

The CrossTalk group at the Department of Oral Biology, Faculty of Dentistry, UiO, has the pleasure to invite to the minisymposium:

To be or not to be in a biofilm?

Tuesday September 1, 14:15,

Store Auditorium, Domus Odontologica, Sognsvannsveien 10, Building A1, 0372 Oslo

- 14:00-14:15 *Anne Aa. Scheie*, Professor: **Welcome: To be or not to be in a biofilm?**
14.15-15.00 *Ingun Lund Witsø*, MSc: **The role of communication in bacterial virulence**
15.00-15.15 Coffee break
15:15-15:45 *Gunnel Svensäter*, Professor, Dental Faculty, Malmö University: **Oral biofilm - strategies for biomarkers and infection control**
15:45-16:15 *Rikke Louise Meyer*, Assoc. Professor, Interdisciplinary Nanoscience Center, Århus University : **DNA - the all-purpose glue of bacteria**

The lecture by *Ingun Witsø* is part of the defense of her doctoral thesis “**Quorum sensing interference controls bacterial virulence**” which she will defend on Wednesday, September 2, 9:15, at the same location.

Gunnel Svensäter is Professor and Head of the Department of Oral Biology at the Faculty of Dentistry, Malmö University. She has many years experience in research and teaching on oral ecology and biofilm. Gunnel Svensäter is presently the leader of a large research group that aims at finding biomarkers in biofilm that can predict the risk for chronic oral infections.

Rikke Meyer is Associate Professor of microbiology at the Interdisciplinary Nanoscience Center at Aarhus University, Denmark. Her research combines microbiology and nanoscience in the pursuit of understanding how bacteria attach to surfaces and form biofilm, and how these can be prevented or treated through novel formulations of antimicrobial compounds or antifouling surfaces.