

Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Report 2012

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

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Other members of the Board: Reynir T. Geirsson, Iceland (Acta Chief Editor), Alexander Smáráson, Iceland, (Scientific Committee Chairman), Peter Secher, Denmark, (Webmaster), Tomi Mikkola (Educational Committee Chairman from March), Alda Birgisdóttir, Iceland, (NFOG), succeeded by Anne Cathrine Hoffgaard Munk, Denmark, in June.

Internal Auditors: Ditte Trolle, Denmark, Charlotte Grunewald, Sweden, succeeding Harald Almström, Sweden, after being elected at the General Assembly.

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Board Meetings

The Board of NFOG held 3 meetings during 2012. Minutes are posted at the website.

Economy, budget and accounts

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

The expenditure is generated from Acta, in addition to the management costs generated by the NFOG Board and the Committees. The NFOG Congress had its own budget, and the deficit from NFOG 2012 was covered by NFOG. Of the budget surplus 66% is transferred to the NFOG Fund, and is thus distributed to the members of NFOG. The NFOG capital is therefore not expected to increase further.

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

NFOG 2012

The Congress was held in Bergen, Norway on June 16th-19th. There were 615 registered delegates (including speakers/NFOG Board members, etc.). Norway 245, Denmark 152, Sweden 97, Finland 75, Iceland 14. In addition 96 representatives participated from the industry. The number of submitted abstracts was approximately 230, and 36 were selected for oral presentations. 172 posters were presented, and of those 48 were selected for oral poster presentations.

The Congress had a negative balance of approximately DKK 490.000. The deficit is covered by NFOG, and is presented in the NFOG results. Scientifically and socially the Congress was a success.

Acta

Reynir T. Geirsson's engagement as Chief Editor has been prolonged for another 2 years from Jan. 1st. The number of manuscripts received was 936, and the rejection rate was 81,2 %. The impact factor is now 1.77.

A co-operation agreement with ANZJOG and JOGR, and their respective National Societies, was signed in October.

During the year it became evident that the cost for printed issues of Acta was too high. This, in addition to the general development in publishing, led to the decision to change to online subscription, which was introduced on Jan. 1st, 2013. A printed version of Acta can still be obtained if the subscriber makes a request for it.

Support to education and co-operation

The NFOG Fund, administered by the Scientific Committee, has awarded grants according to its statutes. Some minor changes were made to the statutes at the General Assembly, and the new statutes can be viewed at the NFOG website.

For 2012 a total of DKK 638.362 was granted. Unclaimed grants will go back to the Fund 2 years after allocation. The deadlines for applications are March 1st and October 1st.

Website (www.nfog.org)

Peter Secher is the webmaster of NFOG. The number of visits to the website is steadily increasing. Information about the recipients of NFOG Fund allocations, and their reports are posted. An encouragement to register in the thesis' registry is given. Work is in progress to make the site available for iPhone.

Committees

Alexander Smáráson is the chairman of the Scientific Committee. The main objectives for 2012 were the allocations of grants from the NFOG Fund, and the work related to the NFOG Congress. The collaboration between the Scientific Committee and the local committee for the Congress has been exemplary.

The Educational Committee has since March been chaired by Tommi Mikkola. The Committee has, in collaboration with the NFOG Board, seen a need to rethink its strategy and aims. It was decided by the Board not to arrange an educational course in 2012.

For a more detailed insight into the work done by the committees in 2012, please view the annual reports posted on the website.

NFYOG

NFYOG has had two meetings in 2012. Its representative at the Board has changed from Alda Birgisdóttir to Anne Cathrine Hoffgaard Munk. A status report can be viewed on the website as an addendum to the Minutes 1/13 of the NFOG Board.

EBCOG

Prof. Chiara Benedetto is the President of EBCOG. In particular the training and training-requirements outlined by EBCOG are of interest for the members of NFOG. The exchange programme of ENTOG encourages collaboration between trainees in our speciality, allowing the experience of different training programmes and methods.

For further information visit the EBCOG website.

FIGO

Seija Grenman is a member of the Executive Board of FIGO for a period of 6 years, and completes her period in 2015. The FIGO Congress was held in Rome in October, and Sir S. Arulkumaran was elected as the new President. Kristina Gemzell-Danielsson received the FIGO Award in recognition of female obstetricians/gynecologists.

Anette Tønnes Pedersen was elected to the FIGO Executive Board at the FIGO Congress in Rome.

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 assets of NFOG are to be used for promotion of this aim, and the NFOG Fund is a tool to achieve it. The members of NFOG are encouraged to apply for grants.

The present NFOG Board will make every effort to continue, and expand, the important work of NFOG.

On behalf of the Board of NFOG

March 28th, 2013

Göran Berg
President

Tone Skeie-Jensen
Secretary General