

Highlights 2021

PROMEMO Scientific Advisory Board meeting

One of the highlights of 2021 was the second PROMEMO Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) meeting. It took place at the beautifully located Fuglsøcenter on 26-28 October. Despite various international travel restrictions, we succeeded in bringing together four out of five international SAB members, former Brain Prize winner prof. Graham Collingridge, prof. Na Ji, prof. Eero Castrén, and prof. Radu Aricescu. Prof. Richard Morris, also former Brain Prize winner, participated via Zoom.

The revised research strategy of PROMEMO with focus on the sortilin receptor family, which belongs to the most highly upregulated, yet probably least studied, plasticity-related proteins, was presented to and discussed with the SAB, and the increased focus on the sortilins was fully supported by the SAB.

With exciting presentations, the PROMEMO partners, selected young researchers, and the affiliated researchers gave the SAB a thorough update on the PROMEMO projects, and they formed the basis for interesting and fruitful discussions and generation of new ideas. All young researchers had prepared posters, which they presented to the SAB at poster sessions, and throughout the meeting, they demonstrated great enthusiasm and commitment, which impressed the SAB.



Scientific Advisory Board meeting at Fuglsøcentret in October 2021. Photo: Susanne Sjøgaard

PROMEMO on Tour

Due to the Corona-pandemic, the Danish Science Festival 2021 was planned as a national virtual event. One of the aims of the festival is to support the public's interest and engagement in research and to strengthen the relationship between researchers and the public. With the "Book-a-Scientist" event, all interested had an opportunity to book researchers to give exciting, free talks across the country during the week of the festival.

Seven PROMEMO researchers had made themselves available and was booked for 25 talks - the PROMEMO partners Magnus Kjaergaard and Poul Nissen, as well as five of our young researchers, Andrea Moreno, Emma Louth, Meike Sieburg, Mikhail Paveliev, and Gülberk Bayraktar. With captivating titles such as "*Hukommelsens molekyler*", "*Pay attention!*", and "*The biology of forgetting: How do we create and lose memories, and why?*", hundreds of interested attendees were introduced to interesting aspects of our fascinating brain.

"Hukommelsens molekyler" by Magnus Kjaergaard

Vores personlige livshistorie former os som mennesker, men hvordan er vi egentlig i stand til at huske, hvad vi har oplevet tidligere? Hvordan kan det være, at nogle husker begivenheder hele livet, mens andre begivenheder er glemt med det samme?

Foredraget tager udgangspunkt i grundforskningscenteret "PROMEMO - Proteins in memory". Magnus er én af vores grupeledere.

Virum	Smørum
Friday 23 April 2021 (morning)	Wednesday 28 April 2021 (afternoon)
Copenhagen	
Friday 23 April 2021 (afternoon)	Odense
Birkedal	wednesday 28 April 2021 (evening)
Monday 26 April 2021 (morning)	
Hadsten	Herning
Tuesday 27 April 2021 (morning)	Monday 26 April 2021 (afternoon)

25 PROMEMO-related talks were given at the "Book-a-Scientist" event at the Danish Science Festival 2021.z