

Social Events and Tours

DAY 1: Arrivals

DAY 2: Monday 17th June

Bergen City Walking Tour (*approx. 4hrs*)

Floibanen Funicular

Concert at Opus XVI with tea and champagne

Dinner at Bryggelofter Restaurant

DAY 3: Tuesday 18th June

Full Day Cruise and Tour "Taste of Hardangerfjord"

5 cider-tastings during tour

2-course lunch during tour



DAY 4: Wednesday 19th June

Full Day tour "Folgefonna Glacier"

Glacier Hiking experience (*approx. 3hrs of glacier hike*)

Includes lunch

Dinner at Opus XVI

Day 5: Thursday 20th June

Porter service from Bergen to Oslo with hotel transfer

Welcome Dinner in Sostre Hall

DAY 6: Friday 21st June

Morning meeting at hotel

Coffee break and Lunch

Oslo City Sightseeing Tour (*approx. 4hrs*)



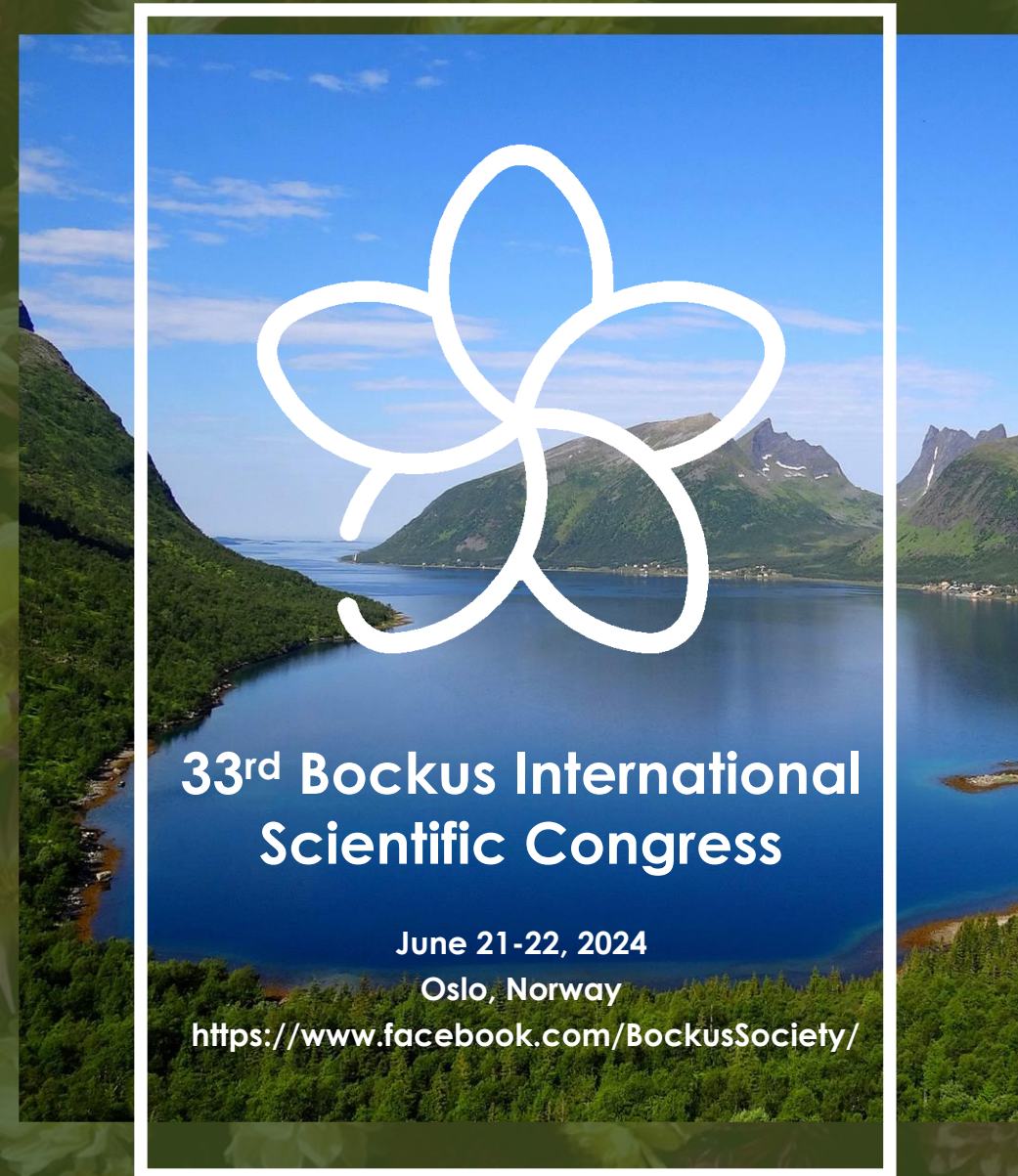
DAY 7: Saturday 22nd June

Morning meeting at hotel

Coffee break and Lunch

Museum Tour to Bydøy Peninsula (*approx. 4hrs*)

Private Cruise 3-course dinner (*approx. 3hrs*)



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Henry L. Bockus, MD

Henry L. Bockus was born in 1894 in Newark, Delaware. He graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia in 1913 and received his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in 1917. During World War II, he joined the medical corps of the U.S. Marines and served in Cuba. Following the war, his interest turned to the field of gastroenterology. By 1923, he had organized the Department of Gastroenterology at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as professor of Gastroenterology and Chair of the departments of Medicine and Gastroenterology (1949-1960), and Emeritus Professor (1960).

Bockus contributed to the training and education of physicians from around the world. He helped to organize the Asian Gastroenterological Association in Tokyo, and societies in other countries, as well. In 1958, the Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology was founded by associates, friends, and students, to honor Bockus' contributions to the field, and to share information from both a clinical and research standpoint, throughout the world.

During his time at the University of Pennsylvania, Bockus wrote a comprehensive series on Gastroenterology that has since been republished and translated into other languages and was for many years the standard reference in this specialty.

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Scientific Program

Friday June 21, 2024:

800 Welcome Remarks- BISG President: Robbyn Sockolow MD, USA
Host: Bjørn Moum MD, Norway
Program Director: Aliza Solomon DO, USA

Session 1 Moderator: Bruce Greenwald MD, USA

830 Failed Treatment of Constipation: What's Next? Thomas Ciecierrega MD, USA
900 Therapeutics in Eosinophilic Esophagitis Aliza B Solomon DO, USA
930 New Horizons and Perspectives on H pylori Colm O'Morain MD, Ireland
1000 Coffee Break:

Session 2 Moderator: Bjørn Moum MD, Norway

1030 Bockus Memorial Lecture by Håvard Midgard, MD, PhD Norway
Elimination of hepatitis C infection: The Norwegian experience
1100 Biomarkers and How to Interpret a Diagnostic Test in Liver Disease
Richard Sterling MD, USA
1130 Q and A
1200 Lunch

Saturday June 22, 2024:

Session 1 Moderator: Richard Sterling MD, USA

800 The Rocky Road to HBV Cure Marc Ghany MD, USA
830 Physical Deconditioning in Cirrhosis – Approach & Management
Andres Duarte MD, USA
900 Update on HCC Jorge Marrero MD, USA
930 Coffee Break

Session 2 Moderator Rick Goosenberg MD, USA

1000 Berk Memorial Lecture by Morten H Vatn, MD, AGAF, Norway
A History of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
1030 New Medications for your IBD Patients Robbyn Sockolow MD, USA
1100 The Future of Testing for Lactose Intolerance Heinz F Hammer MD, Austria
1130 Q and A
1200 Closing Remarks- BISG President-Elect: Eric B Goosenberg MD USA
1210 Lunch

Henry L. Bockus Memorial Lecturer



Håvard Midgard MD PhD

Håvard Midgard MD PhD (born 1978) is a specialist in internal medicine and gastroenterology, consultant, and head of the hepatology research group at the Department of Gastroenterology, Oslo University Hospital. He defended his PhD thesis in 2018 on the management of HCV infection among people who inject drugs. His main research interests include viral hepatitis, alcohol-related liver disease, and hepatocellular carcinoma. He has led a multicenter RCT on HCV treatment and several studies focusing on HCV epidemiology and models of care and is currently national leader of a Phase III study on metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease. He is a founding member of the Norwegian center for elimination of hepatitis (SELIHEP) and member of several national expert groups focusing on preventive hepatology, gastrointestinal ultrasound, viral hepatitis, and hepatocellular carcinoma. He is internationally acknowledged for his research on HCV infection among people who inject drugs and his affiliation with the International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU). He has been instrumental in the development of the Norwegian strategy for elimination of HCV infection.



Edward Berk, MD

Dr. Berk is internationally renowned for his immeasurable contributions as an author, an editor, a physician with a caring bedside manner and a gifted teacher. Dr. Berk wore many hats and held many titles throughout the span of his professional career but is best known as the founding chairman of the Department of Medicine and the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of California- Irvine. This dual role and his monumental contributions throughout his career in medicine gave the university its initial credibility helping it to grow into the highly ranked university it is today.

The late Dr. Berk served on several ASGE Committees and as President of the Society from 1958-1959. He was awarded ASGE's highest honor, the Rudolf Schindler Award, in 1966 and was distinguished as a Fellow of ASGE in 2006. In recognition of these many accomplishments, achievements, and his distinguished contributions to our profession, ASGE honors Dr. Berk with this lectureship.

The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer was nominated on his honor by the American College of Gastroenterology. This lectureship was established in recognition of the significant contributions made by J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG, to clinical gastroenterology during his long and distinguished clinical and academic career. A nationally and internationally renowned physician and teacher, Dr. Berk also served as ACG President from 1975-1976.

The Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology's Berk Memorial lecturer was established on his honor due to his broad contribution to the field of gastroenterology and to the Bockus society throughout his entire life.

Edward Berk Memorial Lecturer

Morten H Vatn, MD, AGAF



Morten H. Vatn started as a fellow of gastroenterology in 1975, upon dissertation at Ullevål university hospital, on the thesis: "Mechanisms of the gastric intrinsic factor secretion". Since 1979, he has been working mainly at Rikshospitalet university hospital, and after 1980 as a specialist in gastroenterology and internal medicine, and from 1988 as a consultant at the department of gastroenterology and hepatology until clinical retirement in 2012, whereafter he has been a professor emeritus at the Institute of Clinical Medicine, the University of Oslo (UiO).

Major areas of research have been gastrointestinal pathophysiology, intestinal neoplasia, including endocrine tumours and especially colorectal polyps, clinical nutrition, and gastrointestinal inflammation. He was appointed professor of gastroenterology first time in 1985, and later of clinical nutrition, and full professor of clinical epidemiology, advising many PhD candidates, master students and student fellows. His international collaboration includes several EU-projects, editorial work, opponent at dissertations, international prizes, invited member of the New York academy of Science, AGA Fellow of the American gastroenterological association, honorary member of the Norwegian Gastroenterology association, appointed visiting professor at the university of Lanzhou, China, and in 1989, founder of the IBSSEN study group. Since 1995, membership of the International Study of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, the IOIBD. The publication list counts close to 500 peer reviewed articles in addition to an even larger number of conference presentations. Still, he has advisory tasks in his major fields, partly on behalf of the university.