A brief introductions to forums

What?

- A bulletin board (or simply board) is like a huge noticeboard or whiteboard where people can post messages to each other
- The big difference is that unlike a physical board it is organized into *forums* and *topics*

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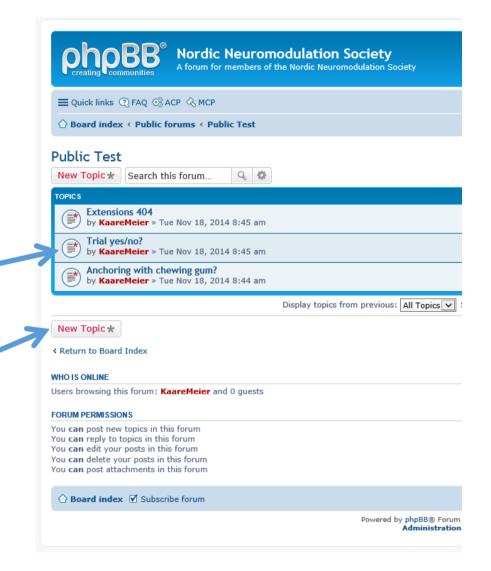
How?

- Simply go to neuronordic.org/forum
- Fill out the registration form
 - Your details will only be visible to other registered members
- Wait for the confirmation email
 - This is to make sure only relevant people register

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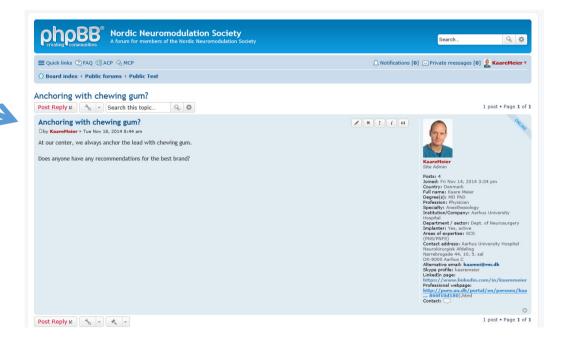
Then what?

- Open the forum you are interested in
- Then open a topic
- ...or create a new one



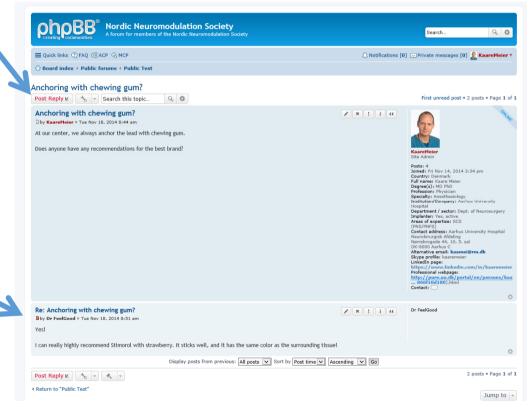
Торіс

- A *topic* is a message started by a user
 - It can be a question, a suggestion, an announcement, etc. etc.
- A topic can contain text, links, file attachments, etc.
 - ...just like an email, really except it's not sent to a specific person, but *posted* to the forum



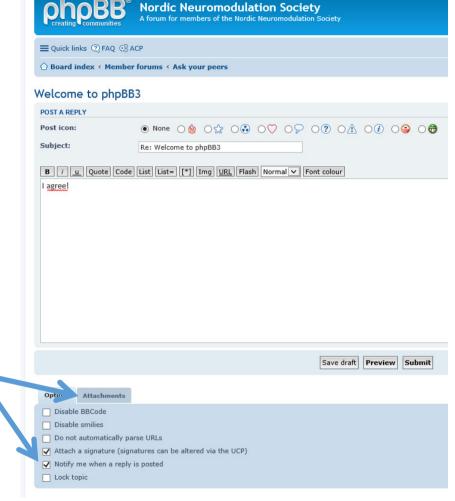
Replies

- Reply to a topic by pressing the button
 - like the beginning of the topic, replies are called *posts*
- Your reply will be visible to everyone on the forum
 - that way you're contributing to the whole topic
 - ...which is precisely the idea!
- A topic consisting of replies and replies to replies etc., is called a *thread*



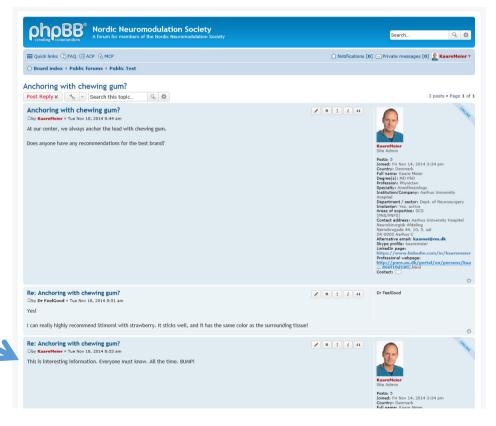
Replies II

- If you want to get information each time a thread is updated, you can subscribe to it to receive email with the updates
 - It is highly recommended!
- You can also attach files to your replies!
- If you want to respond to another user directly, you can use a private message instead



Bumping

- As more topics accumulate, the list gets longer
- The topic on top of the list is usually the one that has the most recent reply
- If you find a topic particularly valuable, you can move it to the top of the list by adding a new reply to it
- This, especially if the new reply is just empty, is called *bumping*
 - Use with care...



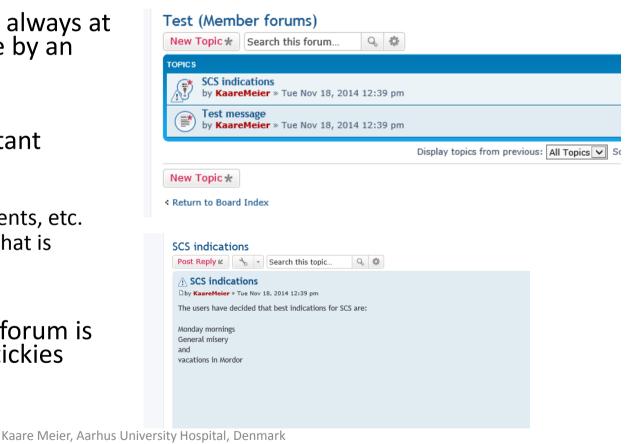
Polls

- Besides regular posts, users can also post a poll
 - Try playing a bit with the options!

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Sticky

- A *sticky* is a message that is always at the top of the list, put there by an *administrator*
- They usually contain important information
 - like rules
 - or collection of links/documents, etc.
 - or a summary of the forum that is updated constantly
- A good way to enter a new forum is usually to read the sticky/stickies first...



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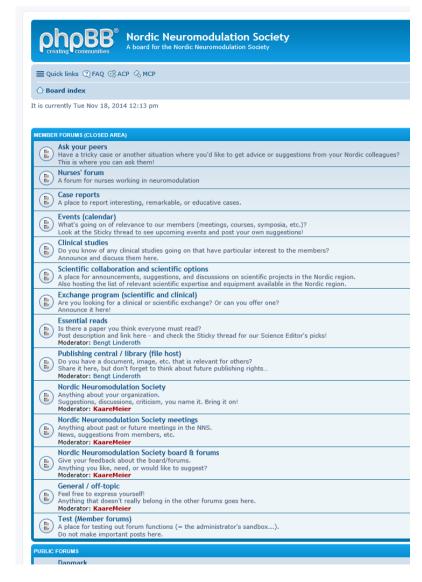
Flaming, trolling

- *Flaming* is adding an abusive response to other people
- Trolling is bothering other users with posts that are inappropriate, off-topic ("OT"), etc.
- Both are considered unacceptable behaviour and can be responded to by an administrator with deleting of the posts, warnings, or banning



Forums

- To keep things straight, topics are posted in *forums*
- A forum is a collection of topics sharing the same subject
- A *public* forum is visible to everyone, also non-registered guests and robots/spiders
- A *private* forum is only visible to members



A couple more terms

- *Administrator*: The person with executive rights to do pretty much everything on the board
- *Moderator*: The people who supervise individual forums
 - they can usually delete or edit inapproprite posts (any editing is visible!) or move things around



- And remember:
 - A Board is a collection of forums
 - A Forum is a collection of topics
 - A Topic is a collection of posts

Most importantly: contribute, and have fun!

- the success of the forum project depends on ... you! :o)

