

**PALMSE MOIS SUMMER SCHOOL IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY 2007
AT ESTONIA 26.6.-2.7.2007 – Chromosomes, chromatin and epigenetics**

The course was held at Palmse Mois manor at Lahemaa National Park in Estonia. It was organized by Tampere Graduate School in Biomedicine and Biotechnology (TGSBB) and Estonian Graduate School in Biomedicine and Biotechnology (EGSBB).

The course topics focused on chromatin biology with special emphasis on chromosome imprinting, histone modification and chromatin remodeling. Palmse Mois manor was an extremely stimulating environment with beautiful gardens and buildings dating back to 19th century. We had an intense series of lectures given by Anne Ferguson-Smith (University of Cambridge, UK), Rob Martienssen (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, USA), Karl Nightingale (University of Birmingham, UK) and David Shore (University of Geneva, Switzerland). We had a one-day minisymposium involving leading speakers from Nordic countries in their field, and also some time for recreation with trips to Lahemaa national park and Rakvere medieval castle.

As anyone taken part in courses organized by Howy Jacobs may know, we had very little spare time. The days started at 9 am at latest and ended typically late in the evening, 8-10 pm, after which we had to prepare our group work. Or then we had ethical discussions with the class. Nevertheless, I found the course very stimulating and informative, and suggest Howy's courses for everyone.

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