**Annual Scandinavian Course in Neurosurgery**

The Scandinavian Course in Neurosurgery was started in 1997. It is arranged at Raddisson SAS Resort Beitostølen each year, usually in week 12.

The aim of the course is firstly to enhance theoretical education of Scandinavian residents and secondly to facilitate interaction between young neurosurgeons in the Nordic countries. This course, or an equivalent EANS-course, is mandatory for board certification in most Nordic countries.

Feedback from earlier participants has been very positive. Since 2004 the course has been run in a four-year cycle.

* 15 - 20 March 2015: Neurovascular Diseases and Degenerative Spinal Diseases
* 13 - 18 March 2016: Intracranial and Intraspinal Tumors
* 19 - 24 March 2017: Neurotraumatology and Neurointensive care
* **18 - 23 March 2018: General and Functional Neurosurgery**
* March 2019: Neurovascular Diseases and Degenerative Spinal Diseases

Lecturers and instructors are each year selected among the best neurosurgeons in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. The course focuses on case discussions in smaller groups, but there are also a few short lectures each day.

A top international neurosurgeon is selected for the annual **VIKING LECTURE:**

* 2008 Nicolas de Tribolet, Geneve: From the Operating Theater to the Lab Bench
* 2009 John Pickard, Cambridge: Altered States of consciousness following neurotrauma
* 2010 Johannes Schramm, Bonn: Micro-neurosurgery for mesial temporal tumors
* 2011 Juha Hernesniemi, Helsinki: Life and Training in Neurosurgery
* 2012 Hugues Duffau, Montpellier: Hodotopy a new concept in surgery for low- grade gliomas
* 2013 Peter Hutchinson Cambridge: Rescuing the Injured Brain
* 2014 Michael Link, Mayo Clinic: Rehabilitation of cranial nerve injuries after skull base surgery
* 2015 Peter Vajkocz, Berlin : Combining Clinic and basic science,Examplified with our work on Moyamoya Disease
* 2016 Iver Langmoen, Oslo : Glioblastoma stemcells – from bench to clinic
* 2017 Randall Chesnut, Washington : The evidence for ICP measurement