

Annual symposium on medical cannabis: From plant to patient

Medical cannabis has been developing rapidly to a significant industry in Denmark. Since the launch of a fouryear pilot period, several companies were established along the value chain from breeding, production, processing, and development of medical products.

The production and export of medical cannabis will be governed by a permanent framework as of 2022. Development of the industry will continue to accelerate as exports have started. The first movers are scaling up while new entrants to the industry attempt to establish themselves in this dynamic industry. Building on a strong regulatory framework that encourages high standards and open competition, Denmark is establishing a leading position that draws on traditional strengths in biotechnology and applied research.

Yet as much as the permanent framework provides stability for the industry, a new threat emerges from lowercost production elsewhere in Europe (and beyond), commodification, rising standards, stops and starts along the road towards commercial operations, and – most important of all – a continued demand for rigorous data on the effectiveness of medical cannabis.

The solution to these threats depends on research and innovation.

Partnerships across the ecosystem are emerging in areas like breeding, sustainable production methods, and clinical research, while more partnerships are needed to close gaps in knowledge. Denmark is an international powerhouse in the pharma and advanced agriculture sector and has a well-established framework for public-private partnerships in research. There are good examples of collaboration between value chain partners, but more integration is needed across the entire ecosystem to meet the demands of the industry.

This is the theme of this year's arrangement: Collaboration and partnerships.

About the hosts

Invest in Denmark – National investment promotion agency under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Invest in Denmark has been actively involved in attracting medical cannabis investments into the Danish ecosystem as support for the development scheme, including some of the largest cultivators in the world.

Danish Technological Institute (GTS) transferring science to industry. For more than 100 years the Institute is supporting the Danish industry with new technology and innovations. Center for Plant Technology has a focus on plant production, breeding, and pathogens.

Registration	When	Where
DKK 500,-/ Dinner DKK 350,- Registration on <u>www.teknologisk.dk/k90813</u>	8 November 2021 9.00-16.30	Teknologisk Institut, Bygning 1 Gregersensvej 1 2630 Taastrup



Programme

9:00	Doors Open and Sign In Please sign in. Coffee to be served in the lobby				
9:30	Welcome Presentation by co-hosts – Danish Technological Institute and Invest in Denmark				
10:00	Keynote speech Topic: The Value and Impact of Collaboration				
10:30	Coffee Break				
11:00	Cross-cutting track Topic: Collaboration in Danish medical cannabis sector				
12:00	Lunch Lunch provided by Danish Technological Institute				
13:00	Parallel Tracks – Session One				
	Plant Topic: Tissue Culture in Medical Cannabis	Processing Topic: <i>Studying</i> cannabinoids	Patient Topic: <i>Clinical research</i>		
14:00	Coffee Break				
14:30	Parallel Tracks – Session two				
	<i>Plant</i> Topic: <i>Cultivation</i> systems of future	Processing Topic: New routes of administration	Patient Topic: <i>Emerging</i> clinical protocols		
15:30	Summary Session Case study of the national collaboration system				
16:15	Wrap up and thank you				
17:00	Networking Dinner - Optional dinner (additional 350 DKK) is available at the canteen of Danish Technological Institute. - Please choose the option 'networking dinner' when registering				