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## Site-visit i Odense & Middelfart

Professor på Patologisk Afdeling, Odense Universitetshospital og Syddansk Universitet, Bjarne Winther Kristensen og Senior Project Manager, Lene Lysholt fra Inspiring Denmark rejste i juni til Bordeaux i Frankrig. Formålet var at præsentere et gennembearbejdet bid for den internationale bestyrelse European Confederation of Neuropathological Societies (Euro-CNS) og dermed at vinde kongressen European Congress of Neuropathology til Odense i 2020. Valget faldt på Syddanmark, og både Odense og Middelfart kan nu se frem til at modtage internationale forskere og læger inden for neuropatologi.

Det tager imidlertid lang tid at lande en international kongres. Forud for besøget i Bordeaux lå blandt andet et sitevisit fra Paul Ince, som er generalsekretær for den internationale komité Euro-CNS. Læs nedenfor hvordan Paul Ince oplevede sit besøg i regionen:

“The City of Odense will deliver an excellent overall ambience to the meeting. The centre is compact and partially pedestrianized. The historic old town area is very pleasant to visit and is close to the venue hotel. Odense has many high quality restaurants and cafes and Bjarne Winther Kristensen’s team proposed to offer a service whereby registrants can sign up to ‘dinner groups’ as a networking initiative that may be very successful.

The Radisson Blu H.C. Anderson Hotel conference suite is very modern and well appointed. The staff provided a tour and were clearly very enthusiastic and committed to delivering a good experience. I have the impression that Odense and the region have a very clear plan to prioritise international conference business as a way of developing the local economy, and that this has strong buy-in from the

local community. The bid is based on exclusivity and the facilities are on a scale that would suit a conference of our size.

The bid is supported by Inspiring Denmark and International Conference Services ICS Denmark. Both of these representatives were excellent and very helpful. The support they are providing will be very positive to the organisation of the meeting.

The hotel I stayed in was very comfortable. In addition to the conference hotel there is a good range of accommodation within easy access.

Hindsgavl Castle is in Middelfart and is the proposed venue for the gala dinner. We visited for lunch and I was impressed with the Castle and surrounds, the facilities and catering. It is a great spot for this purpose. The renovated barn that is used for larger functions is excellent and has flexibility in terms of accommodating to the eventual size of the dinner attendees. The journey will be undertaken by bus and is a good 45minutes. I don't think this is a problem but it would need to be communicated to registrants so that they clearly understand the deal. It is not somewhere from which one can easily slip back to Odense without relying on the ECN transport arrangements. This is not a criticism. I think this will be a very successful dinner venue.

I made my own travel arrangements because it gave me a chance to see how this might work for our members. I flew in to Copenhagen on a low cost carrier and pre-booked online a return rail ticket from Copenhagen to Odense. The rail journey involved changing trains in Copenhagen within the same station. There may be some direct connections. It was all seamless, comfortable and efficient.

In conclusion Bjarne Winther Kristensen and his team have a great vision backed up by solid arrangements. I have every confidence in them and strongly support the Scandinavian Society's bid to host ECN2020."

**Læs også:** International kongres vundet efter præsentation i Bordeaux, Frankrig. [Læs her hvad Bjarne Winther Kristensen siger om arbejdet med at vinde en kongres.](#)