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## **Request of support for the Norwegian candidate for FIGO Executive Board.**

Dear Colleagues

It is an honor to announce that the Norwegian Society for Gynecology and Obstetrics and Gynaecologists (NGF) will be a candidate in the upcoming FIGO Executive Board elections.

NGF is a scientific society with more than 1100 members, representing all sub-specialties of obstetricians and gynecologists in Norway.

Norwegian obstetrics has a proud tradition, internationally known by Løvset's maneuver in breech delivery and Kielland's obstetric forceps. The overall caesarean rate in Norway is low compared to European/American rates; 17% , in line with WHO recommendations. We strive to uphold competency in vaginal deliveries while keeping perinatal mortality low, at present 4/1000 deliveries.

The Norwegian Radium hospital (DNR) has long been in the forefront regarding treatment of gynecologic cancers and we have international well-known competency in ob-gyn sonography. Norwegian gynecologists actively partake in research as well as teaching project throughout the world.

Our executive board candidate Margit Steinholt is a worthy representative of the latter.

She is an approved OB/GYN specialist from 1996 and has been working as such at different sized hospital in Norway until 2010 when she changed to a full-time position as head of Tromsø Mine Victim Resource Center ( TMC [www.traumacare.no](http://www.traumacare.no)). TMC is an action research center focusing on lifesaving medical intervention in war and conflict zones.

Since 2004 she has been affiliated with TMC as part time instructor and teacher in the Delivery Life Support project (DLS) in Cambodia. DLS being a program designed to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in rural and remote areas.

She has also had several shorter assignments in teaching programs in South Africa.

We sincerely believe Margit Steinholt to be a worthy representative of the Norwegian society and that her expertise will be very useful in the FIGO executive board setting.

We thus hope You will support NGF's nomination at this election.

Yours sincerely

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