



Country: Sweden

Organization: Center for Rare Diseases (KCRD), Karolinska University Hospital

Program/Project: The Centre for Rare Diseases (KCRD) at the Karolinska University Hospital aims to improve the situation for children, adolescents and adults with rare diseases. This will be achieved through improved coordination, increased cooperation (regional, national and international) as well as through increased information, education and research.

In 2005, The Department of Women's and Children's Health and Karolinska Institute (KI) organized the first international conference on rare diseases and orphan drugs (ICORD). Conferences have since then taken place annually in many different countries in different continents, such as Europe, USA, South America and Asia.

Project leader at KCRD: Pr. Ann Nordgren, MD, PhD (Associate Head of Department of Clinical Genetics)

Website of Karolinska University Hospital: <http://www.karolinska.se/>

Organization: Wilhelm Foundation

Program/Project: Wilhelm Foundation gives aid to research aimed to better understand children who suffer from undiagnosed brain diseases, regardless of which group they belong to ("non-degenerative" or degenerative brain disease). In this respect Wilhelm Foundation organizes congresses with researchers from all over the world. Wilhelm Foundation actively collaborates to the establishment of the Undiagnosed Diseases Network International.

Founder President of Wilhelm Foundation: Helene Cederroth

Website of Wilhelm Foundation: www.wilhelmfoundation.org