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Dear MedViz Supporter

The autumn is nice for many activities. Lately, MedViz had a very interesting and important meeting on the 17.Sept. at Haukeland Hotel with our owners, represented by CEO Stener Kvinnsland from HUH, CEO Arvid Nøttvedt from CMR and Rector Dag Rune Olsen from UiB, respectively. There were also attending 24 other representatives from departments and faculties at the institutions. The overall topic for the meeting was to discuss MedViz' future in light of the research strategies from the respective institutions, the Nordic evaluation of MedViz and the suggested priorities from the MedViz Leadership team and Steering Committee. The signals from the discussion were positive. It remains to see how our owners will give priority to future development of MedViz through their budget work this autumn. We will come back to the final conclusions.



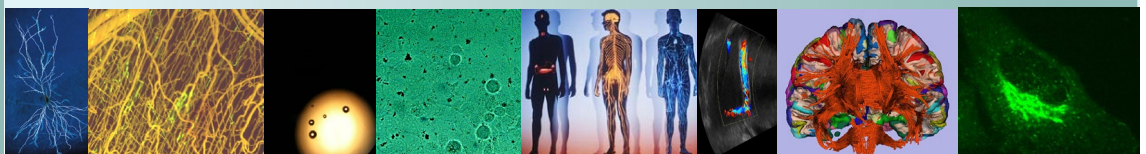
Leader of the Evaluation Committee Professor Per Kristian Hol (left) from Oslo University Hospital and Leader of the Steering Committee for MedViz Professor Jarle Rørvik at the owners meeting.

Another recent activity was our participation at Forskningsdagene, where the overall topic was "Oceans and Water". MedViz participated with the subtopic "Water in the body" where we put focus on the kidney, both at a stand in the tent at Festplassen and by giving an oral presentation in Litteraturhuset. Scanning real pig kidneys by mobile ultrasound equipment was a popular activity. See the enclosed [evaluation report in Norwegian](#).

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Radiographer and PhD student Eli Eikefjord from the Radiology Dept. at HUS with kids at the MedViz stand at Festplassen

New paper



In the present Newsletter we also want to [highlight a new paper](#) by **Are Losnegård, Arvid Lundervold and Erlend Hodneland**: White matter fiber tracking directed by interpolating splines and a methodological framework for evaluation. *Frontiers in Neuroinformatics* 2013;7:13.

The paper has already got some attention from abroad, where a well-known toolbox maker writes in his email to Are Losnegård:

“... I just wanted to say hello and congrats on your DTI paper. It is really a comprehensive work, and beautifully written too.... I thoroughly enjoyed reading it! Congrats on finishing your PhD too. Will you do a postdoc in Norway? Let me know if you're ever interested in spending time in Los Angeles, as I'd be more than happy to put in a good word with any of the folks around here.”

This shows that good research work in the MedViz cluster is, indeed, also recognized in other parts of the world, and should be encouraging for other scientists as well. **Congratulation!**

Upcoming events

30.September – 1.October: [MIC Open day](#)

2.-3. October: [MedIm PhD Conference in Tromsø](#)

17. October: [MedViz Walk & Talk to Lyderhorn](#)

25. October: [MedViz Seminar at Dept. of Mathematics](#)

Have a nice autumn!

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