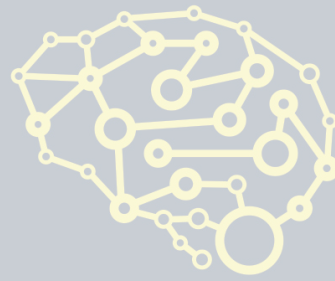


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MultipleMS/IMSGC face-to-face meeting

Members from the two large MS-consortia, the International MS Genetics Consortium (IMSGC) and the MultipleMS project were gathered at this year's face-to-face meeting in Stockholm earlier this fall. The meeting took place at the beautiful "Vår Gård" at Saltsjöbaden.

The aim of the meeting was to update all members on ongoing projects and the available data resources as well as share updates on the latest scientific results. The focus was on scientific presentations and interactions, with both poster sessions and PhD & postdoc speed-dating. The meeting was a success and the scientific advisory board was very positive to the work done in MultipleMS and recommended that the project should be prolonged with one year to ensure reaching the inclusion goal of 500 patients in our prospective cohort.

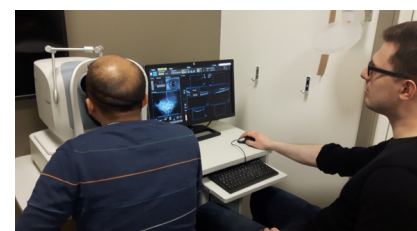
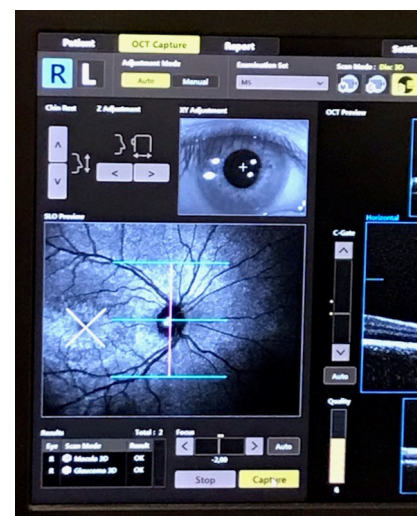


Visiting the MS-clinic in Stockholm

With the ambition to improve the understanding of clinical work among researchers and students, we organized a visit from the KI research office for PhD-students, postdocs, researchers and bioinformaticians to the clinic at the Academic Specialist Centre where we receive the MS patients that are part of the MultipleMS study.

Dr. Thomas Moridi told us about the different tests that are used in the study and we also got to try some, like 9-hole peg test, EDSS and SDMT, and also OCT (optical coherence tomography), used to discover changes in the eye structure.

- Alexandra Gyllenberg (Scientific Coordinator, MultipleMS)



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BC Platforms contributes to MultipleMS by delivering software platform for data management, integration and sharing.

- BC Platforms team in Espoo, Finland has provided the centralized databases for both the prospective clinical collection and centralized research database of BC|GENOME for MultipleMS. We are working in close collaboration with the FIMM team in work package 2, data analyses.

Our target is to enable clinicians and researchers to integrate and share their phenotype and genetic data for data queries and downstream analyses in the secure server environment.

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- Päivi Tikka-Kleemola (PhD) Customer Success Manager



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Upcoming:

The second MultipleMS PhD and Postdoc-meeting will be arranged in Oslo 18-19 May 2020. This time, we also invite all young researchers in the IMSGC-consortium to attend the meeting. The focus of this dynamic and interactive meeting will be to improve knowledge and skills with respect to innovation, increase the impact of the MultipleMS project and promote interaction between young scientists within and across MultipleMS and the IMSGC.

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