

September 10th, 2019

Nordic Life Science Awards (16.30-19.00)

16.30 – 17.30h	Session: Nordic Life Science Academia Award
Host	Hosted by SPARK Norway, UiO:Life Science at the University of Oslo
Moderator	Jutta Heix, Head of International Affairs, Oslo Cancer Cluster
Speakers	5 min pitches - details as of July 31st, 2019
	<p><u>SciLifeLab Sweden</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Improving the drugability of neoantigens in immuno-oncology”, Sara Mangsbo, Uppsala University “MTHFD2 as new DDR strategy for targeting cancer by synthetic lethality”, Thomas Helleday, Karolinska Institute
	<p><u>SPARK Norway, UiO:Life Science at the University of Oslo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “A biologic therapeutic for pulmonary fibrosis”, Ole Jørgen Kaasbøll, University of Oslo, SPARK Norway “Novel therapy for currently untreatable hypertension”, Henriette Andresen, Univ. of Oslo, SPARK Norway
	<p><u>SPARK Finland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Nextcast, AI solution for chemical and drug toxicity testing”, Troy Faithfull, SPARK Finland “A novel Parkinson’s signature biomarker assay”, Patrik Hollos, SPARK Finland
	<p><u>BioInnovation Institute Denmark</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “A new drug for treatment-resistant depression”, Emil Märcher-Rørsted, University of Copenhagen “Novel detoxification technology turning bacterial toxins into vaccines antigens”; Kaper Gubba Ørtenblad, Statens Serum Institute
	<p><u>Iceland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Placental protein 13 used to prevent preeclampsia”, Sveinbjörn Gizurarson, University of Iceland
Description	<p>“Advancing academic ideas into innovations for patients”</p> <p>Academia is a key engine for medical innovation and many life science projects becoming commercial successful originate from academic centers. Big ideas very often come from ground-braking academic research. Recognizing that the majority of the global companies made academic-industrial partnerships an integral part of their strategies and opened their R&D organizations to external innovation.</p> <p>The Academic Catwalk features exciting academic projects from five Nordic countries illustrating the rich and broad research milieus and their motivation to advance their ideas into innovations for patients. The session is hosted by SPARK Norway and delivered in collaboration with SPARK Finland, the Swedish SciLifeLabs, the Danish BioInnovation Institute and Promote Iceland.</p>