

# **NFOG Educational Committee annual report for 2013**

## **Members in 2013:**

The NFOG Educational Committee (EC) chairman has been Tomi Mikkola (Finland). Other members were Jan Brynhildsen (Sweden), Kristín Jónsdóttir (Iceland), Anja Kirstein (Denmark), and Trond Melbye Michelsen (Norway). The Board was re-organized for the year 2013 since all except the chairman and Kristín Jónsdóttir joined the EC Board at the end of the year 2012. The chairman has participated the NFOG Board meetings as a non-voting member.

## **EC Board meetings:**

The EC has held three meetings during 2013, all at Copenhagen.

February 26th, 2013 – the chairman together with the NFOG Board had agreed that the EC would focus on the Nordic ob/gyn specialist training programs and evaluate if it is possible to harmonize the training between the Nordic countries. Since this is an area that strongly affects also the NFYOG we asked the NFYOG chairman Anne Cathrine Munk to join the EC Board meetings and work together with this task. During the February meeting it was decided that the next EC course would be November 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Copenhagen Park Inn Hotel. The program was outlined with an aim to have both Nordic and international high-level speakers. The course was titled “Harmonizing and improving the Nordic ObGyn training – how to get there?”

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – the November course program was finalized (see the program and lectures from the NFOG website, Archives). Also the budget was outlined so it could be presented and discussed with the NFOG Board in September.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 – all the arrangements were finalized with the Park Inn hotel and the local congress bureau (ICS, Copenhagen). Also all speakers and chairmen for the course were confirmed.

## **EC course November 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Copenhagen:**

For the course a total of 69 participants attended, including both trainees and specialists, creating a comprehensive audience for a productive discussions. The first day included talks about different ways to guide and organize training, followed by new tools used in training. The second day focused in different training curriculums. The two day course was concluded with a lively panel discussion chaired by the NFOG President Prof. Göran Berg, with the majority of the speakers in the panel. The panel and the audience strongly encouraged the EC to follow this productive meeting with similar courses. Key topics in the future could be to find the best ways to evaluate the trainees, as well as to assess the training curriculum. From the course the chairman wrote a congress report to ACTA (Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand. 2014 93:433-4).

Based on the positive feedback after the course and discussions with NFOG Board, the EC decided to continue to arrange similar courses also in the future. Since the NFOG congress will be at Stockholm in June 2014, the next EC course will be in 2015.

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