

# DCAcademy Winter Meeting 2026

## Turning Data into Impact

**Date:** 24 - 28 February, 2026

**Venue:** Oslo Ferry & Norefjell, Norway

### Tuesday, 10 February

#### Mandatory pre-meeting

15:30 Online Webinar to prepare for the Winter Meeting

### Tuesday, 24 February

#### Meeting point

11:30 CPH Dampfærgevej 30, 2100 København Ø

#### Session I

#### Grand Opening

Chairs: **Organising Committee** and **DCAcademy**

11:30 - 11:45 Arrival and board ferry

11:45 - 12:00 **Welcome!**  
Professor **Thomas Jespersen**, Executive Managing Director, Danish Cardiovascular Academy

#### Keynote session

Chairs: Professor **Alicia Lundby**, University of Copenhagen, Professor **Justin Lawley**, University of Innsbruck

12:00 - 12:30 **Life-long trajectories of multimorbidity – from description to prediction**  
Professor **Søren Brunak**, University of Copenhagen

12:30 - 12:45 Discussion

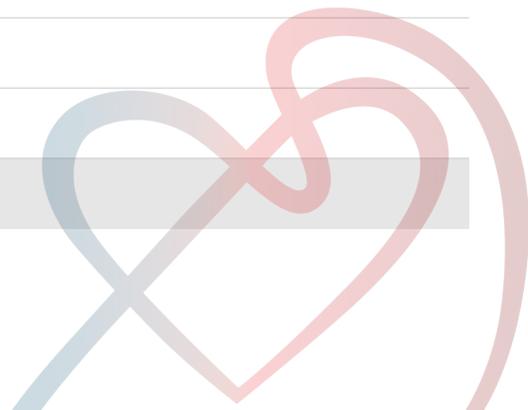
12:45 - 13:00 **Proteomic Signatures of Heart Disease as a Foundation for New Therapeutic Strategies**  
Professor **Alicia Lundby**, University of Copenhagen

13:00 - 13:05 Discussion

13:05 - 13:20 **Deep Learning as a Tool in Cardiovascular Research**  
Postdoc. **John Mulvey**, University of Copenhagen

13:20 - 13:25 Discussion

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch  
*Restaurant Syd*



## Session II

### Workshop: How to create research with impact and impact with research

Chair: Associate Professor **Lasse Gliemann**, University of Copenhagen

14:30 - 14:40 **Setting the stage: Curiosity and frustrations!**  
Associate Professor **Lasse Gliemann**, University of Copenhagen

14:40 - 15:30 **Part 1: Expected change**  
Impact Manager **Katrine Iversen**, Novo Nordisk Foundation

15:30 - 15:45 Peer feedback presentations

15:45 - 16:20 **Part 2: Effect chains**  
Impact Manager **Katrine Iversen**, Novo Nordisk Foundation

16:20 - 16:30 **Summary and wrap up in plenum**

16:30 - 16:50 Break

## Oral Presentations (parallel)

### Session III

Chairs: Professor **Nicole Schmitt**, University of Copenhagen,  
Postdoc. **Magda Rita Hamczyk**, Aarhus University

16:50 - 17:00 Introduction to feedback format

17:00 - 18:00 **Group 1**  
*Venue: Auditorium*

**Group 2**  
*Venue: Group room*

18:00 - 19:00 Check-in and free time

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner  
*Restaurant Nord Banquet*

20:30 - 22:30 Socialising at Anker Bar (optional)

## Wednesday, February 25

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast  
*Restaurant Skagerak*

08:30 - 08:40 **Introduction to today's programme**

## Oral Presentations continued

### Session IV

Chairs: Professor **Nicole Schmitt**, University of Copenhagen,  
Postdoc. **Magda Rita Hamczyk**, Aarhus University

08:45 - 09:45 **Group 3**  
*Venue: Auditorium*

**Group 4**  
*Venue: Group room*

10:00 - 12:30 Bus to Norefjell Conference Hotel

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch  
*Restaurant 815*

13:30 - 13:45 **Welcome to Norefjell!**



## Session V

### Workshop: Lost in AI translation? Finding the right words, tools, and uses.

Chair: Professor **Nicole Schmitt**, University of Copenhagen

13:45 - 15:15

**From gAI to LLMs to “AI as method”: Clear up the confusion and explore how to use AI productively and ethically in our projects.**

Facilitators: Special consultant **Martin Rykov Ibsen** & Professor **Nicole Schmitt**, University of Copenhagen

15:15 - 17:00 Mount posters, check-in, and free time

## Session VI

### Masterclass I + II (parallel)

**Masterclass I: Purposeful research: Getting a meaningful answer to the right question**

Facilitators: Assistant Professor **Hannah Caldwell**, University of Copenhagen, Postdoc. **Cody Durrer**, Rigshospitalet, MD, PhD **Grit Elster Legård**, Rigshospitalet

17:00 - 18:45

**Masterclass II: Receiving and Providing Peer-Review**

Facilitators: Postdoc. **Anita Dittrich**, Karolinska Institute, Associate Professor **Morten B. Thomsen**, University of Copenhagen

18:45 - 19:30 Pre-dinner drinks and poster viewing

19:30 - 21:00

Dinner  
*Restaurant 815*

### Evening Session

Char: Professor **Christian Aalkjær**, Danish Cardiovascular Academy

21:00 - 21:30

**Understanding the heartbeat at the nanoscale**

Professor **William Louch**, Oslo University Hospital

## Thursday, February 26

07:30 - 08:30

Breakfast  
*Restaurant 815*

08:30 - 08:40 **Introduction to today's programme**

## Session VII

### Data Driven Healthcare: Is it for Everyone?

Chairs: Professor **Gunnar Gislason**, The Danish Heart Foundation

08:40 - 08:55

**Data-Driven Care in Daily Practice: Promise or Pitfall?**

Professor **Eske Kvanner Aasvang**, University of Copenhagen

08:55 - 09:10

**Building a Data-Driven Hospital: From Vision to Patient Flow**

CEO **Magnus Thorsten Jensen**, Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen

09:10 - 09:35

**Salvatory vision and troubling overdiagnosis: How AI and new technology form patients, clinicians and researchers – for good and for bad**

Associate Professor **Alexandra Jønsson**, Roskilde University, Professor **John Brodersen**, Copenhagen University Hospital & UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

09:35 - 09:40 Reflections

09:40 - 10:30 **Panel debate**

10:30 - 15:30 Free time  
*Sandwiches at 12:00 at conference room*

Session VIII

**Masterclass III + IV (parallel)**

**Masterclass III: Many Roads, One Mission: Building a Fulfilling Career in Cardiovascular Research**

Facilitator: Postdoc. **Maithily Nanadikar**, University of Copenhagen

Panelists: Professor **Gunnar Gislason**, The Danish Heart Foundation, Senior Research Scientist **Julia Krause**, Novo Nordisk A/S, Field Medical Adviser **Terje Kolstad**, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

15:30 - 17:15

**Masterclass IV: Grant Writing and Grant Processing**

Facilitators: Postdoc. **Magda Rita Hamczyk**, Aarhus University, Professor **Rikke Buhl**, University of Copenhagen, Professor **Jørgen Frøkiær**, Aarhus University

17:15 - 17:35 Break

17:35 - 17:45 Presentation of poster session format

17:45 - 19:30 **Poster session**

19:30 - 21:00 Dinner  
*Restaurant 815*

21:00 - 22:00 **Social activity (optional)**

## Friday, February 27

07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast and check-out

### **Lactate - waste product or therapeutic target?**

Session IX

Chairs: Associate Professor **Ulrik Winning Iepsen**, Copenhagen University Hospitals, Assistant Professor **Hannah Caldwell**, University of Copenhagen, PhD Student **Frederik Færgemann Lau**, Copenhagen University Hospitals

08:30 - 08:55 **Lactate metabolism and its role in (patho)physiology**  
Professor **Olav Rooyackers**, Karolinska Institute

08:55 - 09:05 Discussion

09:05 - 09:30 **Integrating exercise physiology into sepsis biology**  
Assistant Professor **Hannah Caldwell**, University of Copenhagen

09:30 - 09:40 Discussion

09:40 - 10:05 **Lactate as Treatment: Therapeutic Applications of Exogenous Lactate**  
Postdoc. **Mette Glavind Bülow Pedersen**, Aarhus University

10:05 - 10:15 Discussion

10:15 - 10:30 **Joined discussions**



10:35 - 11:00 **Joint exercise**

11:00 - 11:15 **Final remarks**

Departure to Copenhagen	Departure to Aalborg & Aarhus
11:30 Lunch to-go and bus to Oslo	12:00 Lunch <i>Restaurant 815</i>
14:00 Check-in and free time	14:30 Bus to Larvik
19:00 <b>Farewell dinner</b> <i>Restaurant Skagerak</i>	18:30 Arrival at ferry and free time
20:00 Socialising at Anker Bar (optional)	19:30 <b>Farewell dinner</b> <i>Restaurant Catch Me If You Can</i>
	22:45 Arrival in Hirtshals and bus to Aalborg and Aarhus
	23:45 Arrival Th. Sauers vej, Aalborg
	01:30 Arrival Høegh-Guldbergs Gade, Aarhus

## Saturday, February 28

07:00 - 10:00 Breakfast

10:00 - 10:15 Arrival in Copenhagen

