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Dear Members of the national Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Societies in the Nordic Countries;

We have decided to send you all a small Christmas greeting to tell you about the various activities within the framework of Nordic Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.

NSCMID wishes to promote Nordic collaboration in research, education, and clinical work in all areas of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. The latest initiatives supported by NSCMID are working groups looking at diagnostics of intestinal protozoans in the Nordic countries and to create a common Nordic guideline for diagnosis and treatment of *Clostridium difficile*.

NSCMID has also helped develop an app to help researchers and clinicians keep up with their research interests every day, all year around. The app is called NSCMID and can be downloaded for free from app stores for both android and I-phone.

If you have ideas for initiatives that improve Nordic partnerships, please feel free to contact us because we will be happy to help good projects along. You should also be aware that the SSAC Foundation is accepting applications until February 1, 2016, and that research projects with a Nordic angle will be prioritized.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, and we hope that you will join us at our 33rd Annual Meeting in Rovaniemi, Finland, 15–18 September 2016.

Best wishes,

Lars Østergaard, chairman of NSCMID On behalf of the NSCMID board





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