

NFOG BOARD MEETING

Minutes 2/2010.

I.

Place: Bella Center, Copenhagen, Denmark

Time: Tuesday 15.07.2010 9.00 – 12.15

Present: Seija Grenman (President), Thea Lousen (Treasurer), Ragnheidur Bjarnadóttir (Secretary General), Ulf Högberg (SFOG), Björn Backe (NGF chairman), Aila Tiitinen (SGY), Charlotte Sögaard (DSOG) Arnar Hauksson (former FÍFK chairman), Hulda Hjartardóttir (FÍFK), Alexander Smáráson (Scientific Committee), Peter Secher (Webmaster), Alda Birgisdóttir (NFYOG), Reynir T. Geirsson (Acta Chief Editor) and Peter Hornnes (President of NFOG 2010).

Seija Grenman (SG) opened the meeting at 09.00 and welcomed the newcomers Hulda Hjartardóttir and Alda Birgisdóttir to the NFOG Board. An introductory round followed.

1. Approval of agenda. The Board agreed to the agenda.

2. Minutes from NFOG board meeting 1/2010. Ragnheidur Bjarnadóttir (RB) presented the minutes from the last Board meeting. The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

3. Economy, budget and accounts. Thea Lousen (TL) presented the final accounts for 2009. The income was higher than budgeted; 2.403.112 DKK vs. 2.210.000 DKK according to the budget. The total costs were less than budgeted: - 1.946.659 DKK vs. -2.150.100 DKK. The operating result was: 456.453 DKK (budget 60.000 DKK). The cost of the NFOG Board meetings has been markedly less than budgeted (-194.636 DKK vs. -400.000 DKK). The editorial expenses of Acta are higher than budgeted (-1.336.503 vs. -1.219.000 DKK). Slightly more has been used for the Committees (-270.106 vs. -240.000 DKK), including the Visitor program and the Special Initiatives; which include the Collaborative and Twinning programs. However, not all Special Initiatives have been claimed for yet. The net result for the year 2009 was 992.196 DKK (budget 210.000 DKK), which is an even higher surplus than in previous years.

4. NFOG 2010. Peter Hornnes (PH) told the board that 635 participants from 27 countries had registered for the Congress and that of these, 479 were paying participants. Most participants were from Denmark (283) then Norway (147). There were 73 participants registered from Sweden, 52 from Finland and 13 from Iceland. The poor participations from Sweden was discussed. The workshops were popular, with 107 registering for the morning sessions and 161 for the afternoon sessions. The board thanked the Congress president and the local organising committee for their work.

The topics coming up at the GA were discussed. RB presented power-point slides summarising the Board activities for 2008 /2009 which she planned to present at the GA and the board gave their approval.

The participation of the twinning fellows was discussed next. The two representatives from Pakistan had encountered severe difficulties in getting a Visa to Denmark and had therefore not managed to come. However, the colleague from Nigeria was present at the congress. SG presented guidelines that should be used in the future to diminish the problems connected to obtaining visas for visitors from the twinning societies

5. Scientific committee

Alexander Smarason (AS) gave a report from the Scientific Committee (SC). He told the Board that Anna Kanerva from Finland had been chosen for the Young Scientist award. The Lillehammer Scholarship will be awarded for the last time. A total of eight applications were received but only two grants of 20.000 DKK each

could be given. The applications of Jeanett Östergaard and Barbara Geppert were chosen. Other applicants were advised to apply to the NFOG Fund, which will have its first deadline for applications on the 1st of October. The Board decided that AS would write a news letter in all the National Bulletins to advertise the NFOG Fund. It was also decided that the National Chairman should inform about the deadline within their National societies. In addition, Seija Grenman will write an editorial on the NFOG Fund in Acta in August.

1. 6. Acta. Reynir Geirsson (RG) presented his report on Acta. The tender had shown that the Wiley-Blackwell was the best option of the six publishers that had made a proposal. The contract with them had not been signed yet, but would be in the near future. The changeover to the new publishers would be expected to take place in November. RG told the Board that there was enough material for Acta until next October. The mean number of manuscripts per month is 68 and that the rejection rate was currently 66%.

7. NFYOG

Alda Birgisdóttir (AB) told the Board that 55 had registered for the NFYOG pre-course symposium on Genital Transplantation on the morning of the 5th of June but only 20 had attended, which was disappointing. She said that NovoNordisk was no longer sponsoring NFYOG due to cut-downs within their company, but Sanofi Pasteur sponsored the NFYOG pre-course symposium. NFYOG will have its next symposium in Copenhagen on the 27th-28th of May 2011. The subject will be fetal screening in early pregnancy with a focus on the differences between attitudes and practices in the Nordic Countries. AB told the board that the summary of training in Obstetrics and Gynecology which is on the website will be updated. In addition, she will write an Editorial in Acta regarding NFYOG and training in the speciality in the Nordic countries.

8. www.nfog.org

Peter Secher (PS) reported from the website. Two thesis from 2008 and two from 2009 were drawn from the thesis registry and awarded a prize of 2500 DKK. The prize winners who had registered their thesis in 2009 were Tine Dalsgaard Clausen from Denmark and Marja Sarkola from Finland and in 2008 Jouko Järvenpää from Finland and Karolina Partheen from Sweden. The prizes will be announced at the NFOG 2010 closing ceremony.

9. FIGO

SG told the Board that she will attend her first FIGO Executive Board meeting would be in Dar es Salaam in the following week and she will give a report to the Board, probably during its next meeting in November.

10. EBCOG

PH, president of EBCOG gave a report from EBCOG. EBCOG held its 21st European congress in Antwerp 5th-8th of May 2010 with approximately 700 participants. He told the Board that EPCOG now focuses on strengthening its relationship with the National Societies in each country. There has also been focus setting up “standards of care” which are partly based on RCOG guidelines from the U.K.

SG thanked all board members for their excellent collaboration and closed the meeting at 12.15.

II.

Place: Bella Center, Copenhagen, Denmark

Time: Thursday 17.07.2010 : 17.00 – 18.00

Present: Göran Berg (NFOG President), Seija Grenman (former President), Ragnheidur Bjarnadóttir (former Secretary General; acting Secretary), Aila Tiitinen (SGY), Ulf Högberg (SFOG), Björn Backe (NGF), Charlotte Sögaard (DSOG) Hulda Hjartardóttir (FÍFK), Alexander Smáráson (Scientific Committee), Jakob Nakling (Representative of the Educational Committee), Peter Secher (Webmaster) and Reynir T. Geirsson (Acta Chief Editor), Knut Hordnes (President of NFOG 2012), Alda Birgisdóttir (NFYOG).

Göran Berg (GB) opened the meeting at 17.00. After thanking the former President and Secretary general, he welcomed the new board and a introductory round followed.

11. Educational committee. Jakob Nakling (JN) attended the meeting on behalf of the Educational Committee (EC). The EC will have the next Educational Course in Copenhagen on the 17th -18th of November 2010. The topic will be: “Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) from conception to menopause”. It will be a one and a half day programme and be held at the Park Inn Hotel in Copenhagen. SG stressed the importance of advertising the course in the National Bulletins, on the NFOG website and at the NFOG Congress. RG suggested an Acta supplement on PCOS.

12. NFOG 2012. Knut Hordnes presented information on the 38th NFOG Congress, which will be held on the 17th -19th of June 2012, with a precourse program on the 16th. The congress venue is the Grieg Hall in the centre of Bergen .

13. NFOG 2014. Ulf Högberg told the board that the 39th NFOG Congress will be held in Stockholm. The dates will be the 11th – 13th of June and Magnus Westgren will be the Congress President.

14. Coming Board meetings

The next NFOG Board meetings will be held before and after the NFOG Educational Course in Copenhagen; the first on the 17th of November from 09.30-12.00 and the second will be held from 14.00-18.00 on the 18th of November. Thereafter, the first Board meeting in 2011 will be held in Stockholm and the preliminary dates are the 7th -8th of April 2011.

15. Other business.

16. Closing.

GB closed the meeting at 18.00.

In witness thereof, Reykjavik, July 7th 2010

Ragnheidur I. Bjarnadóttir
Secretary General of NFOG

