



I N V I T A T I O N

Neuro researcher from Regionshospitalet Hammel Neurocenter receives 12,5 million DKK grant from ERC

Neuro psychologist, PhD, Morten Overgaard, just received a big grant from the European Research Council (ERC) for a neuro research project. The research is primarily going to take place at the research unit CNRU, Cognitive Neuroscience Research Unit, headed by 33 year old Morten Overgaard. CNRU is a part of the research center Regionshospitalet Hammel Neurocenter. Part of the project will also take place at Danish NeuroresearchCenter (DNC), Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus Sygehus.



This is one of the most prestigious grants, that in total around 900 European research leaders have been competing to get.

A chance to help patients that are unable to communicate

The project that received the ERC grant is called *MindRehab*, and it focuses on basic research methods in among other things reduced consciousness (vegetative condition) and visual neglect - an attention disorder that apparently makes patients unaware of one side of the room.

Morten Overgaard explains the perspectives of the *MindRehab* project:

The goal is to get more knowledge about cognitive training that hopefully will benefit all patients with late onset brain damage. At the same time it gives us new insight into learning how we can help patients that are unable to communicate.

As part of a series of lectures in the DNC where the basic idea is to ask a researcher and a clinician to talk about a specific topic - seen from their individual perspectives, Morten Overgaard and Professor Jørgen Feldbæk Nielsen from the research center Regionshospitalet Hammel Neurocenter will give a talk about the ERC grant and the *MindRehab* project on

Friday 9 Cktober 2009 at 11.00
DNC Auditorium at Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus Sygehus
Building 10G, Nørrebrogade 44, 8000 Aarhus C.

About Morten Overgaard

Morten Overgaard is 33 years old, educated in Psychology from University of Copenhagen and received his PhD from Aarhus University. Since 2007 Morten Overgaard has been heading CNRU at Regionshospitalet Hammel Neurocenter and has at the same time been leading a big european research project called *MindBridge* - this project focuses on development of experimental methods in consiousness research, and the integration of philosophy and experimental science.

About CNRU

CNRU is a highly specialised international research unit based at the research center Regionshospital Hammel Neurocenter. The unit does experimental and theoretical work within cognitive neuroscientific basic research, neurorehabilitation, science- and consiousness philosophy.

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