

## August Update:

Following the Symposium on Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds I attended Orientation Week at NTNU. I completed the intensive Norwegian course and on Saturday morning of August 18, I passed the three hour exam. Det var veldig vanskelig men nå kan jeg snakke lit norsk (It was difficult but now I can speak a little Norwegian). Classes have begun at NTNU and I am enrolled in two courses, Marint fysisk miljø (Marine Physical Environment) and Spredning av forurensing (Spreading of Pollution) within the Coastal and Marine Civil Engineering Programme at NTNU. Luckily, both of my lectures are in English. On Monday August 20, I began work with the Marine Environmental Technology Group at Sintef. I have been spending most of my time digesting literature on properties of sea ice on the micro- and meso-scale and the existing small-scale models of sea ice. I spent August 27–28 in Oslo for the Fulbright Orientation for all grantees in Norway. The reception at the Nobel Institute was a unique experience! The photo below was taken in Trondheim; it is the view I pass everyday on my bike ride to Sintef Sea Lab.

