



**MINUTES**  
**Nordic Federation of General Practice ApS**  
**Meeting of the Congress Committee**  
**Thursday 12 April 14:00 – 18:00**

**Venue**

Venue: [Scandic Palace Hotel](#), Rådhuspladsen 57, 1550 København V

**Participants**

The Congress Committee

Elinborg Bardardottir, Anelli Sandbæk, Jette Kolding, Olav Thorsen, Stefan Hjörleifsson, Jaana Franck, Christina Svanholm (NYGP), Gudrun Sigurdardottir (NYGP), Sanne Bernard

**AGENDA**

**1. Opening and welcome by the Chair of the Committee Jette Kolding Kristensen**

**2. Introduction of all members**

**3. Appointment of chair of the meeting**

Anelli Sandbæk was appointed chair of the meeting.

**4. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting**

Sanne Bernard was appointed to take the minutes.

**5. Approval of agenda**

Agenda was approved.

**6. Approval of minutes from 2017**

The minutes was approved.

**7. Report from the Icelandic members regarding the congress in Reykjavik june 14-16th 2017**

Elinborg presented their report from the work of the congress in Reykjavik in 2017.

1468 delegates attended the congress, inclusive 513 young doctors. 89% of the delegates were from the Nordic countries, - all in all 27 countries were represented in Reykjavik in June 2017.

The planning started back in 2012 with reservation of Harpan congress hall, in 2013 a

contract was signed with a congress organizer, in 2014 the congress committee began with their meetings, and in 2017 the meetings took place on a regular monthly basis.

Salome went to Norway for their GP annual meeting in 2016, - and participated with an exhibition booth (800-1000 participants during the week – date for 2018 to be provided by Stefan).

The GP annual meeting in Finland also takes place in the autumn – Jaana will send information about the exact dates.

As for NCGP 2017 in Reykjavik, no PR took place outside the Nordic countries due to a maximum of 1500 persons in the congress hall.

Especially the Swedish young doctors were well represented; 277 trainees from Sweden, 90 from Denmark, 40 from Norway and then 25 and 26 from Finland and Iceland. How do we attract more young doctors for 2019 from **all** Nordic Countries?

300 abstracts were submitted. The scientific committee met one weekend in the end of January 2017, where they put the entire program together (Emil was in charge – in case any further information is needed). Iceland accepted almost all abstracts, but not all presenters were offered their preferred way of presentation.

The biggest challenge in Reykjavik was the size and amount of break out rooms.

#### Evaluation comments from around the table:

Prize of hotels were very high in Reykjavik (partly due to increased exchange rate).

There was a high participation of young doctors, which were very positive. This was partly due to financial support to young doctors from regions or national colleges in some of the Nordic countries.

The pre-congress filled up very quickly. 70 Euro was the fee for the pre-congress (mainly to cover food, as no room rental was paid, and dinner was sponsored by the Icelandic college). Norway would like an evaluation of the Danish NYGP pre-congress in Aalborg in order to assure continued development of the pre-congress concept.

Norway will have an exhibition booth in Aalborg in the foyer area and will have 5 minutes for presentation at the closing ceremony.

For the professor lunch in Reykjavik 20-25 persons participated. The congress committee suggests that there should be a change in the setup, if we wish to continue with this event. A possibility could be having an agenda and a purpose, maybe make/sign a statement together. Jette and Anelli will consider this and involve the NFGP Executive Board in their ideas for a new setup. A suggestion came up regarding maybe a mixed lunch for professors and Ph.D. students.

All countries are kindly asked to forward an updated list with professors and associate professors. SB will ask Bernd for an updated list from Sweden.

*For information the Danish HOC was given mandate to decide whether to continue with professor lunch or not, at the executive board meeting, which took place 13 April.*

Discussion about whether registration for sessions are needed to assure optimal assignment of meeting rooms size wise. In Aalborg we will not use this model, but Norway are considering for such a setup.

Norway liked the concept with standing dinner and are planning to do the same in Stavanger in 2021.

## **8. Report from the Danish members regarding the congress in Aalborg Denmark 2019**

The opening ceremony will take place in "Musikkens Hus" by the Aalborg harbor on Monday 17 June 2019 at 16:00. There will be full day program Tuesday and Wednesday, and half day program Thursday. Jette presented the draft for the program for the opening ceremony.

There will be 6 keynote speeches, - two speakers are in place, a third is invited, and for the remaining three sessions the scientific committee has plans of whom to invite. There will be speakers from both the Nordic Countries and outside, and both male and female speakers.

The dinner party will be a sit-down dinner, - announcement of paper of the year-winners, and poster of the year-winners will take place at the dinner party. It will therefore be important to ensure a good quality of both sound and conferencier for the evening.

We will consider handing out the Nordic Prize in plenary (before or after a keynote), and hereafter having a "special session" for the Nordic Prize winner, in order to give him/her the opportunity to present their work in a proper way for those who are interested (and not hand out the Nordic prize at the dinner as originally planned).

SC wishes to have a high-quality level for the scientific program and can therefore not guarantee to accept all abstracts.

As part of the congress, there will be a "GP Quality Lounge" dedicated to presenting grassroot projects arising from general practice and will be placed in an area with a large participant flow. This way GPs can learn from their colleagues' experience and be inspired to go home and start projects in their own practices. For researchers, this will be a unique opportunity to be updated on and inspired by the current trends in general practice.

We will consider if there should be a kind of schedule, showing when it will be possible to meet the author/owner of a quality-lounge presentation (an alternative could be writing the authors name and contact information on the first (mandatory) slide of the presentation).

*The Danish HOC will resend the information letter to all congress committee members, and kindly ask all of you for assistance with providing contact information for relevant persons in your national quality units.*

We will offer running, outdoor yoga and gospel choir in the mornings, and the possibility of booking of sightseeing tours and practice visit on Monday 17 June (for both Young doctors and GP's).

Draft for the closing ceremony was presented by Jette. A possibility could be presentation of a legacy in the beginning of the ceremony, and having a film/photo show with highlights, running at the same time. The local HOC and SC will discuss this further. Add on could maybe be a possibility of tweeting at the same time.

*HOC and SC would very much like to invite/get in contact with researchers and GPs in all member countries, - you are all kindly asked to forward contact information for professors, GP education environments and other relevant people, who can help us to spread the message.*

In Reykjavik there was a good activity on Facebook during the conference. Photos (from a professional photographer), announcements etc. were posted by a HOC member during the congress period.

Message on website (and maybe in information letter just before start) that if you need "Certificate of attendance", it can be picked up e.g. at the registration counter.

## **9. Update on NYGP pre-congress in Aalborg in 2019**

Report from pre-congress in Reykjavik: the NYGP board met in October and made the first plans for the first NYGP pre-congress ever. The idea was not to make a copy of the Nordic Congress, but to make something different. Exchange took place on Monday in Reykjavik, and Tuesday was the only meeting day and included small keynotes/speeches as well.

For Aalborg they are planning for 80 persons. The program will be workshops (maybe on ultrasound), hands on sessions & leadership training.

The NYGP board does brainstorming on wishes for themes/ideas, and the national HOC will go further with this input for inspiration and see what is possible in the local context.

The goal – among others – is to network, create dialogue and a sense of community, - to reflect and to learn from one and another.

The NYGP board would like more Norwegian young doctors to attend, - does Olav and Stefan have any good ideas about how to create contact?

## **10. Thoughts from the Norwegian members regarding the congress in Norway 2021**

Opening ceremony & closing in the harbor area – Stavanger concert house, where also the dinner (standing dinner) will take place.

Conference hall is booked, and hotel rooms are booked.

The executive board of the Norwegian College has chosen their PCO.

Possibility to visit tourist attractions.

SC committee is not established yet.

Norway will receive copies of task plans from Denmark.

The Danish SC will be meeting the last weekend in January 2019 and put together the entire program this weekend (same procedure as for Reykjavik).

## **11. Next meeting in 2019**

4-5 April 2019

## **12. Any other business**

GoCards to Elinborg for October – 150 GoCards

Finland annual meeting – 300-400 pax – 2 days – dates TBA by Jaana

Norway Annual meeting – 700-800 pax – 5 days – dates TBA by Stefan

NCGP 21: Stavanger 16-19 June 2021

NCGP 23: Turku 14-16 June 2023

## **13. Closing of the meeting**