



**MINUTES**  
**Nordic Federation of General Practice ApS**  
**Meeting of the Congress Committee**  
**Thursday 4 April 14:00-18:00**

**Venue**

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

**Participants**

The Congress Committee

Elinborg Bardardottir, Jette Kolding, Olav Thorsen, Jaana Franck, Gunnar Bondevik (N), Ingild Alsnes (NYGP – N), Sanne Bernard (DK)

**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**  
Jette Kolding Kristensen 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.

**Approval of minutes from 2018**

The minutes was approved.

- 6. Report from the Danish members regarding the congress in Aalborg Denmark 2019**

Below are figures for registration from when early bird expired by 15 March:

Danmark	466
Sverige	208
Norge	82
Finland	40
Island	16
Others	28

Mid-March 2017 there were 1248 registrations for Reykjavik – 1448 was the final number of participants for the congress in Reykjavik. The Pre congress was fully booked with 50 participants.

We would like to attract more participants from Norway, - a topic of interest could be GP crises – burn out.

For the Norwegian and Finnish GPs it is expensive to go to congresses, and congresses do not count as a course, which makes it difficult to ask for funding. Norway is therefore considering making part of the congress as courses.

In Reykjavik many young doctors from Sweden were attending, - an idea could be to approach the educational fields. A way of how to reach the trainees could be by getting in contact with the program directors. It would be good if specialist training in the Nordic countries in the future would make it mandatory in their program a least attending one Nordic Congress during the training period.

Themes / Keynote speakers – keynote speakers and themes can be seen [here](#)

The Danish Scientific Committee handled the review process, two members from the committee reviewed each abstract and made scores. The Scientific Committee met for two days mid-February, where the program was made.

260 abstracts were received, - 150 abstracts were accepted for oral presentations, 16 for symposiums, 23 for workshop and 67 posters. A smaller number of abstracts/authors have been offered to present in the Quality lounge instead. Not all authors could be met with their wish for their preferred way of presentation.

In Reykjavik a limit of 1-2 abstracts was set in order not to make it too difficult to make the program. It is always a challenge to predict which sessions will attract many persons, which might cause problems with the space/number of seats in a meeting room.

A copy of the Danish scoring system will be sent to Norway from Dorthe Toftdahl.

When it comes to describe the abstract guideline and setting up the abstract submission system, do remember to have a field for symposiums and workshops.

The Danish Scientific Committee has created a set of guidelines for chairs in order to ensure good quality of the running of the sessions, where the chair has a very important role.

For the congress in June the idea is to recruit Danish chairs, where a Ph.D. student together with an experienced researcher will chair a session together.

For the new initiative "Breaking news" two applications have been received. This session will take place in the plenary room on the last day of the congress.

Poster walks and quality Lounge visits are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday between 11:00 - 11:45, and the best poster will be announced at dinner Wednesday.

We are still considering how to evaluate the posters – how to score? Should the participants decide or the scientific committee? A possibility could be that one poster is chosen by the scientific committee and another poster by the audience.

For the Quality Lounge, we have received 24 projects, - four from Sweden and the rest

from Denmark. The presentations can either be a small film or a power point show.

The winner of Friederichs Nordiske Forskerpris 2019 will be announced Tuesday morning after the keynote speaker. After a short break the winner will present his/her work in a session for those interested.

SJPCH best Paper of the Year 2017 and 2018 will be announced Wednesday morning after the keynote. After a short break the winners will present their work in a session for those interested.

Practice visits are scheduled to Monday morning until 14:00. Opening ceremony starts at 16:00 in Musikkens Hus.

A Nordic Run/Walk will take place Tuesday 18 June at 06:30 at the water front. The entire delegate fee of Euro 5 will be donated to Medecins Sans Frontieres.

Tuesday and Wednesday gospel practice will take place from 07:30 at the conference center – everybody can join – it will be fun 😊

We have made a draft for a congress evaluation, which will be sent out on the last day through the conference app. Suggestions for further questions:

- Would you consider attending Nordic conferences in the future?
- What can be done to attract your colleagues as well?
- How often have you attended a Nordic Congress; 1-3 times / 3-6 time / 7 times or more
- Would you prefer a 3 days conference or 4 days conference?
- Preferred location: a small city or capital / close to airport /new place
- Food and beverage – level of quality

The evaluation of the Pre conference should be separate, as this is only relevant to a smaller number of delegates. Question about the length (two days might be too much).

To young Norwegian doctors the points you are gaining for congresses are less attractive, - as they are different/lower rated than clinical courses. An idea could be to make clinical courses as a part of the pre-conferences.

Ingvild will speak to Anne Mette Torp regarding the possibility to attract more Norwegian young doctors to the pre-congress in Aalborg in June.

## **7. Report from the Norwegian members regarding the congress in Norway 2021**

Svein and Olav started up with meetings in the Host Organizing Committee (HOC) and Scientific Committee (SC) last year. HOC is now having regular meetings every second month, and SC has had three meetings by now. The Norwegian PCO is partner to DIS congress service. Norway is calculating with a break even at around 1000 persons.

The communication will have focus on nature and the themes, and the idea is to attract many "normal" GP's by presenting electronic modern devices for doctors (also to attract young doctors). The plan is to have seminars and courses which entitle to funding for the Norwegian GPs.

The opening will take place Wednesday afternoon, - courses will however start on Wednesday morning. These courses are a necessity to attract the Norwegian young doctors, - the courses will be held in Norwegian, and mainly Norwegian participants will be expected to attend.

Titel of the congress: On the edge - General practice for new generations.

The themes:

- Technology
- Education
- The role of the GP in the future
- Mental health
- Vulnerable groups
- Continuity in care

SC has started looking for keynotes and are aiming at ensuring a variety in age, nationality and gender.

The Norwegian SC (8 persons) consists of professors from all four universities, and with members from Stavanger (host city). The universities were asked to come up with suggestions for SC members.

Norway will be represented with an exhibition booth in Aalborg and will have five minutes at the closing ceremony.

Norway will investigate the possibility of getting an exhibition booth at WONCA Europe in Berlin in 2020.

Denmark can offer to make PR for Norway at Facebook and to send out a link to the Norwegian website in our last newsletter right after the conference in Aalborg.

Thursday 20 June the Norwegian SC will meet in Aalborg from 13:30-16:00 for a lunch meeting and would appreciate if Anelli and Jette will accept to participate for a part of this evaluation meeting too.

## **8. Next meeting in 2020**

## **9. Any other business**

## **10. Closing of the meeting**