



Annual Report 2018

Stiftelsen Kristian Gerhard Jebsen

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About Stiftelsen Kristian Gerhard Jebsen

Stiftelsen Kristian Gerhard Jebsen (SKGJ) was established on 31 March 2009 in memory of the life and work of the shipowner Kristian Gerhard Jebsen and in order to continue his positive contribution to our society.

SKGJ's purpose is to provide financial support to promote academia, research, art, healthcare and social welfare, as well as to fund projects to improve society and protect the environment.

SKGJ was initially set up with a gift from Kristian Gerhard Jebsen's widow, Aud Jebsen, donated when SKGJ was founded on 31 March 2009. SKGJ has also received donations from the Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Foundation in 2011, 2012 and 2018.

Up to February 2013, SKGJ's largest asset was an eight percent shareholding in the shipping company Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Skipsrederi AS. That shareholding was sold to Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Group Ltd (KGJG) and a loan agreement was entered into between SKGJ and KGJG governing the consideration payable for the shares. The final loan repayment is due on 1 January 2025.

According to the articles of association, SKGJ's intended period of existence is up to 30 years. The maximum period of existence shall be 40 years.

SKGJ's operations and grants awarded in 2018

The financial statements for the year show a loss of NOK 114 million. Revenues in 2018 included a NOK 82 million (USD 10 million) donation from the Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Foundation and NOK 13 million in interest income. A currency adjustment of NOK 65 million was made to SKGJ's loan agreement with KGJG because of the strengthening of the dollar. An impairment charge of NOK 272 million was made against SKGJ's current and non-current financial assets, which are measured at fair value.

The management and operating expenses amounted to NOK 5.7 million.

At the turn of the year, SKGJ had NOK 219 million of liquid assets, invested in bond funds and money market funds (94%) and savings accounts (6%). SKGJ's liquidity position is good.

In 2018, SKGJ awarded grants for a total of NOK 60 million to medical research and culture:

- *K.G. Jebsen Centre for B-cell malignancies, University of Oslo, Ludvig A. Munthe, NOK 18 million over four years.*
Blood, lymph and bone marrow cancer often consist of malignant B-cells. Treatments exist for some of these cancer types, but others are currently untreatable. Researchers at the centre are aiming to develop new scientific knowledge and transfer it from the laboratory to hospitals and clinical practice.
- *K.G. Jebsen Centre for Genome-Directed Therapy in Cancer, Per Eystein Lønning, University of Bergen, NOK 18 million over four years.*
Researchers at the centre will perform new clinical trials for several different cancer types to study how changes in the cancer cell genome affect sensitivity to treatment, and how cancer therapy can be designed to exploit the genetic mutations that regulate the cancer cells.
- *Extension of funding to the K.G. Jebsen Colorectal Cancer Research Centre, Oslo University Hospital, Ragnhild A. Lothe, NOK 9 million over two years.*
The centre brings together experts on genetics, biology, bioinformatics, epidemiology, radiation therapy and surgery with the aim of improving and tailoring treatment for patients.
- *Extension of funding to the K.G. Jebsen Thrombosis Research and Expertise Centre (TREC), UiT The Arctic University of Norway, John-Bjarne Hansen, NOK 9 million over two years.*
The centre aims to discover new risk factors for, and increase our understanding of, venous blood clots. The research shall lead to targeted preventive measures and better treatment for those affected by the disease.
- *Rosendal Chamber Music Festival 2019-2020, Baroniet Rosendal Manor House/ Den Weis-Rosenkroneske Stiftelse, NOK 3 million.*
The festival aims to establish itself as one of the leading chamber music festivals in Norway and Europe. The festival gives young Norwegian musicians the opportunity to play alongside outstanding international professionals. The artistic director is Leif Ove Andsnes.
- *The Jiri Hlinka Piano Academy, music classes in 2019-2021, NOK 3.3 million.*
The piano academy's vision is to provide classes to talented pianists of a high international standard. In addition to offering master classes, the academy has set up a mentoring programme for particularly talented young musicians who are still training or who are just embarking on their professional careers.

Since the establishment of SKGJ, grants amounting to a total of NOK 590 million have been awarded, NOK 460 million of which had been disbursed by 31 December 2018. SKGJ's project debt thus amounts to NOK 130 million, including NOK 73

million expected to be paid in 2019. At 31 December 2018, SKGJ's equity was NOK 985 million.

Areas of focus

SKGJ has supported projects related to marine/maritime research, culture, medical research and academia. A common denominator of the projects supported by SKGJ is that they are perceived to meet high international standards. In addition to SKGJ's grants, host institutions normally have to contribute own funding and resources to the project. This ensures that the projects have strong finances and that the host institutions prioritise them.

Marine/maritime sector

Since its establishment, SKGJ has awarded a total of NOK 102 million to projects within the marine and maritime sector. The two largest individual projects in this area are the two research centres:

- [K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea](#) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway. The centre studies to what extent the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other international legislation meets new and old challenges and promotes sustainable development. SKGJ and UiT jointly funds the centre, with SKGJ contributing NOK 36 million over the period 2013-2019.
- [K.G. Jebsen Centre for Deep Sea Research \(2017 – 2020\)](#) at the University of Bergen. The centre is jointly funded by SKGJ and the host institution. Of the total budget of NOK 117 million for the five-year period, SKGJ contributes with NOK 32 million. In addition, the centre has access to resources such as scientific equipment and research vessel time slots.

In 2015, SKGJ awarded NOK 17 million to the Norwegian Society for Sea Rescue to build a new rescue craft in the Petter C.G. Sundt class (RS 163). On 28 April 2017, the boat was named Kristian Gerhard Jebsen II at a naming ceremony in Bergen. The rescue craft is stationed in Bergen. The Norwegian Society for Sea Rescue's statistics show that it has so far saved four lives and assisted 1,928 people and 525 vessels.

Medical research

Over the period 2011-2018, SKGJ has granted funding for 20 K.G. Jebsen centres for medical research at Norwegian medical faculties and their associated university hospitals.

The aim of the centres is to ensure that new, important research results can be translated into better care for patients. Their common denominator is that they perform research on translational medicine of a high international standard, in areas that the Norwegian medical communities has prioritised.

Name of centre	Host institution	Period
K.G. Jebsen Centre for MS Research	University of Bergen	2011-2015
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Breast Cancer Research	University of Oslo	2011-2015
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Research on Neuropsychiatric Disorders	University of Bergen	2011-2018
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Exercise in Medicine (CERG)	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	2011-2017
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Cardiac Research	University of Oslo	2011-2015
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Diabetes Research	University of Bergen	2012-2018
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Myeloma Research	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	2012-2016
KG Jebsen Centre for Psychosis Research	University of Oslo	2012-2018
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Influenza Vaccine Research	University of Oslo	2013-2019
K.G. Jebsen Inflammation Research Centre	University of Oslo	2013-2017
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Cancer Immunotherapy	University of Oslo	2013-2019
K.G. Jebsen TREC – Thrombosis Research and Expertise Centre	University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway	2014-2020
KG Jebsen Colorectal Cancer Research Centre	Oslo University Hospital	2014-2020
K.G. Jebsen Brain Tumour Research Centre	University of Bergen	2014-2018
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Genetic Epidemiology	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	2016-
K.G. Jebsen Coeliac Disease Research Centre	University of Oslo	2016-
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Cardiac Research	University of Oslo	2017-
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Autoimmune Disorders	University of Bergen	2017-
K.G. Jebsen Centre for B-cell Malignancies	University of Oslo	2018-
K.G. Jebsen Centre for Genome-Directed Therapy in Cancer	University of Bergen	2018-

SKGJ's total financial contribution to these centres is NOK 402 million, making it SKGJ's largest funding scheme. At the end of 2018, ten of the centres have been

concluded. Initially SKGJ supports the projects for four years, after which time they may be invited to apply for a further two years of funding. Of the 20 centres established, eight have so far obtained funding for two additional years.

The centres report annually to SKGJ on their scientific progress and financial position. In addition, SKGJ's Advisory Committee undertakes a mid-term evaluation.

In 2018, SKGJ commissioned an external assessment of its funding programme for medical centres. The assessment was carried out by Professor Bente Klarlund Pedersen at Rigshospitalet / University of Copenhagen, Professor Emeritus Olli Jänne at the University of Helsinki and Professor Mats Benner at Lund University. Their assessment report was submitted in the autumn of 2018¹ and has subsequently been discussed by SKGJ's Board and Advisory Committee. The committee concluded that the programme has furthered Norwegian translational medical research and international collaboration as intended. In addition, it gave specific recommendations on how to develop the programme further. The report's recommendations are being taken into consideration, firstly by extending the funding period for centres from four to five years, as from the next call for applications, i.e. in 2019.

In order to encourage collaboration between the K.G. Jebsen medical research centres, SKGJ holds a joint annual event. This year's event was held at Fredriksten Hotell in Halden. All of the K.G. Jebsen centres were represented, including the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea and the K.G. Jebsen Centre for Deep Sea Research. SKGJ's Board, Advisory Committee and administration also attended. The K.G. Jebsen Centre for Cardiac Research hosted the event and was responsible for the programme. The theme for the event was "Outstanding research".

Culture

Since its establishment, SKGJ has awarded NOK 63 million to various cultural projects at cultural institutions in Bergen and western Norway.

[Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra is the recipient of the largest single grant.](#) First, an award of NOK 12.1 million over the period 2012-2015 in conjunction with the orchestra's 250th anniversary, followed by NOK 11 million to strengthen its artistic and communication activities over the period 2017-2021. SKGJ's most recent grant continued this effort and contributed to secure Edward Gardner as its principal conductor for the period 2019-2021. SKGJ is also the main partner of the orchestra's project [BergenPhilLive.no](#), a streaming service for selected concerts involving the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra.

¹The report is available on SKGJ's website: <https://stiftkgj.no/2018/10/17/k-g-jebsen-sentre-for-medisinsk-forskning-programevaluering/>

The [International Edvard Grieg Piano Competition 2018](#) took place on 1-9 September. SKGJ was the only private sponsor of the event, and it was the fourth time that it has sponsored the competition. The aim of the partnership is to consolidate the competition's position as a high-quality international competition and to raise awareness of Edvard Grieg, Norwegian music, Troidhaugen and Bergen amongst outstanding young musicians. This year's winner was Ryoma Takagi from Japan.

SKGJ is providing the [Rosendal Chamber Music Festival](#) with a total of NOK 8 million of funding over the period 2016-2020. Leif Ove Andsnes is the artistic director and the festival is organised by Baroniet Rosendal. After the first three years, we can safely say that the festival has been a great success, both artistically and with the public attendance. Leif Ove Andsnes has managed to bring together world-famous musicians, while also providing space for younger, less well-known performers to shine. Well-known speakers and exhibitions have helped to broaden the focus of the festival. The festival has received extensive international coverage, which has led to favourable media coverage of SKGJ. The fourth Rosendal Chamber Music Festival will be held on 8-11 August 2019. The theme for this year's festival is Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975), as well as his Russian predecessors, contemporaries and successors.

SKGJ has awarded NOK 6.6 million of funding to the [Jiri Hlinka Piano Academy](#) over the period 2016-2021. The academy holds up to three master classes each year for young pianists and chamber musicians of a high international standard. The pianists Leif Ove Andsnes, Håvard Gimse, Christian Ihle Hadland and Geir Botnen sit on its artistic council and share the teaching duties with selected international guest professors. The students come from all over the world.

[Management and compliance with the Norwegian Accounting Act](#)

SKGJ has no employees. The administration has been performed through a management services agreement with the Trond Mohn Foundation.

SKGJ has an Advisory Committee for medical research composed of renowned experts from Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The committee assists SKGJ with its focus on translational medical research. It assesses the applications with the help of external reviewers and makes recommendations to the board of SKGJ pertaining to the centers to be selected and funded.

In 2018, the Board held eight meetings and discussed 47 cases. SKGJ does not discriminate on the basis of gender when electing members of its Board of Directors. SKGJ's activities do not pollute the environment.

The Board of Directors is not aware of any matters relevant to the assessment of SKGJ's financial position and operational performance that are not presented in the balance sheet, income statement, notes and the Board of Directors' report.

SKGJ believes that the annual financial statements give a correct picture of the assets and liabilities, financial position and operational performance. In accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act, we confirm that the going concern assumption is valid. The net loss for the year has been covered by an equivalent charge of equity.

Bergen, 20 March 2019

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Chair of the Board

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