

# Venue and practical information

## VeRoLog 2014 – Oslo, Norway 22-25 June 2014

### Conference venue – University of Oslo

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An overview of University of Oslo – campus Blindern and the relevant buildings for VeRoLog 2014 are presented below.



## Public transportation

T-Bane (Metro) services from Oslo city center:

- 3 Storo
- 4 Ringen
- 6 Sognsvann

Disembark at the "Blindern" stop.

Tram services from Oslo city center:

- 17 Rikshospitalet
- 18 Rikshospitalet

Disembark at the "Universitetet Blindern" stop.

## Locations at the University of Oslo

Tutorial Sunday 22 June: Auditorium 1, Vilhelm Bjercknes Hus

Get Together Sunday 22 June: Lobby, Georg Sverdrups Hus

Scientific program: Georg Sverdrups Hus

Plenaries/Awards/Opening and closing sessions: Auditorium 1, Ground Floor

Parallel sessions: Auditorium 2, Ground Floor, Grupperom 4 and 7, Undervisningsrom 1 – 3, all Second Floor

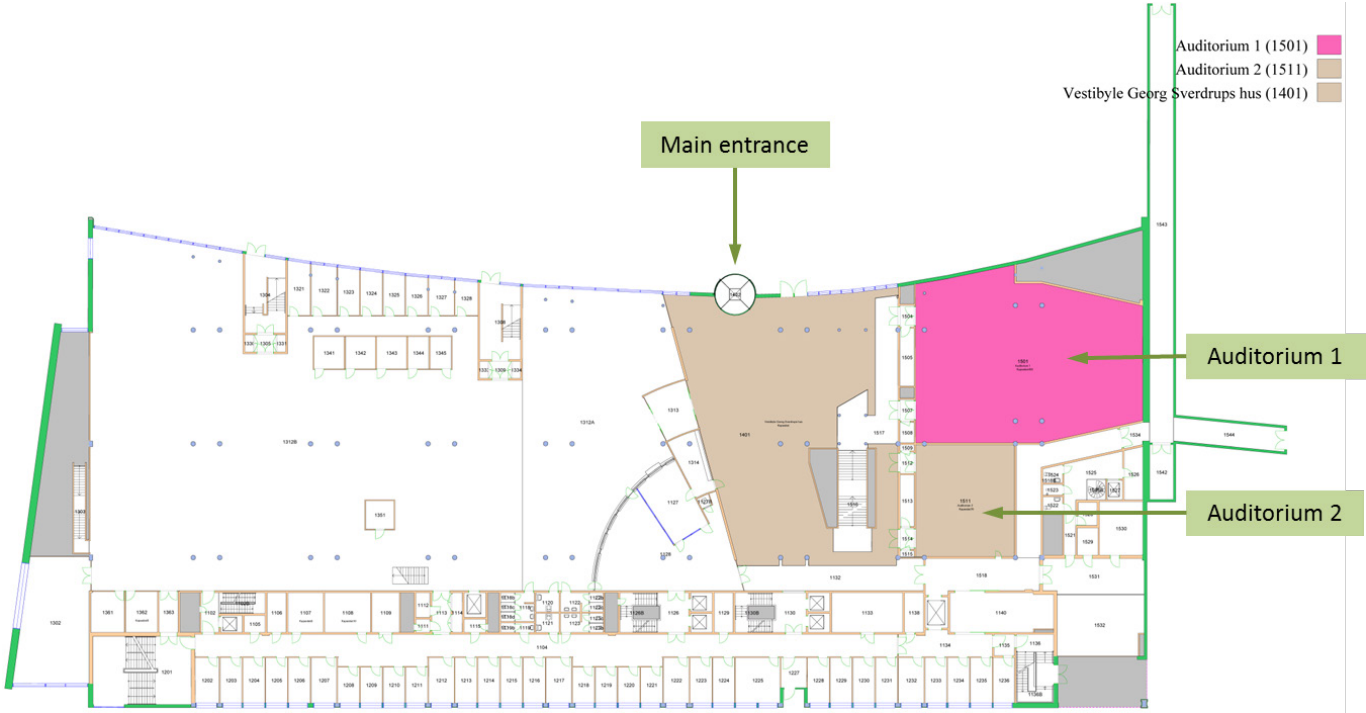
Coffee breaks: Basement

Lunch: Frederikke, First Floor

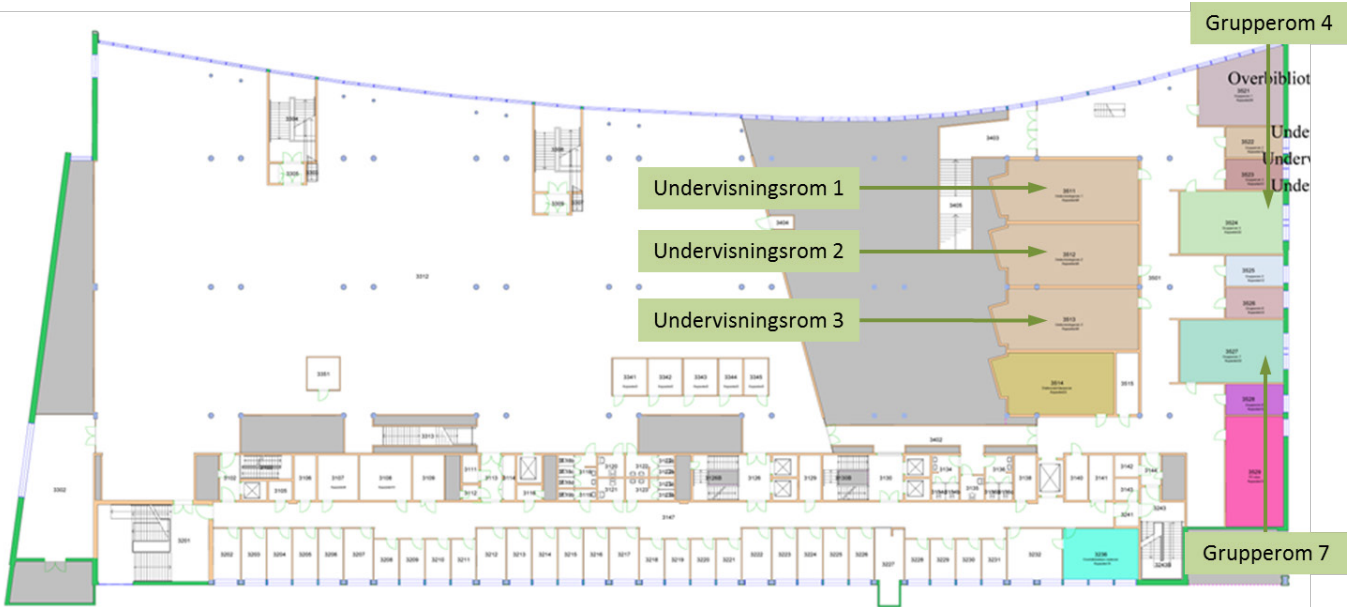
## *Overview Ground Floor, Vilhelm Bjercknes Hus*



Overview Ground Floor, Georg Sverdrups Hus



Overview Second Floor, Georg Sverdrups Hus



## Practical information

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### In case of emergency while in Norway, call:

- **Fire 110**
- **Police 112**
- **Ambulance 113**

### Getting there

The main airport, [Oslo Airport](#) (OSL), is located 45 km north of Oslo.

To get from Oslo Airport to the city center, the quickest option is the [Airport Express Train](#) (Flytoget) that use about 20 minutes to the main railway station (Oslo S). The fare is NOK 170, and train service is every 10 minutes. Please note that there is a service cost of NOK 30 if you buy the tickets from the ticket desks. Other options are buying the tickets from the ticket machines or simply register your credit card when you enter the train area and tick for your stop (Oslo S).

A cheaper train option is to take a regional or local train from [NSB](#) that stops at the airport. Ticket prices are NOK 90. The service takes 25-30 minutes to the main railway station and run less frequently than the Airport Express Train.

The Airport Express Coach ([Flybussen](#), NOK 150 one-way, NOK 250 return) and [Flybussekspressen](#) (about NOK 200 one-way) offer bus fares from Oslo Airport to Oslo.

Taxi fares in Norway are rather expensive. Most taxi providers offer fixed prices to/from Oslo city center to/from Oslo Airport starting from around NOK 650 (extra charges at weekend and night). Ask for fixed airport price when you board a taxi.

Other airports in the Oslo area are [TORP Sandefjord Lufthavn](#) (TRF) and [Moss Lufthavn Rygge](#) (RYG).

### Public transportation in Oslo

Oslo with surroundings has a good public transportation systems consisting of T-bane (Metro), tram, buses, trains and boats. All locations relevant for the VeRoLog 2014 conference are easily available with public transportation.

The provider of tickets for the public transportation system in Oslo is [Ruter](#). They operate with a zone system for pricing of the fares, where all stops within the county of Oslo (also including some of the surroundings) belongs to zone 1. All stop relevant for VeRoLog 2014 is thus in zone 1.

The ticket prices within zone 1 for adults are:

- Single ticket: 30/50 NOK
- 24-hour ticket: 90 NOK
- 7-day ticket: 230 NOK

The higher single ticket price (50 NOK) is valid if you buy the ticket directly from the driver of the bus/tram (not valid for T-bane). It is therefore highly recommended to pre-pay for tickets.

Tickets may be purchased in a large number of kiosks and shops, from ticket machines, at Ruter's Service Centre and Service Points and on mobile. See Ruter's webpages ([www.ruter.no/en](http://www.ruter.no/en)) for an overview of sales points. All tickets need to be activated before use.

Ruter has a mobile ticket app, RuterBillett, which you can download to your mobile and use to buy tickets. It is easy to use, and all Ruter's tickets may be purchased using the app. Ensure that you have enough power on your phone to show the valid ticket in case of ticket inspections.

There are often ticket inspections on the public transportation system. Failing to provide a valid ticket will result in a fine of 900 NOK (750 NOK if paid on the spot).

### **Electricity**

The electrical system in Norway uses electrical outlets with 220 volts with two round prong electrical plugs (type C & F).

### **Weather and temperature**

The weather and temperature in Oslo in late June can be unpredictable. It can be sunny and 25-30 °C daytime (dropping to 18-20 °C at night) or it may be a maximum of 15 °C and rain. It may be beneficial to bring some warmer clothes in case of cold weather.

Weather forecast may be checked at [www.yr.no](http://www.yr.no) (Norwegian service).

### **Food and drinks**

The Norwegian tap water is safe to drink and also has a fantastic taste. It is unnecessary to buy bottled water, which is also quite expensive, so we recommend bringing your own bottle and filling it with tap water.

Food and drinks are in general at a much higher price level than the rest of Europe. However, as Oslo is growing into a more international capital, there have appeared several new restaurants that offer good food also at budget prices. You may find everything from reasonable restaurants offering food from all over the world, to world class restaurants offering meals at premium quality (and at corresponding prices).

It is not necessary to tip at restaurants, but if you received good service, you can choose to give something extra. It is then common to round up or give an additional up to 5% extra.