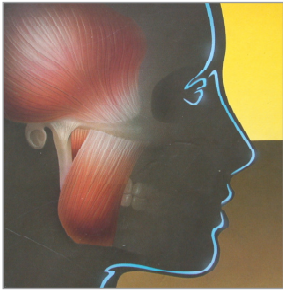




Focus Day 3/12 2009 - Occlusal physiology and functional disorders



We hope that this year's focus day will awaken interest in occlusal physiology among dental care professionals, both within general and specialist dental care.

The aim of Focus Day is to present the forefront of modern occlusal physiology. Our focus is to direct attention to occlusal physiological treatment of pain and functional disorders in the stomatognathic system in general, and in patients with functional disorders and rare disorders in particular. In charge of this year's Focus Day is Senior dentist Birgitta Johansson Cahlin, an occlusal physiologist at Mun-H-Center and at the Specialist Dentalcare Unit/Occlusal Physiology at Sahlgrenska University Hospital/ Mölndal.

More information will be available at Mun-H-Center's website www.mun-h-center.se under the heading Education.

Ågrenska celebrates its 20th anniversary

Ågrenska has been a national center of expertise for rare disorders since 1989. Ågrenska offers families of children with rare disorders a unique encounter, promoting exchange of knowledge and experience. A similar initiative for adults with rare disorders has been in effect for the past few years. On June 3rd, nearly 450 guests enjoyed a fantastic program of events, speeches and entertainment to celebrate Ågrenska's 20th anniversary. The air was cool but the sun spread its warming rays over Lilla Amundön.



Queen Sylvia, Ågrenska's patroness, opened one of the day's symposiums with a speech where she pointed out that great breakthroughs have been made concerning diagnostics, treatment and the knowledge base regarding rare disorders and that continued research is of great importance. A number of important representatives from both Nordic and international organizations took part in the program. The consensus was that there is a need for a medical center of expertise. Increased cooperation across borders and support to families of the best conceivable quality were seen as milestones for the future. Much is needed to be done to achieve this vision. One of the speakers was Mun-H-Center's own speech-language pathologist Lotta Sjögren, who was given the opportunity to describe Mun-H-Center's activities and to illustrate orofacial aspects of rare disorders. Lotta also took the opportunity to thank Ågrenska for its cooperation in arranging for family stays. During the symposium, the Queen inaugurated the internet-based instrument Ågrenska Academy, which is intended for information, knowledge decimation and research on rare disorders.

The festivities continued after lunch. The Queen presented Ågrenska's chief award, a medal and check for 20,000 SKR to Terkel Andersen, chairman of the European Organisation for Rare Diseases, EURORDIS. In a pleasant and personal speech, Terkel expressed his gratitude for the award. The afternoon was also filled with songs and entertainment by Triple & Touch, as well as by youngsters that are short-term residents at Ågrenska. The message pervading the Day was the immense importance of knowledge and decimation of knowledge and opportunities for research. Many thanks to Ågrenska for a fantastic day!

Castillo Morale's Treatment Concept

The Department of Public and Child Dental Health, Dublin, Ireland, will offer the above course in orofacial regulation therapy beginning in the fall of 2009. More information about the program may be obtained at www.dentalscience.tcd.ie.

