

NFOG Scientific Committee (SC) report for 2010 and 2011

2010

Members:

The NFOG national societies are presented by one Obstetrician/Gynaecologist who normally also is the scientific secretary of his/her national society. The committee was unchanged from previous year: Knut Hordnes (Norway), Oskari Heikinheimo (Finland), Anette Tønnes Pedersen (Denmark), Pelle Lindqvist (Sweden) and Alexander Smáráson (Iceland, chairman). The chairman is also member of the NFOG board.

Meetings:

The SC met on three occasions, two meetings and at the NFOG Congress in Copenhagen in June.

The first meeting was in March in Copenhagen. The SC reviewed the 145 abstracts submitted for the NFOG Congress and selected altogether 44 abstracts to be presented in five oral sessions, three obstetrical and two gynaecological sessions. Other authors of other abstracts were offered to present posters. A suggestion was made that the SC committee members would act as chairmen for the oral sessions. Candidates for the thesis session were discussed and the following names were agreed on: Bugge Nøhr (Denmark), Katja Lampinen (Finland), Liv Bente Romundstad (Norway) and Bjorn Strander (Sweden). Anna Kanerva from Finland was selected for the Young Scientist award. Peter Hornnes, president of the NFOG Congress attended the meeting for further discussion of the congress including the proposed electronic poster session. The work of the SC at congress was planned. The proposed NFOG FUND was discussed as well as the final draft for the Fund to be presented at the next NFOG board meeting.

At the NFOG board meeting in Trondheim 4 - 5 March it was decided that Alexander as the SC chairman and Knut as the Norwegian on the SC would be the seniors on the Lillehammer grant committee. Alda Birgisdóttir (Iceland) was appointed from the NFYOG.

The SC met next at the NFOG Congress in Copenhagen. Posters and oral presentations were evaluated and three prizes given in each category. Sigrún Perla Böðvarsdóttir (Iceland), Sys Nikolajsen (Denmark) and Outi Uimari (Finland) received prizes for posters and Anna Möller (Sweden), Christina Damsted Petersen (Denmark) and Nils-Halvdan Morken (Norway) for oral presentations. The Lillehammer scholarships were given, for the last time, to Barbara Geppert (Sweden) and Jeanett Østergaard (Denmark). Anna Kanerva (Finland) received the Young scientist award and Nanneli Pallasmaa (Finland) the Acta prize. Tine Dalsgaard Clausen, Marja Sarkola, Karolina Partheen and Jouko Järvenpää won prizes from the NFOG thesis registry lotto 2008 and 2009.

The next meeting was in Copenhagen in November.

The NFOG Congress in June was discussed. In the SC opinion the congress was a success. The scientific level of the oral presentations was excellent and the 8 + 2 min concept worked well. To have pros vs cons discussions at the end of the day was a good idea. The electronic poster system was a disappointment where the computer system and grouping of the posters did not work out as planned. The main topic of the meeting was to go through the applications to the new NFOG Fund. See separate report for the NFOG Fund.

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This year the members of the SC were Knut Hordnes (Norway), Oskari Heikinheimo (Finland), Anette Tønnes Pedersen (Denmark), Matts Olovsson replaced Pelle Lindqvist (Sweden) and Alexander Smáráson (Iceland, chairman). The chairman is also member of the NFOG board.

Meetings:

The SC had two meetings this year.

The first meeting was in March in Bergen where the SC had a very good meeting with the local organizing committee for the next NFOG congress in Bergen in June 2012. Proposals for sessions and speakers already made by the LOC were discussed and new ideas formulated. The organising was discussed in light of the experience from previous NFOG congresses. Applications to the NFOG Fund were processed, see separate report.

The second meeting was in Copenhagen in October. The current status of the NFOG congress arrangements were discussed with the congress president Knut Hordnes and suggestions for different sessions and general program were made. The meeting was otherwise mainly to review applications to the NFOG Fund, see separate report.

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