

14. Skagen 1999

The 14th International Workshop on Surfactant Replacement took place in Skagen in 1999. Skagen is the most northern part of Denmark and a locality where artists and scientists have met and worked for decades. Invited speakers were Mikko Hallman, Oulu, Finland; Barbara Lam, Hong Kong; Timothy Weaver, Cincinnati, USA; Yoshio Kuroki, Sapporo, Japan; Jens Kamper, Odense, Denmark and Henry Halliday, Belfast, UK. Mikko Hallman gave the 2nd Nils Svenningsen Memorial Lecture entitled "Cytokines, pulmonary surfactant and consequences of intrauterine infection". Barbara Lam talked on "Surfactant lavage for the management of severe meconium aspiration syndrome" and Timothy Weaver talked on "Use of knockout mice to study surfactant protein structure and function". Yoshio Kuroki talked on "Functional roles of and structural analysis of lung collectins SP-A and SP-D" whilst Jens Kamper talked on "Early nasal continuous positive airway pressure and minimal handling in the treatment of very-low-birth-weight infants". Henry Halliday presented a meta-analysis entitled "Clinical trials of postnatal corticosteroids: Inhaled and systemic". The workshop was chaired by Finn Ebbesen and Henrk Verder and about 130 delegates participated. The proceedings have been published in *Biology of the Neonate* [14].

The meeting started on Midsummer Day with a welcome drinks reception on the large sand dune, Raabjerg Mile followed by a Buffet dinner in the Skagen Hotel. After this most delegates went to the beach to see the midsummer-bonfires.

On day two we had lunch on Grenen where the Baltic Sea meets the North Sea. We also visited Skagen Museum and dined in Pakhuset, a harbour side restaurant. In the evening we danced to live music - part of the Skagen Music Festival. On the last day we had a picnic and walk to Den Tilsandede Kirke a church almost buried in sand.



BONFIRES TO CELEBRATE MIDSUMMER
AT SKAGEN - DENMARK'S MOST NORTHERLY POINT



HENRIK VERDER (THE PRESIDENT) LEADS A TOAST ON
THE BEACH AT SKAGEN