



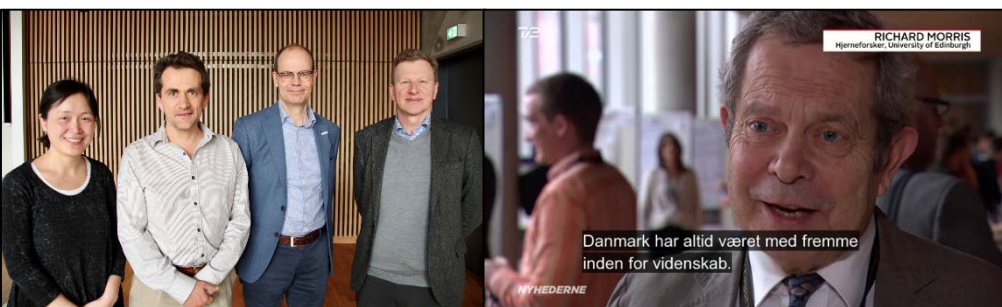
Proteins and Circuits in Memory. Photo: Susanne Sjøgaard.

Proteins and Circuits in Memory

One of the highlights of 2019 was the PROMEMO-organized international conference “Proteins and Circuits in Memory”, which was held at University of Copenhagen on 5-7 March 2019. The conference was generously funded by the Danish National Research Foundation and the Lundbeck Foundation. The aim of the meeting was to review the status of current knowledge on memory research, identifying key scientific questions and discussing new directions of research. World-leading experts presented their latest research at the conference. Among the invited speakers were the Nobel Laureate Thomas Südhof and Brain Prize Winners Richard Morris (2016) and John Hardy (2018).

Besides keynote lectures, the meeting included many short talks by postdoctoral researchers and poster presentations. 135 participants, including both senior and junior researchers as well as students from Denmark and several other countries, created a dynamic, engaged and interactive atmosphere throughout the conference. Attendees also included the Nature Senior Editor Noah Gray, neuroscientists of the pharma sector (e.g. Lundbeck), and neuro-clinicians. Furthermore, we are very excited that the Official Announcement of The Brain Prize Winners 2019 on 5 March was included as part of the conference program, and it brought attention of national TV media to the conference.

Overall, the conference presented a great opportunity to network and foster new interactions. It provided excellent opportunities for young researchers to connect and build their own network to strengthen their expertise.



The PROMEMO Scientific Advisory Board. Left: (from the left): Na Ji, USA, Radu Aricescu, UK, Eero Castrén, Finland, and Graham Collingridge, UK and Canada. Photo: Susanne Sjøgaard. Right: Richard Morris, UK, interviewed during the PROMEMO conference. Photo: Screenshot of the interview on TV2 News on 6 March 2019.

First PROMEMO Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The PROMEMO Scientific Advisory Board, composed of world-leading experts within memory research, convened for the first time in March 2019, following the conference “Proteins and Circuits in Memory”. The SAB meeting program comprised talks by the PROMEMO PIs and selected young researchers, and several closed meetings with PIs and young researchers, respectively, providing ample opportunity for the SAB to gather information for their feedback.

The SAB provided valuable scientific advice to the PROMEMO PIs on the alignment of our research activities with the PROMEMO research plan as well as advice on the identification, evaluation and impact of other activities and scientific outputs of PROMEMO. The SAB members were very enthusiastic about our center and extended advice on how to make PROMEMO even more successful. They also kindly offered and encouraged our young researchers to reach out to the SAB members, should they have any questions or need for input.

Work with implementation of their recommendations and further development of their suggestions is ongoing.