

# **Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Report 2010**

## **The Board of the Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology (NFOG)**

President: Seija Grénman, Finland, followed by Göran Berg, Sweden, in June 2010

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Internal Auditors: Ditte Trolle, Denmark, and Nils-Erik Backas, Finland who was followed by Harald Almström, Sweden, in June 2010.

Deputy Auditor: Kim Toftager-Larsen, Denmark, was followed by Kristina H. Johannesen, Norway, in June 2010.

External Auditor: Bo Hendriksen, Aaen & Co

## **Board meetings**

The Board of NFOG held 3 meetings during 2010.

## **Economy, budget and accounts**

The economy of NFOG is sound and in good balance, supervised by treasurer Thea Loussen. The income is derived from membership fees, Acta subscriptions and returns from the NFOG assets.

The expenditure is also generated by Acta, in addition to management costs generated by the NFOG Board and the Committees. The NFOG Congress has its own budget.

A great part of the budget surplus will in the coming years be distributed to the NFOG members through the NFOG Fund. The consequence will be that the net NFOG capital will not increase further.

The complete income statement and balance sheet is found on the website.

## **NFOG 2010**

The XXXVII NFOG Congress was held in Copenhagen on June 16th-18th, 2010. Peter Hornnes was the Congress President. There were 479 paying participants, with 283 from Denmark, 147 from Norway, 73 from Sweden, 52 from Finland and 13 from Iceland. There were relatively few from Sweden, and one will try to recruit more participants from Sweden to the next Congress.

The Congress started with pre-congress workshops with topics intended both for trainees and specialists in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Congress was organized with both plenary and parallel sessions, as well as sponsored symposia, covering a wide variety of topics in obstetrics, gynecology and gynecological oncology.

For the first time e-poster sessions were arranged, but they did not work out as well as had been expected.

The Congress had a positive balance of 687.999, DDK, of which 1/3 goes to NFOG.

## **General Assembly**

The General Assembly was held during the NFOG Congress. New members of the Board were elected at the meeting.

The first announcement for NFOG 2012, held on June 17th -19th in Bergen, Norway, was made by Knut Hordnes.

The General Assembly approved the establishment of the NFOG Fund.

## **Acta**

Reynir T. Geirsson has been the Chief Editor of Acta since 2008. In 2010 Wiley-Blackwell were selected as new publishers. This has given Acta new possibilities with regards to distribution, and collaboration with other scientific publications within the Wiley-Blackwell system.

New national editors are Jorma Paavonen, Finland, Torbjørn Eggebø, Norway, and Christina Gemzel, Sweden, replacing Risto Erkkola, Per Bergsjø and Ian Milsom, respectively. Nils Udbjerg, Denmark, has had his period prolonged for 2 years. A new secretary will be needed to replace Eva Christine Stern, who is retiring.

The economy of Acta was favorable.

## **Support to education and co-operation**

The Scientific Committee was responsible for choosing the recipients of the prizes and grants awarded at NFOG 2010. Anna Kanerwa from Finland was given the Young Scientist award, while Jeanett Östergaard and Barbara Geppert were given 20.000 DKK from the Lillehammer Scholarship. This was awarded for the last time.

The newly established NFOG Fund will award educational grants in the future. Members of NFOG who are specialists, or trainees who have completed two years of specialist training are entitled to apply for grants. Applications are considered by the Scientific Committee twice yearly.

According to the bylaws (§7), grants may be awarded to:

1. Clinical or scientific visits outside country of residence with the purpose of improving skills and/or developing and sharing expertise
2. Voluntary or project work in developing countries
3. Courses outside country of residence
4. Collaborative work regarding clinical or scientific topics or projects between members of the national societies of NFOG
5. Each national society can yearly apply for the coverage of expenses to bring one lecturer from another Nordic country to speak at the society's annual meeting

## **Website ([www.nfog.org](http://www.nfog.org))**

Peter Secher is the webmaster of [www.nfog.org](http://www.nfog.org). The number of daily visits to the website has increased from 20 in 2004 to approximately 50 in 2010.

An increasing amount of information has been added to the website, and Peter Secher informs that the website will be updated after discussions with the new publishers of Acta.

There is still not sufficient reporting to the ThesisRegistry, and the national societies are asked to make an effort in approaching their University Hospitals to ensure that new thesis are reported. Two prizes of 2500 DKK are awarded annually to newly registered thesis.

## **Committees**

Alexander K. Smárason is chairman of the Scientific Committee. Details of their activities are found under "Support to education and co-operation".

As new chairman of the Educational Committee was chosen Marie Bixo, Sweden. The Educational Committee held the Educational Course in Copenhagen from Nov. 17th-18th. The topic was PCOS, and a varied and very interesting program was put together by Eszther Vancy. There was good participation from all the Nordic countries. The Educational Course 2011 will be held in Copenhagen, November 9th-10th.

### **NFYOG**

NFYOG has been represented by Alda Birgisdóttir. NFYOG held a Pre-Congress symposium at NFOG 2010, and the topic was Genital Transplantation.

A course on 1st trimester ultrasound is planned held together with the NFYOG meeting in Stockholm in week 38.

Novo Nordisk is no longer the sponsor for NFYOG, and effort is put into obtaining a new sponsor.

NFYOG is planning to participate in the web site, and they are exploring ENTOG collaboration. Increased focus is put on the training situation for the Nordic candidates in Gyn/Obst.

### **EBCOG**

Peter Hornnes has since 2008 been the president of EBCOG. Information about all the various EBCOG activities are found in the Presidents Newsletter from October 2010.

### **FIGO and Twinning Program**

Seija Grenman is a member of the Executive Board of FIGO. The Nordic countries have traditionally had a representative at the FIGO Executive Board. She meets once yearly with the NFOG Board, to keep the Board updated on FIGO activity.

The FIGO Twinning Program is aimed at mutual strengthening by sharing ideas and competences within professional organizations. Sweden has a Twinning Project with Pakistan, aimed at reducing maternal mortality. Denmark has their Twinning Project with Nigeria.

### **General remarks**

The aim of the NFOG Board has been to promote clinical and scientific collaboration between the Obstetricians and Gynecologists in the Nordic countries, and to work to achieve a high standard of training at all levels in obstetrics and gynecology.

Further the work of NFOG is aimed at improving the reproductive health of women all over the world.

The present NFOG Board will make every effort to continue this important work.

On behalf of the Board of NFOG,

March 31st, 2011

Göran Berg  
President

Tone Skeie-Jensen  
Secretary General