Speaker Bios

Anton Pottegård is a professor and pharmacoepidemiologist from the University of Southern Denmark. His research focuses on the use of drugs in its broadest sense. Typically, he uses data from Danish or international health care registries, to either identify new side effects to drugs or better characterize known ones. Special areas of interest include emergency pharmacoepidemiology, hypothesis-generating screening studies and development of simple methods.

Marte-Helene Bjork is a consulting neurologist working with people with difficult-to-treat epilepsy at Haukeland University Hospital. She is a professor of Neurology at the University of Bergen where she leads the Bergen Epilepsy Research Group (BERG) and several registry-based studies including the Nordic registry-based study of antiepileptic drug safety (SCAN AED, www.SCANAED.org). She is the deputy director at Norwegian Center for Headache Research (NorHead, https://www.ntnu.no/norhead), working with randomized clinical trials and registry-based studies of headache patients. In her clinical and scientific work, she is especially interested in finding safe and effective treatment for women with neurological diseases.

Hanne Gulseth is a Research Director at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and physician with a PhD in clinical diabetes research from University of Oslo. She leads a program evaluating the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in Norwegian health registers and register-based studies of diabetes.

Niklas Norén is Chief Science Officer at the Uppsala Monitoring Centre, the WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring, and a member of its executive management team since 2009. He has published extensively on statistical pattern discovery in observational medical data, primarily adverse event reports and electronic medical records. His research has resulted in scientific papers on duplicate detection and subgroup discovery that have been internationally awarded. He is a member of the editorial board for *Drug Safety,* and he has led several international collaborative projects in pharmacovigilance including the signal detection work-package in *IMI PROTECT*; the work-packages on detecting substandard medicines and drug dependence in *Monitoring Medicines*; and the social media analytics work-package in *IMI WEB-RADR*. He is a member of the *CIOMS XIV* working group on Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacovigilance. Niklas holds a PhD in Mathematical Statistics from Stockholm University in 2007 and a MSc in Engineering Physics from Chalmers University of Technology in 2002.

Elena Rocca works as Associate Professor in Pharmacy at the Faculty of Health Sciences, at Oslo Metropolitan University. Her research specialises in issues at the interface between scientific evidence, practice, policy and theory of science. She is particularly interested in responsible science-based decision-making with focus on risk and safety of medicines, both from a practical, methodological and conceptual perspective. In the project 'Causation, Probability and Complexity in Pharmacovigilance' (2018-2021), financed by the Uppsala Monitoring Centre for International Drug Monitoring, she has applied recent innovations in theory of causality and evidence to improve clinical causality assessment in pharmacovigilance.

Bianca De Stavola is Professor of Medical Statistics at UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, London, UK. Bianca received her PhD from Imperial College London and MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, after graduating in Statistical and Economic Sciences at the University of Padova, Italy. Her main research activities involve the understanding, development and implementation of statistical methods for long-term longitudinal studies, with specific applications to causal enquiries in life-course epidemiology. In 2020 Bianca received the Suffrage Science Award for Mathematics and Computing and in 2021 the RSS Bradford Hill Medal for her work in causal inference.
Bianca is unfortunately no longer able to attend the conference. However, she has offered to give an online seminar at a later date.
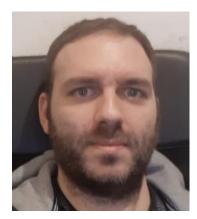
Daniel Prieto-Alhambra is a professor at University of Oxford, an epidemiologist and academic clinician-scientist using routinely collected health data to generate reliable evidence for improved patient care. Through an NIHR Senior Research Fellowship, he is investigating the use, safety, effectiveness and cost of drugs and devices as used in usual practice conditions and amongst older people with complex health needs. He leads Pharmaco- and Device Epidemiology research at NDORMS, and has experience designing, analysing, and interpreting electronic medical records from around the world. He has worked on multiple real-world data assets nationally and internationally and has specialised in network studies using the OMOP Common Data Model. More recently, he has joined the European Health Data & Evidence Network EHDEN (www.ehden.eu) and the Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics OHDSI (www.ohdsi.org) in an effort to accelerate and improve the quality of real world evidence internationally. Since February 2022, he has been Deputy Director for the European Medicines Agency's Data Analysis and Real World Interrogation Network (DARWIN EU) Coordination Centre, and lead the Development pillar for the generation and/or validation of analytical tools to generate real world evidence for regulatory use.

Live Håndlykken Kvale is a Senior Academic Librarian at University of Oslo Library working with research data management, data archiving, policy development and skills and training since 2013. She holds a PhD in Social Sciences from Oslo Metropolitan University from 2022, with the thesis on knowledge transfer and stakeholders in research data sharing. Her research interest is the intersection between society and technology and knowledge sharing from the perspective of infrastructure studies and scholarly communication including open research, research data management, research support, personal privacy, and research ethics.

Michalis Katsoulis is an Associate Professor in Biomedical Statistics/ Data Science at the MRC unit for Lifelong Health and Ageing at UCL. He holds a BSc in Applied Mathematical and Physical Sciences, an MSc in Statistics and a PhD in Epidemiology. He worked at the Hellenic Health Foundation and the University of Athens for 7 years (2008-2015). He worked at the Institute of Health Informatics at UCL as a Research Fellow and a Senior Research Fellow from December 2015 to February 2022.