

Presenter's name: Tore Godal

Curriculum vitae:

Tore Godal is a Norwegian immunologist and one of the most influential health physicians of all time. Godal is a medical doctor and holds a PhD from the University of Oslo. In 1970 he moved to Ethiopia to conduct research on leprosy at the newly established Armauer Hansen Research Institute. From 1974 he was head of the immunology laboratory at the Norwegian Radium Hospital. He was chairman of the World Health Organization (WHO) steering group for research in leprosy immunology from 1975 to 1980 and tuberculosis immunology from 1983. In 1986, he became WHO Director-General of the program devoted to research and teaching in tropical diseases.

He was one of the initiators of the creation of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) in 1999 and served as its chair for six years. He has been a special advisor to Gro Harlem Brundtland at WHO and has worked at the Prime Minister's Office and as a special advisor for global health at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 2018, he has worked at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and now as a Special Advisor at the Ministry of Health and Care Services. Godal received the King's Medal of Merit in 2019.

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Title: THE ANN KERN GODAL MEMORIAL FUND

Abstract:

Tore Godal will provide delegates with a brief introduction to the Ann Kern Godal Memorial Fund. Tore Godal created this international research fund in memory of his late wife Ann Kern Godal, herself an avid researcher in the field of Equine Assisted Services. Friends of Ann have noted that she “worked hard to bring equine researchers from different fields together” and “believed that more perspectives created better therapy, enhanced our knowledge and fertilized the research” (Myhre et al, 2017). In keeping with this perspective, the Ann Kern Godal Memorial fund invites international applicants across a wide range of disciplines. The fund is open to PhD candidates, post-doctoral researchers as well as applicants from institutions actively partaking in pioneering research into therapies incorporating horses. It endeavours to support researchers in producing valuable contributions to this evolving field. This presentation aims to provide information about the creation and development of the fund as well as updates on international research projects which have been funded to date. It also aims to inspire international delegates to submit their research proposals for consideration.