



## **Meeting of the Executive Board with observers Friday 5 April 2019 - 09.00-11.00**

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

### **Participants:**

The Executive Board: Johann Sigurdsson, Louise Hørslev, Salome Arnardottir, Annika Larsson, Anders Beich, Gro Tove Hem Johnsen, and Seija Eskelinen, Sanne Bernard (secretary)

### Observers:

- Editor-in-chief: Helena Liira and Hans Thulesius (Sweden)
- Chairman of the Congress Committee, Jette Kolding, and past president: Elinborg Bardardottir.
- Member of Wonca Europe Executive board, and Chair of the working group of specialist training: Roar Maagaard,
- SYLY's vice chair and member of the Core Values working group: Aleksi Varinen
- Further participants from Norway: Olav Thorsen (congress committee) and Svein Kjosavik (editorial board)

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Election of chair of the meeting**

Johann Sigurdsson was appointed chair of the meeting

### **2. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting**

Sanne Bernard was appointed to take the minutes.

### **3. Approval of the agenda**

Helena Liira will present the work and result of SJPHC ad. 10.

Johann will mention what was discussed at the EB meeting Thursday ad. 11.

Otherwise agenda was approved.

### **4. New Vision and Mission of NFGP (endorsed last year)**

We have been working according to the mission to reach our vision. NFGP has managed well so far, and the focus forward should also include promotion of generalist leaders; clinical, organizational, and political/societal.

### **5. Core values of Nordic General Practice and Nordic GPs (Johann Sigurdsson)**

This point was moved to point 11.

## 6. Specialist training in the Nordic countries (Roar Maagaard)

The committee on specialist training has following members:

Arja Helin-Salmivaara (Finland)  
Roar Maagaard (Denmark)  
Gro Tove Hem Johnsen (Norway)  
Elínborg Bardardottir (Iceland)  
Christina Vestlund (Sweden)

The tasks so far have been gathering information, - exploring the possibility to involve young doctors and discussing which steps to be taken next.

Some focus points:

- Avoiding conflict of interest in regards of specialist training with connection to the industry.
- To ensure training of the highest quality.
- Consider less variation in the specialist curriculum within our Nordic countries, and what topic each of our Nordic countries could improve compared with the other countries.
- To influence the rest of Europe, - to export the good things in our specialist training to the rest of Europe, and also learn from our neighbours.

Draft for overview of the specialist training in the Nordic countries can be seen [here](#) (the committee will create a new and more compressed scheme later). The Executive Board members are kindly asked to send their comments to the distributed overview to Roar Maagaard.

At the congress in Aalborg in June, the committee on specialist training will hold a workshop, and also have their first face-to-face meeting during the conference days.

This important work on specialist training is to be continued in the years to come, - and the budget aim to include the possibility for the group to meet face to face if needed (outside congress years).

## 7. Nordic congresses in the nearest future, planning 10 years ahead

The federation plans the congresses 10 years ahead – every second year – The 27 NCFP will accordingly be held in Norway year 2031, please also see the [website](#). Everybody agreed upon these plans.

## 8. Congress matters. NCGP in June 2019 to be discussed (Jette Kolding)

By mid-March (end of early bird) we had around 800 participants registered, and we would of course like this number to increase.

The number of participants from the various Nordic countries were discussed, - especially the number of participants from Norway and Finland are very low. **We trust that all Nordic colleges will do their best to encourage their members to join us in Aalborg in June** ☺

The plans for opening and closing ceremony were presented, and agreed upon.

Keynote speakers and themes were presented – [can be seen here](#).

The scientific committee met mid-February to put the program together. 260 abstracts were received, - 150 abstracts were accepted for oral presentations, 16 for symposiums, 23 for workshops 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.

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.

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 😊

Johann and Annelli will discuss if there should be a legacy to be presented at the closing ceremony Thursday 20 June 2019.

As per tradition the host country is the main responsible for the scientific programme, but a collaboration between the previous and the present host country could be fruitful when it comes to choosing themes and keynote speakers.

The main task of the NFGP Congress committee is discussing practicalities, and the NFGP Executive Board should be involved in the planning of the opening and closing ceremony as agreed at the meeting last year.

## **9. NYGP – mission, vision and by-laws**

The proposal from last year were developed further, and can be seen at the [website](#).

For the year 2019 NFGP will contribute with the sum of DKK 50.000, - to support NYGP activities.

**10. If there are any matters to be discussed before the Annual General Assembly, they can be presented at this item.**

Helene Liira informed about the work and results of the Scandinavian Journal.

Last year was a good year for the journal; 54 papers were published in 2018, most papers were from the Nordic Countries, 16 papers were from outside Nordic countries. Current impact factor is 1.809, the aim is to reach 2.0.

The publishing contract with Taylor & Francis continues. The relationship with T & F is long lasting and the cooperation runs smoothly.

The publication fees of SJPHC were increased in 2017 and during 2018 we did not make changes in the fees. The publication fee for non-members remains at 1500 euros and that of members is 500 euros. For 2019 there will be no increase in the fees for Nordic papers, but an increase of the fee from non-members countries is considered.

The editorial board aims to meet twice a year. Next meeting will take place at the Nordic congress in June, and in years with no congress an autumn meeting will take place together with the NFGP meetings in March/April.

For winner of the papers 2017 and 2018 five papers from each year have been chosen based on scores taken out from the system, and the five panel members are deciding who should be the winner.

Helena has accepted to stay as editor in chief for three more years, which will be her last period. The SJPHC editorial board is looking into whom could be the successor of Helena. The NFGP EB agreed to this procedure.

Johann informed about the discussions which took place at the board meeting Thursday:

At the EB meeting 3 guests were invited as observers: Anna Stavdal, represented Wonca World, as President Elect, Roar Maagaard represented Wonca Europe as a member of the WE-EW and Aleksi Virtanen, representing SYLIY, Finland at the working group on Core values and principles of general practice.

At Nordic Round Table among the chairs of our Nordic colleges, the situation and tasks worked upon in each country were discussed and debated. It was concluded that there are lot of tasks of common interest for our Federation, such as quality of care, quality indicators and lack of GPs in general. Some of the topics brought up could be themes for our Nordic Leader seminars. DSAM has used Icons illustrating our main core tasks (see picture):



The idea was put forward if this could be used as a poster to promote GPs in GP's waiting rooms etc.

Of some concern is a trend among politicians suggesting organizational changes in the primary health care sector, which threatens our core values.

Anna Stavdal informed the EB about her new tasks within WW, and what she wants to prioritize as an upcoming president of WW. Her main interest is to **build identity, increase visibility and extend influence** through topics she had listed on her flyer at the WW council meeting in Incheon, South Korea, 2018. Of special interest is also that Wonca Europe and Wonca World have strengthened their cooperation with WHO. She pointed out that she is not alone working on this. She was appointed to the WW board by her Norwegian College, supported by NFGP. The NFGP EB endorsed her work so far and appreciates further professional cooperation and support.

Roar Maagaard summarized the work going on within Wonca Europe, which are in accordance with agreements from former council meetings of Wonca Europe. Furthermore, he informed our board about the administrative crisis within Wonca Europe Executive board. According to the WE by-laws the EB members can stay in the EB for max 10 years. Our new WE president, Mehmet Ungan, who took over this year has however already been in the WE-EB for 9 years. These organizational problems must be solved at our next WE council meeting in Bratislava, June 26<sup>th</sup>, this year.

### **Information of current matters (Johann Sigurdsson)**

Johann explained about the history of NFGP, - and the new tasks of NFGP;

As for the NFGP Vision and mission the work will continue accordingly.

The pre-meeting of the next Nordic Leader seminar will take place either on Monday 17 June or Wednesday during the day, Norway will decide and send out invitations soon. At this meeting the topic of the next Nordic leader seminar will be discussed and whether we should aim at having a new legacy / position paper at our Nordic Leader seminar in 2020.

Core Values and principles of general practice. A group has been created to work on a Nordic Version, which might be taken further to WONCA Europe. The working group consists of

Anders Beich, DSAM, Denmark  
Aleksi Virtinen, SYLY, Finland  
Margret Olafia Tomasdottir, FIH, Iceland  
Petter Brelin, NFA, Norway  
Carl Edvard Rudebeck, SFAM, Sweden  
Johann A. Sigurdsson, NFGP, chair of committee

The EB appreciate the work so far and encourages the group to carry on. The draft paper should be discussed within the Nordic colleges with our members. The working group will hereafter provide a new draft before the next NFGP annual meeting in 2020. Johann proposed that the draft to be discussed at our meeting 2020 should be put on our home page as a "white paper" for 10 months, thus open for comments by all during that time, and then possibly finally approved by the EB-NFGP year 2021.

The position paper on overdiagnosis has reached far, - originally it came from Norway and then to NFGP, and then further to WONCA Europe and now to WONCA World. The concept has been presented to the WHO, and the subject is now on their agenda too.

The BMJ article "Reforming diagnostic threshold definitions" was presented at the meeting Thursday and was endorsed by the NFGP EB.

A further close co-operation in Wonca Europe and Wonca World should be discussed in the different colleges. Should meetings be arranged (for professional support and strategies), and should NFGP support this work financially?

The EB is satisfied with the work on Specialist training so far – thank you to the group.

At Wonca Europe in Bratislava there will be a workshop on Core Values.

Dates for NFGP annual meeting in 2020 were discussed, and **the dates 26.-27. March 2020 have been chosen for the next meeting – please reserve the dates.**

WE Council meeting will take place in Berlin in 2020.

The Nordic Leader seminar will take place in Norway in 2020 – more information to follow from NFA.

WONCA World 2020 will take place in Abu Dhabi, where NFA / NFGP will investigate the possibilities to host a reception for Anna Stavdal, who is now WW President-Elect, and will take over as WW president.

## **11. Presentation and discussion of the annual financial account (Louise Hørslev)**

Louise Hørslev presented Tine Kristiansen Bünger, our new auditor from RI Revision.

Tine went through the annual financial report 2018 – no comments.

Tine explained the long form audit report (Auditors report for management) – no comments.

- [Annual Financial Report 2018](#)
- [Audit Records 2018](#)

## **12. Preparation of the discussion of the budget 2019 and 2020 (Louise Hørslev)**

Louise went through the proposal for [budget for 2019 and 2020](#)

As for participation in congresses and meetings: the idea is to continue the work with the tasks Johann presented earlier.

The new working groups might have to meet, and there is space for this in the budget too.

No comments or questions for the budget.

### **13. Any other business**

No other business.