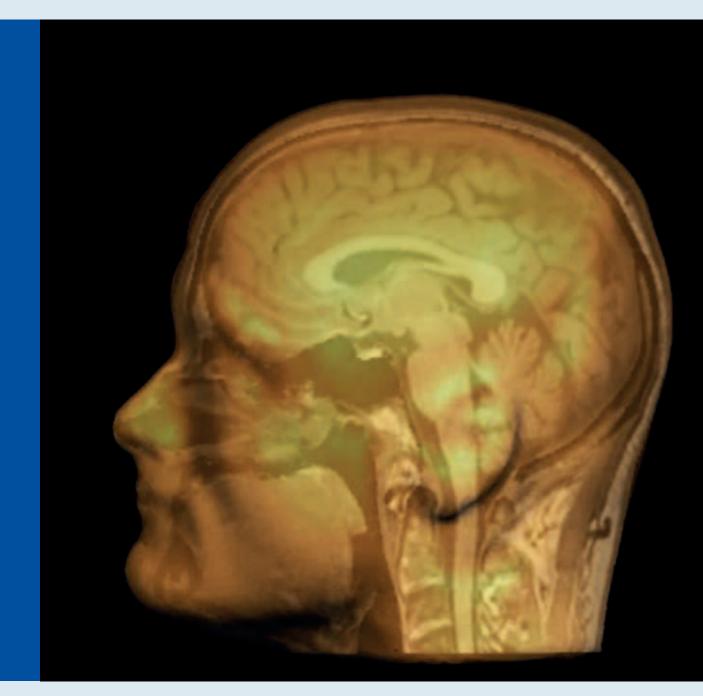
A NEW NORDIC COLLABORATIVE NETWORK FOR PhD TRAINING IN MEDICAL IMAGING

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NORDIC COLLABORATION

Due to a range of mutually enforcing factors (e.g. similarities in PhD programs, language, and geographical proximity), conditions are favorable for collaboration in PhD training in the Nordic region.

MEDICAL IMAGING

In the biomedical sciences, Nordic agencies such as the Joint Committee of Nordic Medical Research Councils (NOS-M), are working towards a regional strengthening of collaboration in PhD training. As a targeted test-case, a partnership in the field of Medical Imaging is currently being developed.

In relation to the ESFRI project Euro-Bioimaging, national consortia have been established in Finland, Sweden and Norway. Although these consortia are primarily targeted towards research infrastructures, they are working also to develop training activities. Euro-Bioimaging will be a Distributed Research Infrastructure. Training, at all levels, will be a precondition for external access to facilities. Also, courses may be arenas where contacts are made, leading to future project collaboration. The consortia in Finland, Norway and Sweden are aiming to promote collaboration

in PhD training in medical imaging, including also advanced biomedical microscopy.

Norwegian Research School in Medical Imaging (MedIm) provides funding for the Norwegian share of the preparatory work towards Nordic PhD collaboration in medical imaging. MedIm is also coordinating the work to secure funding for the partners from the other Nordic countries.

OUTCOMES

Planned outcomes in the following years are increased PhD candidate mobility, shared PhD courses, and the organization of a Nordic PhD Conference in Medical Imaging. Outside the issue of funding, a key success criterion will be the continued harmonization of credits, exams, and access in the region.

STEPPING STONE

The Nordic collaboration can prove to be a stepping stone towards European level accessibility of PhD training and other relevant events for all PhD candidates in the field of medical imaging. Thus, both the desired improvement in training, as well as the establishment of vital networks for future research collaboration, can be achieved.







