

Bridging the Baltic Symposium III

## **Medicine in the Baltic Sea region: Networks, Transfers, Consequences**

### **When and where:**

March 18-19, 2021, Biskopshuset, Biskopsgatan 1, Lund, Lund University & Zoom

The Department of History, Theory and Ethics of Medicine at the Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf, Germany, the Department of History of Medicine at Lund University, Sweden, and the Institute of the History of Medicine at the Riga Stradins University, Latvia, are organising an international symposium about medicine in the Baltic Sea region. The focus is on scientific networks and transfers since the turn of the 20th century with a prime focus on the Cold War. The symposium is supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health (EAHMH).

A new “Hanseatic League”, “a global hotspot for health”, “one of the most innovative science macro-regions in the world”? In the fields of life science and technology, politicians and managers of current large research projects describe the Baltic Sea region as a hub of cutting-edge research. How did these images emerge? Although several research programs have been established to foster research on this territory, surprisingly few publications deal thoroughly with “Baltic Sea networks” in medicine and health sciences and their impact for the production and spread of knowledge. This symposium brings together researchers who currently work on aspects of history of medicine in the Baltic Sea region to illuminate currents of ideas and areas of cooperation and conflict.

Given the Covid-19-situation, the presentations will take place via Zoom. The talks shall not exceed 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes discussion.

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Thursday March 18, 2021

10.00

Welcome from the organizers

10:10-11:50. **Session I**

## **Networks and impact (Chair: Peter M Nilsson, Lund)**

Ulrika Lagerlöf Nilsson, Gothenburg:

*Construction of excellence in “Baltic” medicine: Elite as a theoretical concept*

Friedrich Moll, Thorsten Halling, Nils Hansson, Düsseldorf:

*The Alwall/Gambro connection: Nephrologist Franz Volhard’s contacts in Scandinavia*

10:50-11:10 Break

Martin Göllnitz, Marburg:

*Struggle for interpretations? National Socialist science policy in the Baltic Sea region with special emphasis on medicine*

Heiner Fangerau, Düsseldorf:

*Networks in medicine (commentary)*

11:50-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:00. **Session II**

## **Transfers: Objects and images (Chair: Juris Salaks, Riga)**

Yvonne Gavallér, Düsseldorf:

*Changing objects. Scientific transfer between Germany and Sweden on the example of neurasthenia*

Kristin Halverson, Stockholm:

*Tools of the Trade: Medical Devices and Historical Meanings in Sweden and Denmark 1850-1900*

Felicitas Söhner, Düsseldorf:

*An iconic image of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: Lore Zech and the chromosome banding technique at the Karolinska Institute*

14:00-14:20 Break

14:20 - 16:00. **Session III**

**Contacts during the Cold War (Chair: Jonatan Wistrand, Lund)**

Anne Oommen-Halbach, Düsseldorf:

*Korczak studies in East and West since the 1970s – German-Polish research on the Polish paediatrician and pedagogue Janusz Korczak (1878-1942)*

Alexandra Nicolaidis, Peter M Nilsson, Lund:

*Medicine and ideology: The Swedish physician Andrea Andreen and the Stalin Peace Prize 1953*

15:00-15:10 Break

Juris Salaks, Kaspars Antonovičs, Riga:

*Scientific travels and reports: from Latvian SSR to GDR/FRG and the Scandinavian countries, 1980-1990.*

Nils Hansson, Düsseldorf:

*Travel reports by natural scientists and physicians, German Democratic Republic/Sweden 1960-1990*

Sven Widmalm, Uppsala: *Commentary*

**Friday March 19, 2021**

10:00-11:00. **Session IV**

**Cut and Paste? Exchange between surgeons in the Baltic Sea region (Chair: Ieva Lībiete, Riga)**

Andreas D. Ebert, Berlin:

*Gynecology and Obstetrics in the Baltic Sea region: The importance of Albertus University Königsberg 1844-1945*

Bengt Uvelius, Lund, Friedrich Moll, Düsseldorf/Köln:

*Skills in laparoscopy: The Baltic network of Hans Christian Jacobaeus*

Ulrike Eisenberg, Berlin:

*Contacts among neurosurgeons in northern Europe during the Cold War with focus on H. Olivecrona*

11:00-11:20 Break

11:20-12:00 Discussion in break-out-rooms

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30. **Session V**

## **Outlook & Commentary (Chair: Nils Hansson, Düsseldorf)**

Frederike Felcht, Frankfurt:

*Poverty, Hygiene and Sexuality in Scandinavian Working-Class Literature*

Joanna Nieznanowska, Szczecin:

*From Scratch: the Foundation and the Beginnings of the Pomeranian Medical University of Szczecin*

Steffen Fleßa, Greifswald:

*Innovations in Healthcare of Peripheral Regions – Greifswald as Incubator for the Baltic Sea Region?*

14:00-14:10 Break

Peter M Nilsson, Lund: *Insulin's 100 years Anniversary - How was it implemented in the Baltic Sea area?*

14:30-14:40 Break

14:40-16:00. **Session VI**

## **On the horizon, further plans (Chair: Yvonne Gavallér, Düsseldorf)**

Yvonne Gavallér, Felicitas Söhner, Nils Hansson, Düsseldorf:

*Bridging the Baltic – A student poster project*

Thomas Wegener Friis, Odense:

*Project ideas*

Nils Hansson, Düsseldorf:

*Publication plans and information about the next network meetings in Riga (August 2021), and Düsseldorf (March and September 2022)*

## **Final discussion and Fare-well**

### **Scientific Board**

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