

NFOG Scientific Committee

Report for 2014

Members in 2014:

The five national societies of obstetrics and gynaecology are each represented by one obstetrician/gynaecologist, who is usually also the scientific secretary of his/her national society. The members in 2014 were Annika Strandell (SE), Marit Lieng (NO), Antti Perheentupa (FI), Thora Steingrímisdóttir (IS) until August 2014, then Hulda Hjartardóttir (IS), and Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel (DK). Thora Steingrímisdóttir (IS) was the chairman of the committee until August 2014, then followed by Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel (DK), who was elected new chairman at the SC meeting in March. The chairman is also a member of the NFOG Board.

Meetings:

The SC met on three occasions: In March in Stockholm, in June in Stockholm in connection with the NFOG Congress, and in November in Helsinki. All members participated in all meetings, except for Marit Lieng not being able to attend the meeting in Helsinki.

March 2014. The first meeting was held in Stockholm on 13-14 March. On 13 March applications for the NFOG Fund were handled. Please see **separate report for the NFOG Fund**. On 14 March a joint meeting of the NFOG SC and members of the local SC of the NFOG Congress in June 2014 was held. Lennart Nordstrøm, and Sonia Andersson represented the local committee, while Anna Ahnlund participated as the responsible for the organizing team. A record 357 abstracts had been submitted for the congress, including 324 from the Nordic countries, and each abstract was read and scored by two members of the NFOG and local SCs prior to the meeting. A total of 54 abstracts were selected for oral presentations at 6 free communications sessions and all Nordic countries were represented. Fourteen abstracts were rejected, and the remaining abstracts were accepted for poster presentations. When making the final selection, the committee decided to take into account the balanced mixture of themes and country of origin. It was decided that one from one member of the NFOG scientific committee and one member of the local SC should chair each free communication session. For the poster sessions it was decided that 7-8 best posters in each exhibit area were to be selected for a short oral poster presentation in the poster exhibiting area without slides (2-3 min) every day. The NFOG scientific committee were to select the best posters for oral presentation during the actual day. There was further discussions and work on the selection of candidates for the Nordic theses session and the Young scientist award.

June 2014. The SC met next at the NFOG Congress in Stockholm. Posters and free communications were evaluated by the members of the SC, and three prizes given in each category: Susanne Hesselman (Sweden), Lisa de Roo (Norway), and Natalja Eigeliene (Finland) received prizes for oral communications. Bjørn Bay (Denmark), Ingvild Vatten Alsnes (Norway), and Pauliina Damdimopoulou (Finland) received prizes for posters. Lars Henning Pedersen received the Young scientist award. Henriette Svarre Nielsen (Denmark), Tea Brummer (Finland), Helga Sól Ólafsdóttir (Iceland), Katariina Laine (Norway), and Ola Andersson (Sweden) presented at the Nordic thesis session.

November 2014. The third meeting was held in Helsinki on 3-4 November 2014. On 3 November a joint meeting of the NFOG SC and the local organizing committee of the NFOG2016 was held at the Finlandia Hall, the venue of the next congress. A tour of the Finlandia Hall had been arranged, and among other things the potential set up of poster area, exhibition area etc. was fruitfully discussed. This was followed by detailed discussions of the potential content of the programme. A new suggestion was to have one afternoon poster session (day 1) and one morning poster session (day 2) and then distribute poster prizes at the dinner banquet on day 2. All participants promised to contribute to the ongoing discussion of programme planning and suggestion of speakers from all the Nordic countries.

On 4 November applications for the NFOG Fund were handled. Please see **separate report for the NFOG Fund**.

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