



Annual report 2017 from the Chair of NFGP

The tasks of NFGP (Vision and mission)

From the very beginning of NFGP in 2005, the main tasks have been to run the Nordic Congresses of General Practice and Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care. Therefore, the current vision and mission of NFGP have focused on these topics. However, during the last years NFGP has expanded its activities. NFGP and DSAM successfully organized [the WONCA Europe congress, held in Copenhagen year 2016](#), and NFGP has agreed upon several position papers, which are all available on our [website](#), with the main aim to promote and increase the quality of general practice and health care in general. Accordingly, it was time to review NFGP vision and mission. This work started in February 2017.

At the annual NFGP meeting in Copenhagen on 30-31 March 2017, a [new draft of the Vision and Mission](#) was introduced. The General Assembly agreed upon broader definitions of the NFGP tasks. However, wording and content of the new proposal had to be introduced and agreed upon within each college. Minutes from the meeting regarding vision and mission are published on the website.

NFGP annual meeting

The annual meeting took place in Copenhagen on 30-31 March 2017. Minutes from the meetings are published on the [website](#).

Gisle Roksund has now been chair of the NFGP for 6 years and had decided to step off. Johann Sigurdsson was elected as upcoming chair. The change took place per 1 September 2017.

Wonca Europe Council meeting Prague, 28 June 2017

The WONCA Executive board endorsed NFGP to present its “Policy document on Overdiagnosis and related medical excess” at the WONCA Europe Council meeting in Prague in June. As upcoming chair, Johann took over this task, and is now, on the behalf of the NFGP, leading a WONCA Europe working group, drafting a WE position paper on Overdiagnosis and quaternary prevention.

Congresses of General Practice

NFGP and The Icelandic College of Family Physicians (FÍH) arranged the 20th Nordic Congress of General Practice in Reykjavik, Iceland 14- 16 June 2017 with 1500 participants. Report as well as video of plenary speakers are available at the [congress website](#). The congress was carried out successfully and fulfilled all the NFGP vision and mission for the Nordic congresses.

Representatives from NFGP participated in a meeting in Reykjavik on 15 June, preparing the next Nordic Leader Seminar to be held in Helsingør (Elsinore)/Denmark, in August 2018.

[The next Nordic congress will be held in Aalborg 17th -20th June 2019.](#)

Overmedicalization, Lecce, Italy

As a chair of NFGP, Johann was invited to be a plenary speaker at a conference in Lecce, Italy on overmedicalization by listening and sharing on 28-30 September 2017.

Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care, SJPHC

The Editor-in-Chief is professor Helena Liira, Finland. See Editor-in-Chief's annual report for further information. You can see the web site of the journal [here](#). The editorial board had plans to change the reviewer data program, but it didn't work successfully and caused lot of problems for the editors. This process will be further described by the Editor-in-Chief, at the general assembly in April 2018.

Nordic Young General Practitioners (NYGP)

The last years, NFGP has supported young general practitioners and their organization NYGP. The NFGP secretary and the chair of NFGP have during last year supported leaders within NYGP to create a formal network of NYGP, by creating By-laws, vision and mission, and financial platform.

Thanks

I thank our former chair, Gisle Roksund, for his enthusiasm and contribution to general practice in general, and to NFGP in particular. Gisle and I thank all the three working parties of the Federation for their contributions and cooperation during the past year. Furthermore, I want to thank Sanne Bernard for her attendance to and caretaking of NFGP in its everyday life, Lotte Hvas, former director of NFGP and our new director, Niels Saxtrup for their enormous contribution and professional work.

Reykjavik, 20 January 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Johann A. Sigurdsson".

Johann A. Sigurdsson, Chair NFGP