

NFOG Scientific Committee (SC) report for 2012

Members in 2012:

The five NFOG national societies are presented by one Obstetrician/Gynaecologist who normally also is the scientific secretary of his/her national society. At the March meeting Jone Trovik (Norway) replaced Knut Hordnes, the next congress president, who had been on the SC for 6 years. Other members were Matts Olovsson (Sweden), Oskari Heikinheimo (Finland), Anette Tønnes Pedersen (Denmark), and Alexander Smárason (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 Bergen.

March 2012. The first meeting was at Solstrand near Bergen 8-10th March. The main work was to prepare for the Congress in Bergen in coming June. 217 abstracts had been submitted, much more than at the last Congress in Copenhagen (145). After evaluation 5 were rejected. After several rounds of further evaluation, 36 were selected for presentation at 4 free communications sessions. When making the final selection, the committee decided to take into account the balanced mixture of themes, country of origin and balancing against what had already been selected as invited speakers/themes. The rest of the abstracts were accepted for poster presentation, grouped according to theme to be posted accordingly. All poster presenters were asked to prepare 3 slides to present if selected for oral poster presentation. Plans were made for "Speakers corner" at two separate corners during "Happy hour" Sunday and Monday. 12 posters will be selected (at site) for presentation at each of these four sessions, totals 48. Members of the SC visited Grieghallen to view facilities for further planning of the Congress work and had a meeting with the local organizing committee from Bergen. It was decided, as was done in Copenhagen, that members of the SC would chair the FC sessions and the Nordic thesis session. There was further work on the selection of candidates for the Nordic theses session and the Young scientist award.

June 2012. The SC met next at the NFOG Congress in Bergen. Posters and free communications were evaluated and three prizes given in each category. Ellen Lækkegaard (Denmark), Robert Byamugisha (Uganda) and Birte Haugland (Norway) received prizes for posters and Ulrik Kesmodel (Denmark), Jaana Männistö (Finland) and Birgit Bødker (Denmark) for free communications. Alkistis Skalkidou (Sweden) received the Young scientist award. Christina Vinter (Denmark), Anne Tandberg (Norway), Hanna Sallinen (Finland) and Erika Timby presented at the Nordic thesis session.

October 2012. The third meeting was at Hotel Ocean in Copenhagen on the 13th of October. The NFOG Congress in June was discussed and evaluated. In the SC opinion the congress was a success. The posters on paper, and discussions at poster corners were successful and highly attended. The oral sessions were also of high quality and well prepared. Many attendees have stated that the congress was well organized and that the scientific level of presentations was very good. The pre-congress courses were successful. Having three parallel sessions seems to be appropriate. The congress site was very good. However, congress fees were fairly high. The next NFOG Congress in Stockholm 2014 was discussed and plans made to have the next SC meeting in March 2013 in Stockholm to meet the local organizing committee. The future of the SC was discussed and the imminent replacement of many of its members.

The SC handles applications to the NFOG Fund as reported in a separate report for the Fund.

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