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Target group
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Main topics
• Clinical and epidemiological aspects of skin and airway allergy
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• Intervention
• Criteria for skin and airway allergens

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Mari-Ann Flyvholm, Otto Melchior Poulsen, and Søren Thor Larsen, National Resarch Centre for the Working Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Lecturers
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Course structure
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Participants
The maximum number of participants is 30.

Location and accommodation
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Participants can apply for financial support from the Finnish Work Environment Fund. The participants will be informed of their result before course start, the organism is obliged to change a cancellation fee of EUR 273.-

**Language**

The language of the course is English.

**Registration deadline**

15 July 2007. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the participants after the registration deadline. Applications forms are available from the course secretary, and it is also possible to register on our website www.niva.org.

**Course fee**

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**Course leader**

Mari-Arn Flyvholm, M.Sc., PhD, Senior Researcher
National Research Centre for the Working Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Organisers

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Nordea Bank A/S P.O. Box 1527, 1020 Copenhagen K.
Account No. 2222-11-48
Swift code: NDEAFIHH
Please indicate clearly:
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2. Course fee (in DKK)
3. Bank account details

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