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Norwegian Artificial Intelligence Research Consortium



NORA is here for you!

Dear reader,

These are challenging times for us all. It is difficult to imagine the scale of the challenges facing the world community right now, but collectively we will get through this crisis. It is encouraging to witness the use and importance of data science, modelling and artificial intelligence in this crisis. The scientific community is unified, COVID-19 articles are downloadable for free from

major publishers, large datasets are released for AI-researchers, such as the COVID-19 Open Research Dataset (CORD-19), and major challenges are being solved together. Let us hope that this culture for collaboration and sharing persists also after the crisis is over!

As for most of you, NORA secretariat is working from home. But we want to emphasise that we are open for business. Please do not hesitate to contact us!

All the best,
Klas H. Pettersen
CEO, NORA



Join NORA's research school

NORA has established a research school for PhD students at our partner institutions. Membership is open for any PhD student with a project related to artificial intelligence, machine learning and/or robotics.

Through membership in NORA Research School you will be able to create a unique network with peers at 9 of Norway's leading universities and research institutions. You will also be the first to receive relevant information about and the opportunity to participate in courses, lectures and events.

Read more about the research school and [become a member by following this link](#). You can be a member of several research schools simultaneously, and there are no obligations, costs or commitments to being a member.



The reality is far more exciting than imagination

Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Center for Artificial Intelligence Research (CAIR) at University of Agder (UiA), Morten Goodwin, is one of the Norway's leading and most prominent researchers in artificial intelligence. For him,

reality is far more exciting than imagination. And most of all, he wants easier access to data.

Read his interview with NORA here (in Norwegian).



Simula is working with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Together with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Simula has developed a voluntary app that can reduce the time needed to track the spread of Covid-19. In combination with testing and active measures for new infections, the app will play a key role in controlling transmission and returning Norwegian society to a normal state. The app is developed according to Norwegian expectations of privacy and security.



Gearing up to fight the Coronavirus

There is an ongoing global war to fight COVID-19. - Sharing data and analytics is a key to success, says Inge Jonassen, professor of informatics and central at ELIXIR - the European infrastructure for bioinformatics.

(In Norwegian)



Artificial intelligence improves climate models

Climate change affects vegetation. But the changes in vegetation also affect the climate. To understand this connection, climate scientist Frode Stordal will use artificial intelligence.

(In Norwegian)

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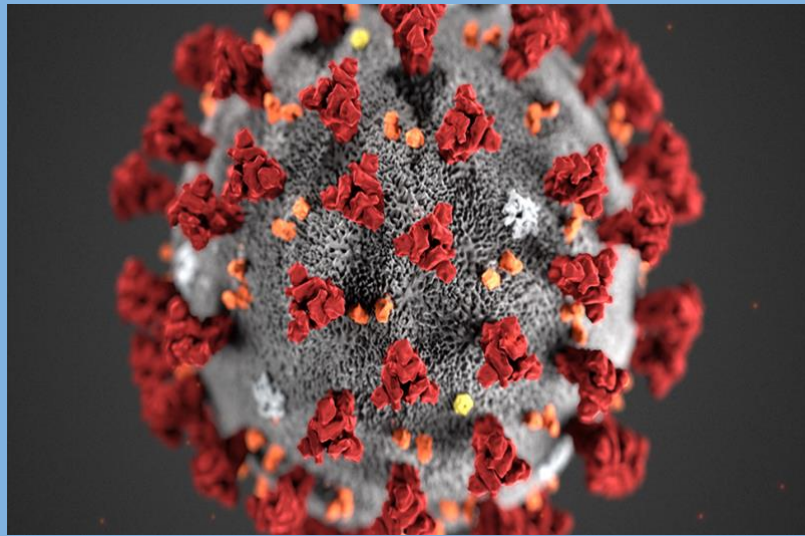
2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Norwegian Artificial
Intelligence Research Consortium

NORA Annual conference cancelled

NORA annual conference 2020 has been cancelled due to Coronavirus. All other planned events have also been cancelled.

However, we plan a series of weekly Friday afternoon talks after Easter. More information to come!



***Join the AI-ROBOTICS vs COVID-19 initiative
of the European AI Alliance***

The European Commission launches an initiative to collect ideas about deployable Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics solutions as well as information on other initiatives that could help face the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

CLAIRE

CLAIRE offers help in the Coronavirus crisis

In these challenging times caused by the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, CLAIRE - Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe, wants to give its contribution to European countries that are struggling with the situation. For this purpose, CLAIRE has established a COVID-19 Taskforce.

Apply for funding



The Research Council
of Norway



Research Council of Norway (RCN) has published a new open call relevant for NORA partners with title: [Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Autonomous Systems](#)

This open call represents a great opportunity to connect research community in AI with the private sector. The objective of this call is to further develop expertise and capacity in artificial intelligence, robotics and autonomous systems. Efforts are to help to move the research front, build vital competence and create new opportunities for people and society in the short and long term. NORA will be working on bringing together interested research environments in order to apply for funding to this call. If you are interested or have already started with the application, feel free to contact NORA research coordinator. Available funding is between 4 and 12 million Norwegian kroner.

NORA can support you

All the projects need to be built on the grounds of research collaboration.

NORA, as a research network, can contribute to better networking, dissemination and increase the visibility of your research. You are welcome to contact us for support letter or other types of mediation if needed.

Communication at NORA

Do you have any questions, inquiries or want to share information on NORA webpage or newsletter, please contact us at contact@nora.ai.

You have received this newsletter because you have subscribed to the NORA newsletter, participated at the NORA kick-off or because you work at one of the NORA-partners and we believe you have an interest in artificial intelligence, machine learning or robotics.

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