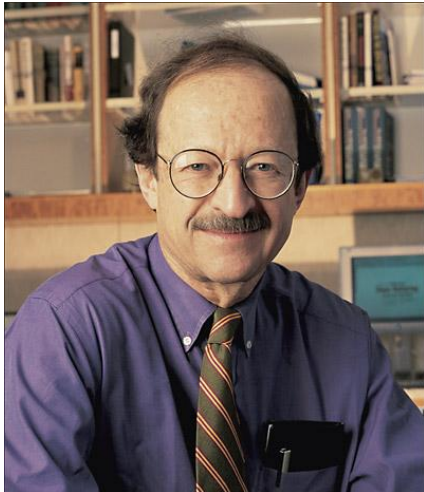


Nobel Laureate Harold Varmus attends the Life Science conference in Oslo, October 11, 2011

The Life Sciences will be the foundation of tomorrow's medicine and a central element in the future bioeconomy. The knowledge generated by the Life Sciences will shape the 21st century in ways we hardly foresee today. In interaction with other technologies, new applications will transform economy and society, as have electricity, cars and computers.



On October 11, the Minister of Research and Higher Education Tora Aasland together with the South Eastern Health Authorities and the University of Oslo invite you to the conference 'Life Science for Health and Innovation'.

One of the lecturers is the Nobel Laureate and Director of the National Cancer Institute in U.S. professor **Harold E. Varmus**. He is a favorite of the media because of his eminent ability to communicate science. He is also Barack Obama's advisor in research questions.

The Chief of Research and Education at the Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm, professor Sten Lindahl, will also contribute in giving his view of the state of the art of molecular biology and other life science disciplines internationally. The conference will reflect on how this will influence future societal and economic development.

The program will offer selected examples on life science research at the University of Oslo and at the South Eastern Health Authorities. The journal Genome Technology recently identified Oslo as a particularly promising and emerging new biotech cluster.

The conference is part of the Norwegian Science Year 2011. It will take place in the large auditorium at the Oslo University Hospital 'Rikshospitalet' on **October 11**, from 12 am - 4 pm.

Reserve the day now and profit from this special occasion to hear the Nobel Laureate and be updated on the theme of the conference - Life Science for Health and Innovation.

The final program will be announced later.

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