

# DCAcademy Summer Meeting 2026

18-20 June 2026

Storebælt Sinatur Hotel & Konference  
Østerøvej 121  
5800 Nyborg



Thursday, 18 June 2026

## Young investigator day

09:30 - 10:15 **Arrival and coffee**

10:15 - 10:30 **Welcome**  
Professor Thomas Jespersen, Executive Managing Director, DCAcademy

10:30 - 10:45 **Meet & Greet**

## Masterclass: Common mechanistic pillars of cardiovascular disease development

10:45 - 11:10 **Immune signaling**  
Professor Anke Fender, University Hospital Essen

11:10 - 11:30 **Inflammatory signaling**  
Professor Clare Hawkins, University of Copenhagen

11:30 - 11:50 **Redox signaling**  
Professor Michael Davies, University of Copenhagen

11:50 - 12:00 **Joined questions**

12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch**

12:45 - 13:45 **Challenge identification and group work**

13:45 - 14:30 **Break / Check-in (from 14:00) / change for activities**

14:30 - 16:20 **Outdoor activities**  
Stand-up-paddle, archery, guided mountain bike tour and outdoor fitness

16:30 - 17:30 **Group work continued**

17:30 - 18:30 **Presentations and discussions**

**Arrival of PI's & senior researchers**

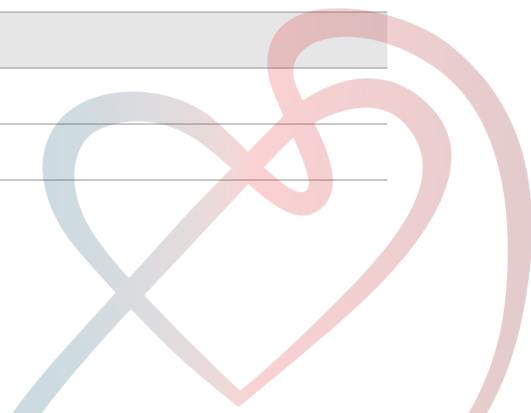
18:30 - 20:00 **Dinner**

## Evening session

*Chair: Christian Aalkjær*

20:00 - 20:45 **DCAcademy Lifetime Achievement Award**

20:45 - 23:00 **Networking**



Friday, 19 June 2026

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast, optional morning run, ocean dip

08:30 - 08:45 **Welcome and introduction of scientific programme**

**Session 1 Ischemia**

*Chairs: Charlotte Glinge*

08:45 - 08:55 **Overview lecture**  
Postdoc. Charlotte Glinge, Rigshospitalet

08:55 - 09:20 **Translational ischemia/arrhythmia**  
Professor Pier Lambiase, University College London

09:20 - 09:25 Discussion

09:25 - 09:50 **Invasive diagnostics and treatment of ischemic heart disease**  
TBA

09:50 - 09:55 Discussion

09:55 - 10:05 **Abstract presentation**

10:05 - 10:15 **Abstract presentation**

10:15 - 10:40 Break



## Session 2

## Parallel session

	<b>Ischemia - Clinical</b> <i>Venue: Flintholm</i> <i>Chairs: Thomas Engstrøm &amp; Morten Bøttcher</i>	<b>Crosstalk Renal-heart</b> <i>Venue: Sandholm</i> <i>Chairs: Hanne Ravn &amp; Rasmus Bo Lindhardt</i>	<b>Inequality Demography</b> <i>Venue: Langesand</i> <i>Chairs: Helena Dominguez</i>
10:40 - 11:00	<b>Familial hypercholesterolemia</b> Assoc. Prof. Martin Bødtker Mortensen, Aarhus Universitet	<b>Molecular mechanisms in cardio-renal syndrome and the future role of ECV's</b> Professor Per Svenningsen, University of Southern Denmark	<b>Access to defibrillators</b> Assoc. Prof. Carolina Maltha, Copenhagen University Hospital
11:00 - 11:05	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
11:05 - 11:25	<b>Heart-CT vs KAG</b> Consultant Mathias Holm Sørgaard, Herlev-Gentofte Hospital & Consultant Reza Jabbari, Rigshospitalet	<b>Of mice, pigs, and men: Translational studies in kidney outcomes after cardiac surgery</b> Ph.d. student Sebastian Buhl Rasmussen, University of Southern Denmark	<b>Opportunities and hurdles for management of vulnerable patients across sectors</b> Assoc. Prof. Helle Wentzer, Aalborg University
11:25 - 11:30		Discussion	Discussion
11:30 - 11:50		<b>Impact of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) on mortality and development of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)</b> Professor Hanne Berg Ravn, University of Southern Denmark	<b>Experience to optimize management of heart patients in Kenya</b> Consultant Anders Barasa, Amager-Hvidovre Hospital
11:50 - 11:55		Discussion	Discussion
11:55 - 12:05		<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation: Chronic kidney disease progression after cardiac surgery: a retrospective multicentre study</b> Sune Bille, Odense University Hospital
12:05 - 12:15	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation: Per Svenningsen PhD-student/Post.doc</b> Title TBA	<b>Abstract presentation</b>
12:15 - 13:15 Lunch			

## Session 3 Crosstalk

*Chairs: Benjamin Anderschou Holbech Jensen & Michael Christiansen*

13:15 - 13:35	<b>Renal-heart overview lecture</b> TBA
13:35 - 13:40	Discussion
13:40 - 14:00	<b>Two-photon microscopy of brain endothelial glycocalyx uncovers spatial heterogeneity, vesicular transport, and lectin-binding kinetics in the living brain</b> Professor Martin Lauritzen, University of Copenhagen
14:00 - 14:05	Discussion
14:05 - 14:25	<b>Gut-CVD</b> TBA
14:25 - 14:30	Discussion
14:30 - 14:40	<b>Abstract presentation</b>
14:40 - 14:50	<b>Abstract presentation</b>



## Session 4 Poster session

6 groups, 48 posters  
Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> floor

14:50 - 16:10 *Chairs: TBA*

3 min. presentations + 2 min. Q&A

## Session 5

## Parallel session

	<b>Ischemia - Vascular</b> <i>Venue: Flintholm</i> <i>Chairs: Joanna Kalucka</i>	<b>Crosstalk Neurovascular</b> <i>Venue: Sandholm</i> <i>Chairs: Tom Jepps &amp; Vladimir Matchkov</i>	<b>Inequality in CVD - a global perspective</b> <i>Venue: Langesand</i> <i>Chairs: Nicole Schmitt &amp; Hugues Abriel</i>
16:10 - 16:30	<b>Thrombosis</b> Postdoc. Oliver Buchhave Pedersen, Aalborg University	<b>Title TBA</b> Assoc. Prof. Anja Meissner, Lund University	<b>Women's cardiovascular and metabolic health challenges across the life course: a global health perspective.</b> Prof. Manisha Nair, University of Copenhagen
16:30 - 16:35	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
16:35 - 16:55	<b>Angina / INOCA</b> Prof. Ylva Hellsten, University of Copenhagen	<b>Title TBA</b> Assist. Prof. Joakim Bastrup, University of Copenhagen	<b>Strengthening capacity together – reflections from a complex global partnership</b> Assoc. Prof. Jane Brandt Sørensen, University of Copenhagen
16:55 - 17:00	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
17:00 - 17:20	<b>Apolipoprotein / Lipid metabolism</b> Assoc. Prof. Christina Christoffersen, University of Copenhagen	<b>Title TBA</b> Assoc. Prof. Changsi Cai, University of Copenhagen	<b>Approaches to competence development for health professionals in rural and tribal areas</b> Prof. Nicole Schmitt, University of Copenhagen
17:20 - 17:25	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
17:25 - 17:35	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation: Menstrual migraine</b> Postdoc. Sam Baldwin, University of Copenhagen	<b>Abstract presentation</b>
17:35 - 17:45	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation</b>
17:45 - 17:55	<b>Group photo</b>		
17:55 - 18:10	Refreshments		

## Evening session

*Chair: Thomas Jespersen*

18:10 - 18:30 **Festive talk: Science of out Africa**  
Professor Christian Aalkjær, Danish Cardiovascular Academy

18:30 - 19:00 **DCAcademy Rising Star Award**

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner

20:30 - 22:00 **Poster viewing & Refreshments**

22:00 Dismount posters



Saturday, 20 June 2026

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast, optional morning run, ocean dip

**Session 6 Inequality in CVD**

*Chairs:*

08:30 - 08:50 **Women's Health**  
TBA

08:50 - 08:55 Discussion

08:55 - 09:15 **Global South**  
Professor Hugues Abriel, University of Bern

09:15 - 09:20 Discussion

09:20 - 09:40 **Indvandermedicinsk Klinik, Odense**  
Professor Morten Sodemann, University of Southern Denmark

09:40 - 09:45 Discussion

09:45 - 09:55 **Abstract presentation**

09:55 - 10:05 **Abstract presentation**

10:05 - 10:25 Break



## Session 7

## Parallel session

	<b>Ischemia - Translational</b>  <i>Venue: Flintholm</i>  <i>Chairs: Michael Davies</i>	<b>Crosstalk Involvement of Gut Microbiota in Vascular function</b>  <i>Venue: Sandholm</i>  <i>Chairs: Jane Stubbe</i>	<b>Inequality - Sex Differences</b>  <i>Venue: Langesand</i>
10:25 - 10:45	<b>Neutrophils, chronic inflammation and extracellular traps</b> Professor Clare Hawkins, University of Copenhagen	<b>Title TBA</b> Prof. David Sancho, Spanish Centre for Cardiovascular Research	<b>Cardiovascular Disease Prevention after Preeclampsia</b> Postdoc. Gabriela Byskov Petersen, Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen
10:45 - 10:50	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
10:50 - 11:10	<b>Characterizing protein changes in atherosclerosis using proteomics</b> Professor Michael Davies, University of Copenhagen	<b>Title TBA</b> MD. Hendrik Bartolomae, University Hospital Würzburg	<b>Sex differences in cardiac function: Hypertension from a translational perspective</b> Professor Ulrike Muscha Steckelings, University of Southern Denmark
11:10 - 11:15	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
11:15 - 11:35	<b>Ossabaw pigs as models of cardiovascular disease</b> Professor Peter Heegaard, Technical University of Denmark	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Menopause and CVD</b>
11:35 - 11:40	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
11:40 - 11:50	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation</b>
11:50 - 12:00	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation</b>	<b>Abstract presentation</b>
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch		

## Keynote session

*Chair: Christian Aalkjær*

12:45 - 13:30 **Prostaglandins in cardiovascular and renal conditions**  
 Professor Jane Mitchell, Imperial College London

13:30 - 13:45 **Awards for best poster- and oral presentations**

13:45 - 14:00 Thank you and goodbye

