

Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Annual report 2011

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

President: Göran Berg, Sweden

Secretary General: Tone Skeie-Jensen, Norway

Treasurer: Thea Lousen, Denmark

National Representatives: Pia Teleman (SFOG), Bjørn Bache (NGF), Aila Tiitinen (SGY), succeeded by Johanna Mäenpää in November 2011, Charlotte Hasselholt Søggaard (DSGO), Hulda Hjartardóttir (FIFK)

Other members of the Board: Reynir T. Geirsson, Iceland (Acta), Alexander Smáráson, Iceland, (Scientific Committee), Peter Secher, Denmark (Webmaster), Marie Bixo, Sweden (Educational Board), Alda Birgisdóttir, Iceland (NFYOG), Knut Hordnes, Norway (Congress President NFOG 2012)

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Board Meetings

The Board of NFOG held 2 meetings during 2011.

Economy, budget and accounts

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

The expenditure is generated by Acta, in addition to management costs generated by the NFOG Board and the Committees. The NFOG Congress has its own budget, but a possible deficit is covered by NFOG. Of the budget surplus 66% is transferred to the NFOG Fund, and thus distributed to the NFOG members. The NFOG capital is therefore not expected to increase further.

The complete income statements and balance sheet are found on the website.

NFOG 2012

The next Congress is held in Bergen, Norway on June 16th-19th. The President of NFOG 2012, Knut Hordnes has, in the board meetings of 2011, discussed with the Board the progressing plans for the Congress. Concern has been expressed regarding the difficulty in obtaining enough sponsors to avoid a budget deficit for the Congress. It has been emphasised by the Board that a possible negative balance with regards to the budget will be covered by the NFOG. The Board has participated in the discussion of the scientific program, economy and practical arrangements for the Congress.

Further details are found in the Minutes of the Board meetings.

Acta

Reynir Geirsson has been Chief Editor in 2011. His appointment as Chief Editor expired on Dec. 31st, and he has agreed to prolong his engagement for another 2 years. As Assistant Chief Editor has been appointed Henriette Svarre Nielsen, Copenhagen. The appointment is for 2 years. Editorial Manager Eva Christina Sterner has retired and has been replaced by Susana Benedet. The editorial office will continue to be located at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Göteborg. A contract has been signed for 5 years.

The average number of manuscripts/month increased to 84 in 2011 from 67 in 2010. The total number of manuscripts for 2011 was 1009. The rejection rate was 78%. 95 (56%) of the published articles were on obstetric issues, and 74 (44%) on gynecological issues. The impact factor has risen to 1,86.

The editors have a constant focus on improving the quality of Acta. The economy of Acta was favorable.

Support to education and co-operation

The NFOG Fund, administered by the Scientific Committee, has awarded grants according to its statutes. In 2011 608.367 DKK has been allocated. An overview of the recipients, their projects, the amount of money allocated, and finally the report from the applicant will be presented at the NFOG website. The deadlines for applications are March 1st and October 1st. Minutes are kept from the meetings in the Scientific Committee.

The Scientific Committee has suggested some changes/clarifications of §7 of the "Statutes of the NFOG Fund" that will be presented at the General Assembly in 2012.

Website (www.nfog.org)

Peter Secher is the webmaster of NFOG.

It has been decided that advertisements for meetings and congresses will not be published on the website, but a congress calendar will be posted. The exception will be congresses "sponsored" by NFOG.

There are still too few theses being sent to the registry, and the national societies are encouraged to participate in the recruiting.

Committees

Alexander K. Smáráson is chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee has as their main objectives of 2011 had the allocation of grants from the NFOG Fund, and the participation in forming the scientific program of NFOG 2012.

The Educational committee has been chaired by Marie Bixo. The Educational Course was held in Copenhagen on Nov 9th-10th. The topic was "Chronic pelvic disorders – a challenge".

The participants gave the course a score of 1,67, on a scale from 1-4 (1 being most favorable). Marie Bixo has left the Educational Committee at the end of the year, and Tommy Mikkola, Finland, is the new chairman.

NFYOG

NFYOG has been represented by Alda Birgisdóttir. Two board meetings have been held in 2011. The spring meeting was held in London in order to connect with the board of ENTOG. Further collaboration is planned. The seminar planned in Stockholm in September was cancelled due to lack of participants.

EBCOG

Chiara Benedetto is the President of EBCOG. Peter Hornnes is now the treasurer. Charlotte Hasselholt Sjøgaard is on the board of EBCOG.

For further information visit the EBCOG website.

FIGO and Twinning Program

Seija Grenman is member of the Executive Board of FIGO, and is elected for 6 years. The Nordic countries have traditionally had a representative at the FIGO Executive Board. The FIGO Board meets at locations of ongoing projects in order to increase cooperation and also monitor the projects.

The twinning projects with Africa were completed in 2011.

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, and expand, this important work.

On behalf of the Board of NFOG,

March 26th, 2012

Göran Berg
President

Tone Skeie-Jensen
Secretary General