

Conference programme

ANCR Symposium
Stockholm, 9–11 September 2026

Wednesday September 9

Pre-symposium meetings

10:00–13:00	ANCR Board meeting Coffee is served at arrival, 10:00	Birka or Ekerö, ground floor
10:00–13:00	PREVENT workshop (for pre-registered participants)	Birka or Ekerö, ground floor

Registration and pre-symposium workshops

12:30–13:00	Registration	Indoor garden (next to reception and lobby)
13:00–14:00	Lunch	Restaurant
14:00–15:30	Workshops	Säby, Birka and Ekerö

Workshop 1: Coding and registration: Central guidelines and recommendations and effects on local coding with a CNS focus

Welcome to a workshop aimed at those who work with coding and registration in cancer registries. During this workshop, we will learn more about TNM9 and the ongoing work on developing the ENCR-JRC recommendations. We will also discuss the ENCR recommendations for coding CNS tumors and how the new coding principles have been implemented in Sweden. Various coding cases will be discussed to identify potential differences in practice between countries.

Workshop 2: Enabling the use of cancer registry data

The workshop looks at different ways of making cancer registry data accessible, starting with a short intro to the main approaches. We'll get a bit hands-on with APIs—using the NORDCAN API as a concrete example—so expect some real data interaction. The second half is more discussion-based, where we'll compare different models like public statistics, self-service solutions, federated analysis, and secure access to individual-level data. The overall theme is how we can enable more use of cancer registry data, how to balance privacy and usability in ways that actually work in practice, and what we can learn from each other.

Workshop 3: The future of cancer screening in the Nordic countries

The session examines emerging developments in cancer screening across the Nordic region and is structured in two parts: expert presentations followed by a panel discussion. The presentations may e.g. address leading candidates for new screening programmes, advances in risk-stratification and targeted approaches within current screening programmes and opportunities for Nordic collaboration for programme improvement. The panel, featuring one representative from each Nordic country, will discuss shared priorities, implementation challenges and a collective vision for future of cancer screening in the Nordic region.

15:30–16:00	Coffee break	Indoor garden (next to reception and lobby)
16:00–17:00	Workshops, continued.	Säby, Birka and Ekerö

Social programme

17:00–17:30	Check-in and free time	
17:30–18:00	Welcome reception and joint walk to Stallet	Outside Sångå main entrance
18:00–19:30	Games in Sångå's own game arena	Stallet (5 min walk from the main venue)
20:00–22:00	Dinner	Restaurant

Thursday September 10

Conference opening and keynote presentation

Room: Södra (main conference hall), 1st floor

08:00–08:55	Registration in Café Gudrun (outside Södra) Set-up for posters outside Södra and in Vardagsrummet	
09:00–09:10	Welcome from the National Board of Health and Welfare and The Swedish Cancer Register	Mona Heurgren and Björn Eriksson (pre-recorded)
09:10–09:15	Brief information, introduction to the keynote speaker	The organising committee
09:15–09:55	Keynote presentation: 20 Years of the Belgian Cancer Registry: From Paper Records to Data-Driven Impact	Elisabeth Van Eycken
09:55–10:00	Short break	

Session 1 – Registration and Diagnosis

10:00–10:10	Siri Larønningen Quick and privacy-preserving linkage of cancer registry and socioeconomic data – is it possible?	S101
10:10–10:20	Trude E Robsahm Validating clinical assumptions for characterizing prostate cancer aggressiveness utilizing historical cancer registry data	S102
10:20–10:30	Matthew Barclay or Georgios Lyrtzopoulos International variation in how patients with oesophageal, stomach, colon, rectal, liver, pancreas, lung & ovarian cancer were diagnosed and treated in the mid-2010s: Population-based evidence from the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership Phase 2	S103
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	

Poster Session 1

11:00–11:25 Poster pitches, S1P1–S1P20

11:25–11:55 Poster walk: Poster presenters of posters with ID S1P1–S1P20 are present by their posters 11:25–11:50

Sixten Borg: The Swedish National e-library for standardized chemotherapy regimens – a study outline for a combined registry and empirical study of its development and use.	S1P1
Thea E. Hetland Falkenthal: Characteristics, Treatment, and Survival of Older Women with Cervical Cancer: A Registry Based Study	S1P3
Eetu Mäkinen: Treatment of Finnish multiple myeloma in 2019-2023	S1P4
Salla Eliisa Toikkanen: Assessing lung cancer patient pathways in Finland: multi-state modelling using a discrete-time split-state framework	S1P5
Marta Berglund: Time trends in inequalities in diagnosis of lung cancer as an emergency in England: 2013 vs 2019	S1P6
Marcus Westerberg: Regional variation in PSA testing intensity and its association with incidence of lower and higher risk prostate cancer: A natural experiment in Sweden	S1P7
Charline Jean: Use, timing and sequence of cancer surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy in patients with oesophageal cancer in England 2013-2022 by stage at diagnosis and related inequalities	S1P8
Brita Sandvik Kvalen: How Common Is Systemic Anticancer Treatment at the End of Life? A Norwegian Population-Based Analysis by Cancer Type	S1P9
Marta Berglund, Georgios Lyratzopoulos or Matthew Barclay: Global perspectives on diagnosis of cancer as an emergency as a new measure of cancer control: Insights from international collaborations and emerging evidence from multiple countries and health systems	S1P10
Nadine Zakkak or Georgios Lyratzopoulos: Associations between presenting symptoms and stage at diagnosis of cancer: Evidence from the English National Cancer Diagnosis Audit	S1P11
Hans Garmo: Evaluation of completeness of prostate cancer in the National Cancer Register of Sweden	S1P12
Minna Merikivi: Registration of Central Nervous System Tumors in the FCR	S1P13
Dominik Glombik: Cohort profile: Penile Cancer Data Base Sweden (PenCBaSe) 2.0	S1P14
Karolin Isaksson: Validation of data quality in the nationwide, population-based Swedish Melanoma Registry (SweMR)	S1P15
Anna Maria Ostenrath: Automating routine tasks: creating a dataset description for data deliveries	S1P16
Tor Åge Myklebust: Non-response bias in a longitudinal population-based survey of prostate cancer patients	S1P17
Gabrielle Gran: Implementing ENCR recommendations and guidelines: an example from Sweden	S1P18
Siri Larønningen: Towards EHDS-compatible metadata: a practical tool for European population-based cancer registries	S1P19
Anna Skog: The Cancer Registry of Norway as a Data Partner in DARWIN EU®	S1P20

Session 2 – Survival and survivorship

12:00–12:10	Hjalti Gunnlaugur Skúlason Unmet healthcare needs post-cancer treatment and association with health-related quality of life and health literacy: An Icelandic population-based cross-sectional study	S201
12:10–12:20	Søren Friis Do patients with rare cancers have a poorer prognosis?	S202
12:20–12:30	Magdalena Claesson Contrasting patient characteristics and survival outcomes in stage II-III melanoma: A population-based study from the Swedish Melanoma Register (SweMR)	S203
12:30–12:40	Ylva Maria Gjelsvik Experiences of cancer care: Hospital-level reports from the Cancer Registry of Norway's nationwide population surveys on health-related quality of life	S204
12:40–12:50	Tom Børge Johannesen Patient reported outcome measures in five-year breast cancer survivors	S205
13:00–13:55	Lunch at the restaurant	

Session 3 – Trends in incidence and prevalence

14:05–14:15	Rolf Gedeberg Trends in long-term population burden of prostate cancer: 25-year stage-specific prevalence and 10-year prediction	S301
14:15–14:25	Rafael Cardoso Incidence and mortality trends in early-onset colorectal cancer in the Nordic countries: a population-based study from NORDCAN	S302
14:25–14:35	Frida Lundberg Cancer in Sweden – estimation and visualisation of national cancer statistics	S303
14:35–14:45	Simon Mathis König Cancer incidence and mortality trends in Greenland compared with the Nordic countries	S304

Poster Session 2

14:45–15:10	Poster pitches, S2P1–S2P22	
15:10–15:30	Poster walk: Poster presenters of posters with ID S2P1–S2P22 are present by their posters 15:05–15:25	

Stefanie Antonilli: Treatment Strategy and Thrombotic Status Shape Bleeding Risk in 15,495 patients with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms	S2P1
Sixten Borg: Mortality in Standardized Cancer Patient Pathways in Sweden - where early palliative approaches may be relevant	S2P2

Mats Lambe: Depression, intoxication, suicide and the use of anxiolytics, hypnotics, sedatives and antidepressants following a diagnosis of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. A population-based study (Sweden)	S2P3
Anna Kristín B. Jóhannesdóttir: Health literacy and symptom outcomes among haematological cancer survivors: a population-based cross-sectional study	S2P4
Qiwen He: Comparison of Loss in Life Expectancy (LLE) and Years of Life Lost (YLL): A Monte Carlo Simulation Study	S2P5
Magdalena Claeson: Occult metastasis size and mortality in stage IIIA melanoma: A study from the Swedish Melanoma Register	S2P6
Karri Seppä: Long-term survival in hematologic malignancies by morphologic subtypes: population-based study in Finland	S2P7
Toni Myllyaho: Educational inequalities in incidence and mortality trends of four common cancers in Finland: A nationwide register-based study	S2P8
Karolin Isaksson: Multiple and synchronous cutaneous melanoma - incidence, disease characteristics, risk and survival	S2P9
Leo Gkekos: Socioeconomic differences in age-specific risk of breast cancer subtypes in Sweden	S2P10
Freya Pollington: Characterising the risk of oesophago-gastric cancer in patients registered with primary care who present to their GP with a relevant symptom or sign, or who are diagnosed with a symptomatically similar disease	S2P11
Sanna Lappi-Heikkinen: Diabetes as a risk factor for cancer: evidence from 7 pooled cohorts	S2P12
Mats Lambe: Biological age and risk of cancer in young and old adults	S2P13
Anne Declunder: Number of children affected by parental cancer across socioeconomic groups in Finland	S2P14
Katrín Ásta Gunnarsdóttir: Comparison of cause-specific and relative survival approaches to estimating net survival of breast cancer subtypes	S2P15
Filip Siegfriids: Microsimulation calibration of the natural history of breast cancer for economic evaluation of risk-based screening	S2P16
Shane Johnson: Using multiple imputation to account for missing stage and generate a population-based late-stage incidence rate from the English cancer registry data	S2P17
Pearl Saldanda: A Generative Foundation Model for Ultra-Early Cancer Detection and the Future of Nordic Screening Programs	S2P18
Maija Vahteristo: Artificial Intelligence for Risk Assessment (AIRA): Protocol for a randomised trial of AI-assisted breast cancer screening in Finland	S2P19
Sirpa Heinävaara: Pilot study on applying extended HPV genotyping in cervical cancer screening in Finland	S2P20
Maiju Pankakoski: Piloting an analysis pipeline for standardized cancer screening indicators – EUCanScreen	S2P21
Yngvar Nilssen: Projected cancer burden and implications for treatment capacity in Norway through 2046	S2P22
15:30–15:50 Coffee break	

Session 4 – Risk factors

15:50–16:00	Álfheiður Haraldsdóttir Rising breast cancer incidence in Iceland: the role of parity and age at first birth	S401
16:00–16:10	Yann Becker Tackling alcohol, smoking, physical inactivity and obesity: projected impact of public health policies on cancer across six Nordic countries.	S402
16:10–16:20	Areti Papadopoulou Improving risk prediction of lung cancer in primary care patients presenting with cough using common blood test result data	S403

Social programme

17:20	Meet-up and joint walk to bus	Outside Sångå main entrance
17:30–18:00	Bus to Drottningholm – Royal Palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site	
18:00–19:00	Explore Drottningholm Palace park and surroundings	Drottningholm
19:00–22:00	Conference dinner	Restaurant Karamellan, Drottningholm
22:00–22:40	Bus to Sångå	

Friday September 11

Introduction and keynote presentation

Room: Södra (main conference hall), 1st floor

09:00–09:10	Welcome to the final day of the conference, introduction to keynote speaker	The organising committee
09:10–09:55	Keynote presentation: Registry-based elimination of cervical cancer	Joakim Dillner
09:55–10:00	Short break	

Session 5 – Methods

09:50–10:00	Aapeli Nevala Bayesian multi-state model for case-fatality benefit and incidence reduction in screening-type interventions	S501
10:00–10:10	Ruijun Hou; Mark J. Rutherford Investigating Inequalities in Cancer Survival through Mediation Analysis with Limited Interventions	S502

10:10–10:20	Sigrid Leithe Measuring Synthetic Data Privacy: What, Why and How	S503
10:20–10:30	Letizia Orsini Estimation of Subtype-Specific Tumour Growth Rate Distributions and Interval Cancer Proportions in Breast Cancer Using Biology-Inspired Natural History Models	S504
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	

Session 6 – Screening

11:00–11:10	Alessandra Grotta First participation in mammography screening among women with disabilities	S601
11:10–11:20	Anna M Forsberg Colonoscopy and fecal immunochemical testing vs usual care in diagnostic colorectal cancer screening: the SCREESCO randomized controlled trial	S602
11:20–11:30	Jad Abuhamed Invitation strategies in European cancer screening programs: Results from the EUCanScreen Joint Action	S603
11:30–11:40	Miriam Elfström Evidence to action - data-based optimization of real-life cancer screening programs	S604
11:40–11:50	Anna Plym Lifestyle factors and mortality across cancer types in the STHLM3 prostate cancer screening trial	S605
11:50–12:00	Veli-Matti Partanen The Risk of Cervical Cancer Following hrHPV and Cytological Screening within the Finnish Cervical Cancer Screening Program: A Population-based Cohort-study	S606
12:00–12:20	Closure (incl. a few words from Denmark), ACTA poster award and information about lunch and buses	
12:30–13:00	Lunch in Café Gudrun and Vardagsrummet, 1 st floor	
13:30	Buses departing from Sångå	