

# NFOG Fund report for 2010 and 2011.

## 2010

The NFOG Fund was established at the NFOG General Assembly at the NFOG congress in Copenhagen in June 2010 with Special Enactment to the articles of NFOG.

The purpose of the NFOG Fund is to support further development of professional skills, research, and clinical and scientific collaboration in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology. The NFOG Fund's trust fund at establishment is 2.062.867 DKK. Sixty-six (66)% of the annual surplus, if any, of NFOG will be transferred to the NFOG Fund. Each year an amount not exceeding the annual interests of the trust fund plus the average transferral from NFOG in the four preceding years can be donated. The voting members of NFOG Board are the Board of the NFOG Fund, hereafter named the NFOG Board. The applications are evaluated by the NFOG Scientific Committee (SC) who makes a written nomination for approval by the NFOG Board. Deadlines for applications are 1. March and 1. October each year. Immediately after the Congress in Copenhagen a call was made for applications to the Fund on the NFOG web page and in the national bulletins in the member countries.

**October 2010.** At the SC meeting in Copenhagen in November the first applications were reviewed. As this was the first time grants were given from the Fund certain working rules had to be established according to the status of the Fund.

The applications of various categories were prioritized as follows: 1 Nordic collaborative projects, 2 Nordic speakers for national annual meetings, 3 Clinical visits within the Nordic countries, 4 Nordic courses, 5 Developing country projects, 6 Clinical visits outside of the Nordic countries and 7 Courses outside of the Nordic countries. When evaluating the Nordic collaborative projects, the following points were emphasized: quality of the research, number of Nordic countries involved and realism of the budget. It was suggested to the NFOG Board that the applications in the lowest category, courses outside the Nordic countries could be capped at 7.000DKK. Other questions were discussed such as interpretations of "future activities" and some were referred to the NFOG Board. Of the 35 applications the SC decided to nominate 27 for funding with the total sum of 509.400. The NFOG Board judged one application to be retrospective and therefore 26 grants were given for 503.800DKK. The main reasons for rejecting applications were lack of essential documents (such as budget), vague or poor applications, not future project or proposals outside of the scope of the NFOG-fund.

It was decided to design a formal application form and encourage electronic submission. List was made of possible changes to the status to be presented at the next General Assembly in Bergen 2012. The Chairman of the SC wrote and sent letters to the applicants with the results.

**March 2011.** The new application form seemed to be helpful as the applications were better prepared than before. Of the 23 applications it was decided to support 18 in total of 302.190 DKK. Applications were rejected because they were late, retrospective and applicants had not finished essential time in training. With more experience in handling applications according to the status, formal work was started on how the status should be changed to make them clearer and more fair.

**October 2011.** The budget for 2011 was 548.991 DKK and in addition 82.446 DKK which was unused of last year budget. There were 32 applications and 25 were suitable for funding in total of 306.258 DKK. The main reasons for not funding applications were proposals outside of the scope of the NFOG-fund, and vague or poor applications. Further work was done on proposed changes to the status to be presented to the NFOG Board and the next General Assembly.

**Summary for 2010 and 2011.** Applications submitted were 90 and 69 were supported in total of 1.112.248 DKK.

Catgory		no	Total	avg
1-n	Clinical visits in Nordic countries	9	44.200	4.911
1-o	Clinical visits outside Nordic countries	16	188.035	11.752
2	Project developing countries	9	223.586	24.843
3-n	Courses in Nordic countries	3	47.277	15.759
3-o	Courses outside Nordic countries	18	156.000	8.667
4	Nordic collaborative projects	9	419.350	46.594
5	Society's meetings	5	33.800	6.760
		69	1.112.248	16.120

Catgory		Denmark	Norway	Finland	Sweden	Iceland	total
1-n	Clinical visits in Nordic countries	1		7		1	<b>9</b>
1-o	Clinical visits outside Nordic countries	6	1	5	3	1	<b>16</b>
2	Project developing countries	1	1	1	6		<b>9</b>
3-n	Courses in Nordic countries	1	1			1	<b>3</b>
3-o	Courses outside Nordic countries	7	2	5	3	1	<b>18</b>
4	Nordic collaborative projects	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	<b>9</b>
5	Society's meetings	2	1	1	1		<b>5</b>
		<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	69

Collaborative projects are not counted for each country

Further information on each grant can be found on the NFOG web page.

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