

Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Report 2013

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

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Board meetings

The Board of NFOG held 3 meetings during 2013. The minutes from the meetings are posted on the website.

Economy, budget and accounts

The economy of NFOG is 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, and the management costs generated by the Board and the NFOG Committees. 66% of the budget surplus is transferred to the NFOG Fund, and is thus distributed to the members of NFOG. The NFOG capital is not expected to grow any further, as a consequence of the transfer of surplus to the Fund.

The economy of NFOG is well balanced. The budget and accounts will be presented at the General Assembly in June 2014. Prior to that it will be posted on the website.

NFOG 2014

The NFOG 2014 is held in Stockholm on June 10th-12th, at the Stockholm Waterfront. The precourse is held at Karolinska Institute on June 9th. The Congress President is Magnus Westgren. The programme is comprised of a series of interesting topics in obstetrics and gynecology, with speakers from the Nordic countries and abroad.

Further information can be viewed on the website www.nfog2014.se.

Acta

Reynir T. Geirsson is the Chief Editor of Acta. From 01.01.13 Acta is only available online, unless a special request for a printed version is made. An app has been introduced to the subscribers. An evaluation of this change in distribution will be made.

Further, in the past 5 years the journal has been receiving double the number of submissions, with the same number of editors. To meet the increased workload the Chief editor will suggest additions to the editorial staff at the General Assembly.

In 2013 Acta received 75-80 manuscripts pr month, and the rejection rate was nearly 85%.

Support to education and cooperation (NFOG Fund)

During 2013 the Fund received a record number of applications for grants. The sums awarded were 176.050 DKK and 557.271 DKK respectively, in the spring and fall allocations. Unclaimed grants will go back to the Fund, if not claimed within 2 years from the allocation.

Website (www.nfog.org)

Peter Secher is the webmaster of NFOG. There has been an increase of in daily visits to the website of 10-15%.

Committees

Alexander Smáráson was the Chairman of the Scientific Committee until November, when Thora Steingrimsdóttir succeeded him. The main tasks for 2013 have been allocations from the NFOG Fund, and preparations for the NFOG 2014 Congress.

Tomi Mikkola has chaired the Educational Committee. The committee held an educational course on November 7th-8th in Copenhagen. There were 64 attendees from all the Nordic countries, and the programme initiated very good discussions on possible Nordic collaborations within education.

The main conclusions drawn from the discussions for future work were:

- * to try to find good methods for evaluating the trainees
- * to harmonize the Nordic courses for trainees
- * how to train the trainees
- * to evaluate the Universities/training arenas.

NFYOG

The leader of NFYOG was Anne Cathrine Hoffgaard Munk. NFYOG participated in arranging the Educational course in Copenhagen.

Further, NFYOG is focusing on exchanging good projects between the Nordic countries. A good example is the Danish initiative "passing the knife", that aims at improving the surgical training of trainees. The programme will also be implemented in Sweden.

EBCOG

Prof. Chiara Benedetto is the President of EBCOG. The exchange programme of ENTOG encourages collaboration between trainees in our speciality, thus providing important inputs with regards to the training programmes and methods. Norway applied for the opportunity to arrange the next ENTOG meeting, but lost to the Netherlands.

It has been decided by the Board that the leaders of the national societies are to discuss possible common topics prior to the future EBCOG meetings.

For further information visit the EBCOG website.

FIGO

Seija Grenman (Finland) and Anette Tønnesen Pedersen (Denmark) are members of the FIGO Executive Board. Issues for discussion promoted from the Nordic members are possible changes to the voting structure and the issue of membership fees.

New reports/guidelines have been published by FIGO on the issues of safety of HPV vaccines and the management of hereditary cancer. A comprehensive overview of the FIGO activity is found in the minutes 3/2013 on the NFOG website.

General remarks

The aim of the NFOG Board is 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 on a worldwide basis. The assets of NFOG are used to promote this aim, and the NFOG Fund is an important tool in order to achieve these goals. 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 27th, 2014

Göran Berg
President

Tone Skeie-Jensen
Secretary General