

Danish National Biobank

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Official opening of a large Danish
infrastructure initiative

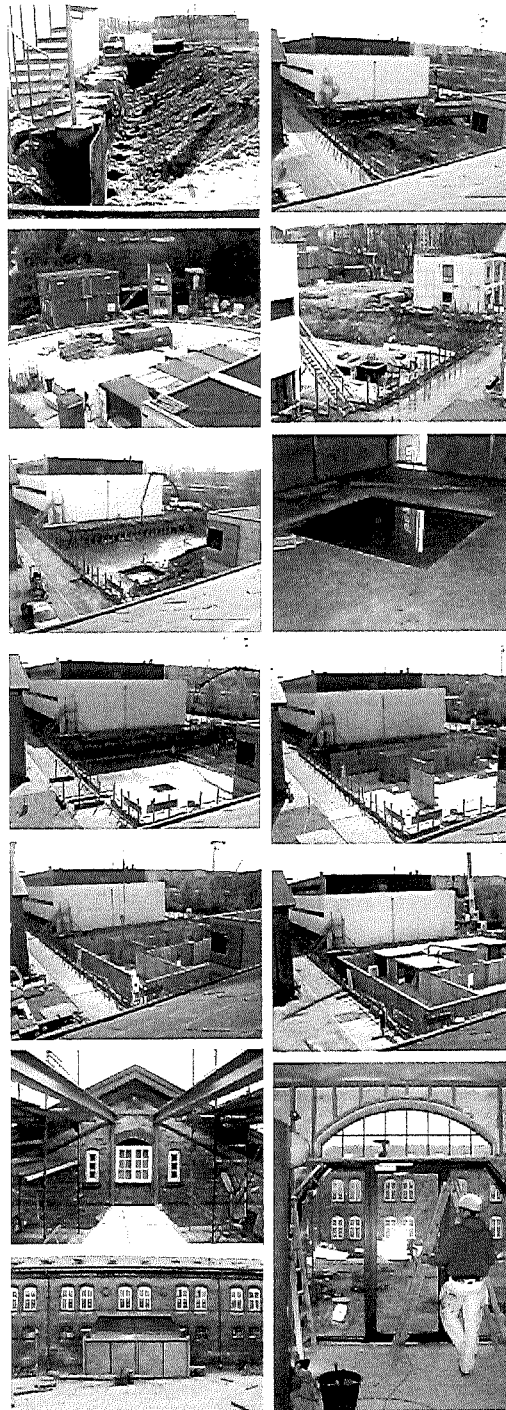
The Danish National Biobank

21 March 2012

at Statens Serum Institut (SSI)
building 206, conference room 125

- 10:30 Arrival
- 10:45 Welcome
Mads Melbye, Executive Vice President,
Division of Epidemiology, SSI
- 10:50 Morten Østergaard, Minister of Science,
Innovation and Higher Education
- 11:00 Neelie Kroes (tbc), Vice President of the
European Commission and European Com-
missioner for the Digital Agenda.
Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (tbc), European
Commissioner for Research, Innovation and
Science.
- 11:10 Director Ulf J. Johansson, Chairman of the
Board of the Novo Nordisk Foundation
- 11:20 The Danish National Biobank - Presentation
by Kristian Hveem, Head of Biobank
- 11:40 Guided tour & buffet
- 13:00 Closing

For attendants to the ICRI 2012 conference at the
Bella Centre, busses will leave from SSI at 12:45



The opening of the Danish National Biobank

The opening of the Danish National Biobank marks an exceptional collaboration between the public and the private sector in Denmark. At the same time, the initiative is unique on an international scale.

The Danish National Biobank consists of a biobank building of more than 3,000 m² for storing and retrieval of biological samples.

Equipped with the most advanced robot technology on the market the Danish National Biobank will be making more than 15 M bio-samples available to Danish research within the coming years.

Moreover, the Biobank consists of a national biobank register containing information on samples available in large Danish biobanks, including tissue samples from Danish hospitals. Scientists will be able to gain online access to this register.

The cost of establishing the Danish National Biobank amounts to a total of DKK 179 million, financed largely by funds from the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Other important contributions have come from the Danish Government Programme for Research Infrastructure and from the Lundbeck Foundation.

Denmark is leading in the field of register-based research

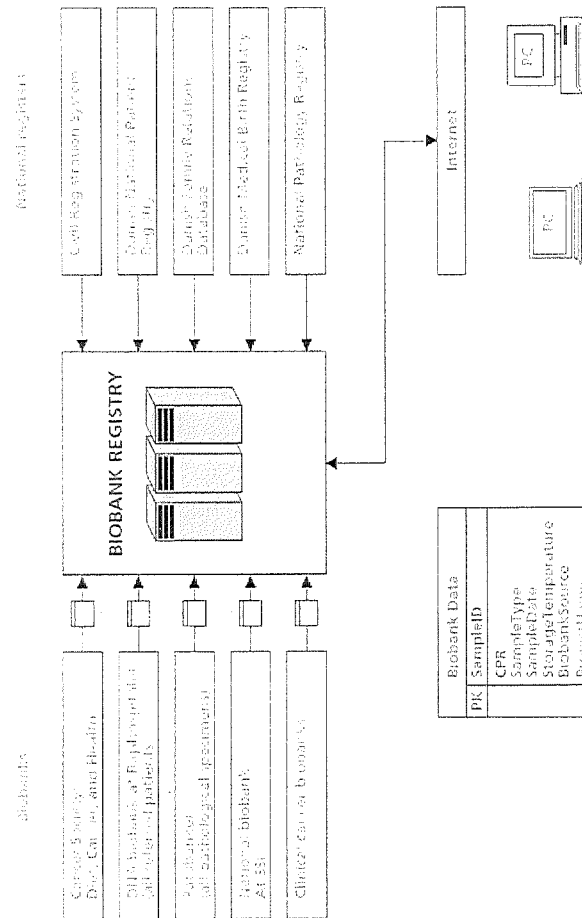
Denmark's unique national registers make it possible to study every single individual from cradle to grave.

Linking registers is made particularly easy with the introduction of the CPR number in 1968 and data from millions of individuals can now be included in studies without drop-outs.

The size of the material and the fact that a whole population participates render great credibility to research results and create international interest.

With the Danish National Biobank it becomes possible to link data from Danish registers with information extracted from biological samples.

Thus, a unique platform for tomorrow's research is created.



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