

Northdip Course 1, week 5, Iceland: November 17-20, 2026

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Pre-meeting assignments

In two online meetings and five groups of six participants, each organized by disease site, the course participants collaborated to develop research ideas and selected a single common suggestion to pursue. Each group have been assigned two senior mentors from the steering committee who have participated in the online meetings and will be present In Iceland.

Practicalities

Hotel: Iceland Parliament Hotel

Thorvaldsenstraeti 2-6

101 Reykjavik

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/rekpsqq-iceland-parliament-hotel/>

Commute from the Airport

Regular airport buses run to a central bus terminal. For a small additional fee, shuttle buses are available directly to the hotel, which is conveniently located near "Bus Stop 1".

No advance booking is required upon arrival, but purchasing tickets online in advance can help you skip the queues.

<https://flybus.is/book/>

For departures, shuttle bus pickups can be arranged via the same website.

Prices and Duration

Shuttle Bus: ~4,000 ISK (≈ 300 SEK / 27 EUR) | Duration: 1–1.5 hours

Taxi: 20,000–23,000 ISK (≈ 1,600 SEK / 150 EUR) | Duration: ~50 minutes

Tip: Always request a fixed price for taxi rides.

Social Event

The group will visit Sky Lagoon in Reykjavík on Tuesday evening (details to follow).

Program

Monday Nov 16: Online group work in the six groups

Tuesday Nov 17: Welcome

16:00-18:00: Participants arriving in Iceland

18:00-22:00: Social get together

Wednesday Nov 18:

09.00-11.00 Group work

11.00-12.00 Pearls and pitfalls in designing a good RT trial

Peter Hoskin

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13.15-13.30 Group photo

13.30-13.50 Setting up a study from a young specialist perspective (pall RT)

Kjersti Skripar (Course participant)

13.50-14.10 Randomized phase-III in breastcancer T-REX

Sara Alkner (Course participant)

14.10-14.30 Discussion

14.30-16.00 Groupwork

16.15-18.00 First project pitch – is this a good idea? (all five groups delivers and gets feedback)

Thursday Nov 19:

09.00-11.00 Group work

11.00-12.00 Long term side effects in pediatric and adolescent radiotherapy

Maja Maraldo

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13.00-13.45. Clinical audits in the Nordic countries

Tanja Skyttä

13.45-14.30. Endpoints in clinical radiotherapy research

Ivan Vogelius

15.00-16.00 Groupwork

16.15-18.00 Second project pitch – possible setbacks to project and plan forward (all five groups delivers and gets feedback)

Friday Nov 20:

Departure