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Welcome to the University of Tromsø

Are you looking for new experiences and challenges? For research and teaching in modern facilities in an international atmosphere? The Institute of Clinical Dentistry in Tromsø, Northern Norway, is aiming at an international academic staff and Scandinavian or English will be optional as the teaching language. International collaboration and student exchange programs will be emphasized.

Tromsø is located in the northern part of Norway. It is a vibrant, international city with 60 000 inhabitants, well known for its diverse cultural activities and located in the middle of a fascinating alpine and coastal landscape.

The contrasts are marvellous with midnight sun through the summer months and only a blue twilight through mid-winter days with sparkling northern light during long nights. If you are in quest of contrasts based on a blend of academic, cultural and outdoor activities, this is really the place.

The University of Tromsø was established in 1968, constitutes all academic faculties and has about 6000 students and approximately 1800 employees.

Dentistry is a recent development, established in 2003 as an

Institute of Clinical Dentistry within The Faculty of Medicine.

The University campus is conveniently located 3-4 km north of the city centre. A new dental building containing the University Dental Clinic, the Competence Centre (speciality

clinic) for Northern Norway and research and educational facilities are completed in 2006. The first class started in the autumn of 2004 and fully developed the intake of students will be 40 every year.

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International Atmosphere

About 10 percent of the students and 20 percent of the employees at The University of Tromsø are foreigners from more than 60 countries. And the city of Tromsø is international as well with inhabitants from about 100 countries. The international aspects characterize the culture and the social atmosphere in the city and at the University. Tromsø has an international history, as a town of trading, arctic hunting and

fishing, research and international collaboration. And last, but not least, Tromsø and the University is influenced by the fact that the north of Norway also is a part of Sápmi, the land of the sámi, the indigenous people in Norway.

The Institute of Clinical Dentistry

The curriculum is of five years duration organised with the first two years together with other health professions, mainly medical students. The last three years are entirely devoted to dentistry.

The primary aim of the dental curriculum is to create motivated students in an international, scientifically based academic environment in order to produce caring, knowledgeable and competent dentists. This will be achieved by applying the following concepts:

- Oral health will be considered an integral part of general health in a 'holistic' context.
- An 'Ecology of oral health'-model will constitute the core of the curriculum.
- The education will be evidence-based and inter-disciplinary with emphasis on student autonomy. Various methods of teaching will be used.

- Research activities will be emphasized.
- In order to establish a wider than usual recruitment area for academic positions, English will be the teaching language, if necessary.
- Public dental health priorities will be influential in the curriculum. About half of the clinical training will take place in outpatient clinics in the Public Dental Health service, guided by tutors part-time employed at the University of Tromsø.
- The curriculum will comply with EU educational standards.

Far to the North

Tromsø is located about 300 miles north of the Polar circle (70 degrees north). The city contains among many assets the Worlds northernmost uni-

versity, a science center, an arctic botanical garden, Northern Light observatory, a beer brewery and a weather forecast and research center. The city

enjoys midnight sun from late May to late July and a very special twilight and darkness period with the sun below the horizon during mid-winter.



Jo Joern Aarseth

Ugo Moens, married, two children, originally from Sint Nicolaas close to Antwerpen in Belgium. Settled in Tromsø in 1986. Professor in biochemistry at the University of Tromsø.



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About the University:

Enjoy a sabbatical year every 5th year. The University is very well equipped and close contact with The University Hospital gives good opportunities for collaboration between clinical and basic research. At The University of Tromsø, conditions are well suited for combining academic and family life.

Good advice:

Learn the language! Almost everybody speaks English fluently, but your social

activities will rise to a higher level if you learn Norwegian. Be prepared for long and dark winters. And be aware that even if the salary is good, Norway is an expensive country.

About the future:

We enjoy Tromsø very much, if not we had moved a long time ago! I intend to stay here for the rest of my professional career. However, during retirement we probably move south.

About the University:

The University is located next to the University Hospital. All professional disciplines are located in one place. The students are very enthusiastic and interested. The University is quite new and the research facilities are well equipped and modern. The professional units are small, but this is compensated by extensive international collaboration. I enjoy Northern Norway and Tromsø. The University is small and 'everybody knows everybody'.

Good advice:

Learn Norwegian! Every Norwegian speaks English but the social inclusion goes more easily if you can handle the language. I have never experienced problems with the mid-winter darkness, but be prepared for a lot of weather. If you enjoy outdoor activities, it is an advantage.

About the future:

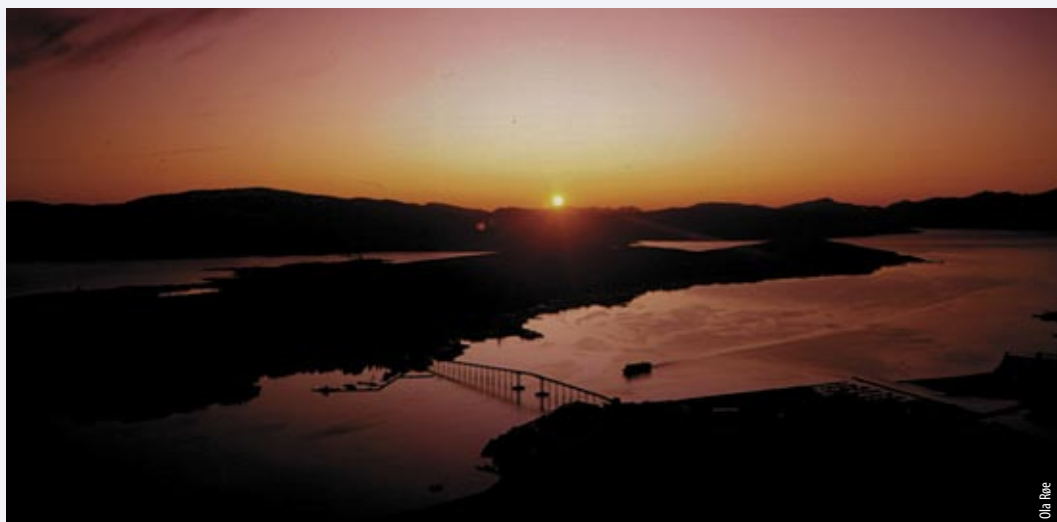
For me and my family, Tromsø is right on target because we like fishing, mountaineering and skiing. We are going to stay here!

Ruth Hracky Paulssen, married, two children, originally from Hannover, Germany, settled in Tromsø in 1993. Associate professor at the University of Tromsø in molecular biology.



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Further Information

For further information about working conditions, salary, housing and other practical issues, see our homepage <http://uit.no/odontologi>. An English version is available – choose 'Language'.

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