



Minutes from the Nordic Federation of General Practice ApS Congress Committee Meeting March 30 2017.

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Scandic Palace Hotel, Rådhuspladsen 57, 1550 Copenhagen, Denmark.

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1. Opening and welcome by the Chair of the Committee Elínborg Bárðardóttir.

In attendance are Elínborg Bárðardóttir, Haukur Heiðar Hauksson, Olav Thorsen, Svein Reidar Kjosavik, Jette Kolding, Cecilia Björkelund and Sanne Bernard.

2. Introduction of new members.

3. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting:

Haukur Heiðar Hauksson.

4. Approval of agenda: Approved.

5. Approval of minutes from 2016: Approved without any comments.

6. Report from the Icelandic members regarding the congress in Reykjavik June 14-16th 2017:

Elínborg gives a report about the forthcoming congress in Iceland next summer, the planning, meetings and practical issues. She goes over the program that is now online, the plan for the opening and closing ceremonies. Also the social program. Cecilia adds input about their experience from Gothenburg 2015.

This year there will be 6 keynote speaker sessions, 16 symposiums, 32 workshops, 30 oral presentation sessions, each with 4-6 abstracts. There will be 13 parallel sessions. Posters will be 74, presented in coffee breaks x2. Submitted abstracts were just over 300. The plan is to acquire 60 chairpeople, 30 Icelandic and 30 foreign. Medical students will be hired to guide people around Harpa. Right now 1331 participants have registered for the congress, of those there are 484 young doctors. It was decided to have only two prices, 95.000 ISK for GPs and 60.000 ISK for GP trainees. Baltic countries pay the lower fee, as a tradition. After price was set last year the Icelandic Krona has risen a lot, so price was €675 but is now around €790. Still this doesn't seem to have affected registration. There will be a pre-congress for young doctors one day before the congress. Planning, announcement and registration for

the pre-congress started quite late so flights and accommodation have been hard to find. Still there are 50 participants for the pre-congress and the pre-congress registration is now full.

The plans was to have a 820-person congress dinner but it filled quickly. To fit more people it was decided to change it to a standing dinner, for the first time. There will still be a lot of chairs for people to sit down and relax.

The professors lunch is discussed. It used to be a small get-together, but the professors are now many and were around 50 in Gothenburg. Would have been good to include a registration for this meeting in the congress registration to see how many will attend. It is discussed whether this meeting can be changed into more than a lunch, rather a strategic dinner meeting for policy making. This needs to be discussed later with professors.

Media. Elinborg talks about whether hiring a PR person to handle local press is advisable or not. It was done 10 years ago but probably didn't help a lot.

7. The congress in Aalborg Denmark 2019:

The theme of Nordic GP in Aalborg in 2019 will be Promoting GP Perspectives - Core Values, Current Challenges, Changing Practice. Dates are June 17th – 20th 2019.

Homepage is almost ready and will be online before Nordic GP 2017. They will present their congress in the closing ceremony this summer, short video / slide show. Flyers are ready and will be put into 2017 congress bag. Scientific committee will meet next month to start planning keynote speakers. Social activity planning has not started. Young doctors pre-congress planning is starting, meeting in May.

8. Next meeting in 2018.

9. Any other business: Norway will hold Nordic GP on June 16th – 18th in Stavanger.

10. Closing of the meeting.