



100 year anniversary of
Göran Gustafsson (1919–2003)



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NEW HORIZONS IN DIABETES RESEARCH

12–13 September 2019

Scientific symposium

Humanities Theatre
Uppsala University

Thursday 12 September

12.30 Welcome

Eva Åkesson, Vice-chancellor, Uppsala University, Sweden
Stellan Sandler, Vice-rector, Uppsala University, Sweden
Welcome and opening remarks

12.40–16.20 150-year anniversary of the discovery of pancreatic islets - New horizons

Chair **Anders Tengholm**, Uppsala University, Sweden

Patrick MacDonald, University of Alberta, Canada
Insights from combined functional and transcriptomic profiling of human islet cells

Bryndis Birnir, Uppsala University, Sweden
GABA signalling in pancreatic islets

Olof Idevall, Uppsala University, Sweden
Organelle dynamics in beta-cells

14.00–14.30 Coffee break

Alejandro Caicedo, University of Miami, Miller School of Med, USA
New insights into the innervation of the pancreatic islet

Gustaf Christoffersson, Uppsala University, Sweden
Imaging local immune regulation in the pancreas

Olov Andersson, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
In vivo drug discovery to stimulate beta-cell regeneration

Frank Reimann, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Enteroendocrine cells and glucose homeostasis

17.00 Göran Gustafsson Lecture in Medicine 2019

Anders Malmberg, Deputy vice-chancellor, Uppsala University
Introduction

Bernard Thorens, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
Brain neuronal circuits controlling glucose homeostasis and feeding behavior

18.00–19.00 Scientific poster exhibition with refreshments

Göran Gustafsson (1919–2003)



Göran Gustafsson was born in the far north of Sweden. Becoming a successful businessman, notably in real estate, Göran Gustafsson created the economic basis for his donations to two foundations that promote basic scientific research. Through these donations, Göran Gustafsson's vision was to provide Swedish researchers with the required conditions for competing with the best researchers in the world.

Friday 13 September

9.00–11.50 Type 2 diabetes – New paradigms in pathobiology and treatment

Chair **Jan Eriksson**, Uppsala University, Sweden

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Stratification of type 2 diabetes patients: will it enable precision medicine?

Angela M. Valverde, Institute of Biomedicine Alberto Sols (CSIC) and CIBERDEM, Madrid, Spain

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease:

insights from cellular and animal models

Marcel den Hoed, Uppsala University, Sweden

Image and CRISPR-based screens in zebrafish larvae to improve our understanding of diabetes aetiology

10.20–10.50 Coffee break

Tina Vilsbøll, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Incretin hormones – basis for new treatment era

John Wilding, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom

Will SGLT2 inhibitors change the diabetes and cardiovascular landscape?

11.50–13.00 Lunch

13.00–15.10 Technical applications for the advances of diabetes

Chair **Per-Ola Carlsson**, Uppsala University, Sweden

Klearchos Pappas, University of Arizona, USA

Oxygenated macrocapsules for pancreatic islet transplantation

Diego Balboa, Helsinki University, Finland

CRISPR Cas9 technology for human pluripotent reprogramming and the understanding of human beta-cell disease

Olof Eriksson, Uppsala University, Sweden

Novel tracers for imaging of the pancreas and their beta-cells by PET

Roman Hovorka, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Closed loop technology

Robin Strand, Uppsala University, Sweden

Imiomics and machine learning in whole-body imaging studies of diabetes

15.10–15.40 Coffee break

15.40–17.30 How do we form societies preventing diabetes?

Chair **Tove Fall**, Uppsala University, Sweden

Anna-Maria Volkman, University College London, United Kingdom

Cities changing diabetes

Brent Loken, Stockholm University, Sweden: EAT foundation

Can we feed a future population of 10 billion people a healthy diet within planetary boundaries?

Duk-Hee Lee, Kyungpook National University, Korea

Environmental pollutants and diabetes

Jonathan Cedernaes, Uppsala University, Sweden

Circadian rhythms, shift work and diabetes

Diabetes

100 years and 2 days of utmost importance

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to Uppsala University and the international scientific symposium New horizons in diabetes research. During two days we will present a comprehensive overview of research at the absolute forefront of our field.

Diabetes is a growing global health problem where science still needs to find effective means for prevention and cure. By gathering leading experts in the field, our aim is to strengthen the platform for our common endeavor to meet one of the major health care challenges of our time.

With this symposium Uppsala University and The Göran Gustafsson Foundation for Research at Uppsala University and KTH wish to commemorate that 100 years have passed since the birth of Göran Gustafsson, a true philanthropist in the world of science.

Stellan Sandler

professor, medical cellbiology
vice-rector, Uppsala University

Tove Fall

professor, molecular epidemiology
Uppsala University

Göran Gustafsson lecturer in medicine



Professor Bernard Thorens conducts research on the molecular physiology of energy homeostasis at the Center for Integrative Genomics of the University of Lausanne. He graduated in biochemistry and obtained his PhD from the University of Geneva. Following postdoctoral training at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT, Cambridge, USA, he returned to Switzerland to establish his own laboratory. Bernard Thorens is renowned for his pioneering work on glucose transporters and gluco-incretin receptors, which he initiated by the cloning and functional characterization of the GLUT2 transporter and the GLP-1 receptor in pancreatic beta-cells. These original discoveries were followed by continued cutting-edge research on different glucose sensing mechanisms and blood glucose control. His present research focusses on how brain glucose-sensing neurons control glucose homeostasis via autonomic nervous effects on pancreatic alpha- and beta-cell function, as well as how these neurons determine feeding behaviour. His laboratory also investigates signalling pathways, which adapt beta-cell mass and function to gluco-incretin hormone action and metabolic stress with the aim to find novel targets for the treatment of diabetes. The work of Professor Bernard Thorens has been recognised by several prestigious prizes.