



**M I D I A**  
miljøårsaker til type 1  
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## MIDIA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium

in memory of Kjersti Skjold Rønningen

(MIDIA 25-årsjubileums-symposium - til minne om Kjersti Skjold Rønningen)

**Wednesday March 18, 2026**

Place: FHI (Norwegian Institute of Public Health/NIPH), Marcus Thranes gate 6, Oslo (Myrens verksted). Møterom i 7.etasje (Utsikten). See map/directions next page.

The symposium is *open to anyone who is interested - no registration*

1200-1230 (30 min): <i>Arrival, food, coffee, mingling (coffee, snacks)</i>	
1230-1240	Lars Christian Stene: Welcome and short introduction
1240-1247	Dag E. Undlien: Kjersti's contributions to understanding the role of HLA in T1D
1247-1255	Per Magnus: Kjersti's role in setting up the NIPH biobank and starting MIDIA
1255-1300	Liv Paltiel: Den første ansatte på biobanken med Kjersti
1300-1315	Turid Wetlesen: Å sette i gang MIDIA med Kjersti (in Norwegian)
1315-1335	German Tapia: Fecal virus infection and islet autoimmunity in MIDIA.
1335-1400 <i>Break with fruit, drinks, coffee</i>	
1400-1430	Ondřej Cinek: With MIDIA since May 1998: from the start of Kjersti's lab at Folkehelsa to faecal viromics today.
1430-1515	Zdeněk Šumník: Teplizumab in Focus: Expectations and Practical Insights.
1515-1530	Lars Christian Stene: Summary, the way forward, and end of seminar

We have booked the room until 16:30 for those want to hang around and chat. The floor will be open for anyone who wants to say a few words about Kjersti.



### Om Kjersti Skjold Rønningen (In Norwegian)

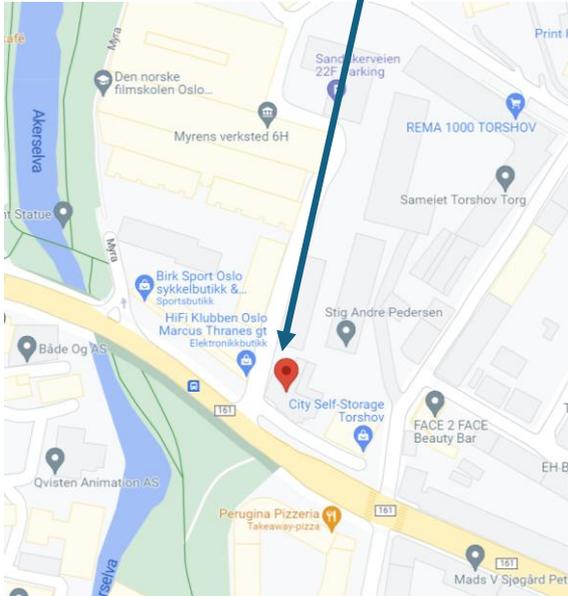
Kjersti planla, designet og ledet MIDIA-studien som startet rekruttering i 2001.

Hun gikk uventet bort fredag 21.mars 2025. Kjersti var lege og ekspert på HLA-geners rolle ved utviklingen av type 1 diabetes. Etter forskningsopphold i Edmonton, Canada, jobbet ved FHI fra 1998. Hun ledet oppbyggingen av biobanken til Den norske mor, far og barn-undersøkelsen (MoBa). Kjersti hadde som mål å finne miljøårsakene til type 1-diabetes for å gjøre det mulig å forebygge sykdommen.

### About the speakers

Lars Christian Stene: Senior Researcher at NIPH and currently PI of the MIDIA study
Dag E. Undlien: Professor and head of medical genetics OUH, worked with Kjersti on genetics of T1D.
Per Magnus: The first PI of the MoBa study, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PI of MIDIA (epidemiologist and medical geneticist)
Liv Paltiel: the first employee at the NIPH Biobank, currently Quality coordinator at OUH Biobank.
Turid Wetlesen: Retired Public Health Nurse head of MIDIA recruitment and participant contact from 2001
German Tapia: Senior Researcher at NIPH, did his PhD and postdoc with MIDIA
Ondřej Cinek: Professor of Medical Biology at Charles University Prague, working at departments of paediatrics and –microbiology at University Hospital Motol. He has been involved with monogenic diabetes and microbiology including metagenomics and collaborated with the MIDIA study since its inception.
Zdeněk Šumník: Professor of Pediatrics at Charles University and Head of the Department of Paediatrics at University Hospital Motol in Prague. Among many other projects, he was involved in the PROTECT study of teplizumab to children with new onset T1D (N Engl J Med 2023).

Address: FHI (NIPH), **Marcus Thranes vei 6** (white building with glass door (see picture), FHI/Folkehelseinstituttet logo). The entrance is normally closed, but there will be someone there to let you in before the seminar starts and in the break (1335-1400, see programme).



Entrance



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