

## MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION OF RHINESSA

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RHINESSA is organized with a research director and vice director supported by a coordinating centre, principal investigators (PIs) from each of 10 study centres from 7 countries (Norway, Australia, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Spain, and Sweden), working groups, a steering committee, a scientific advisory board and user representatives.

**Research Director:** Cecilie Svanes, Bergen, Norway

**Vice Director:** Vivi Schlünssen, Aarhus, Denmark

### Coordinating centre

A coordinating centre in Bergen is responsible for project administration, coordinating field worker training quality control and protocol implementation, data management, study website, meetings, and establishment of biobank in Norway.

### Study centres

The study centre is the owner of their own data and biomaterial. The study centre is responsible for obtaining ethics permission, for funding of their own work, for revising/ accepting/translating study protocols and for data collection in their centre.

The centre PI is responsible for co-ordinating that centre’s participation in publication and dissemination. The centre PI is further responsible to store final datasets and do-files for publications first-authored in that centre.

The study centre is responsible to follow the local ethical regulations for data collection, for data and material transfer, and for data protection.

### Steering Committee (SC)

The steering committee has the responsibility to fulfil the long-term goals of RHINESSA. The SC is responsible for protocol development, funding and quality control of the data collection. The SC further has the overall responsibility for data analysis and dissemination of results, with a primary responsibility to see to the timely publication of main results and of topics that are essential to further publications.

The steering committee consists of the research director, the vice director, the PI (or vice PI) from each study centre and persons with specific functions: Research director Cecilie Svanes; vice director Vivi Schlünssen; centre PIs Vivi Schlünssen (Aarhus, Denmark), Francisco Javier Callejas (Albacete, Spain), Randi J Bertelsen (Bergen, Norway), Mathias Holm (Göteborg, Sweden), Carolina Puchaes Manchón (Huelva, Spain), Shyamali Dharmage (Melbourne, Australia), Bryndis Benediktsdottir (Reykjavik, Iceland), Oskar Jögi (Tartu, Estonia), Anna Oudin (Umeå, Sweden), Andrei Malinovschi (Uppsala, Sweden); specific functions Christer Janson (PI RHINE), Francisco Gómez Real (PI women health study), Ane Johannessen (lead data management), Randi Bertelsen (lead biobank).

## **Working group (WG) PIs**

WG PI has, within the field, the responsibility for data analysis and dissemination of results, including timely coding and publication of main results that may be essential to further publications. The WG do not need to have members of all study centres, but the PI is responsible to invite all study centres to participate in each publication according to the publication policy. The PI should be contacted in the planning and coordination of all potential studies within their field.

Metabolic, hormonal and reproductive aspects: Francisco Gómez Real

Occupation: Vivi Schlünssen and Matthias Holm

FeNO: Andrei Malinovski

Sleep: Thorarinn Gislason

Microbiome and oral health: Randi J Bertelsen

## **Field experts**

Field experts should be invited to co-author publications within their fields, these have often been important in establishing the protocols within these fields.

Julia Dratva (children's and adolescent health), Thorarinn Gislason (sleep), Bertil Forsberg (air pollution), Dan Norbäck (indoor environment), Torben Sigsgaard (biodiversity, farm environment), Kjell Torén (occupation and disability).

## **Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)**

The scientific advisory board includes world-leading experts in relevant fields, these are invited to annual meetings. Simone Accordini (transgenerational statistical analyses), Joachim Heinrich (SC ECRHS, respiratory epidemiology, children cohorts), John Holloway (epigenomics), William Horsnell (immunology, animal models), Deborah Jarvis (PI ECRHS, respiratory epidemiology), Susanne Krauss-Etschmann (transgenerational animal models), Stephanie London (genetic epidemiology).

## **User Representatives**

The user representatives are invited to annual meetings, and, beyond that, contacted according to need. Jan Vilhelm Bakke (the Norwegian Labour inspection), Kaja Irgens (study participant representative), Hogne Skogesal (the Norwegian Asthma and Allergy Association).

***For data usage and publication policy, see separate document.***