



MINUTES
Nordic Federation of General Practice ApS
Meeting of the Congress Committee
Thursday 26 April 2020
14:30-16:30

Venue

Digital meeting

Participants

Olav Thorsen (chair), Gunnar Tschudi Bondevik, Anneli Sandbæk, Jette Kolding Kristensen, Jaana Franck, Elinborg Bardardottir, Kent Ronny Gunnarsson, Ingvild Vatten Alsnes (chair NYGP), Johann Sigurdsson (chair NFGP), Sanne Bernard (secretary)

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome by the Chair of the Committee Olav Thorsen

2. Introduction of all members

3. Appointment of chair of the meeting

Olav Thorsen 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 2019

The minutes was approved.

7. Report from the Danish members regarding the congress in Aalborg Denmark 2019

The report has been forwarded to all participants. Everybody agreed that such a report is a very useful tool for the next congresses, and that all countries should make a similar report in the future.

8. Report from the Norwegian members regarding the congress in Norway 16-18 June 2021

The congress in Stavanger will take place from a Wednesday to a Friday, and the congress dinner is planned for Friday evening.

The program will start Wednesday early with specialist courses Wednesday morning and registration will open Wednesday morning too. The actual congress will start around lunch time Wednesday and the scientific program will run until Friday afternoon.

Title: On the edge – general practice for future generations

Gunnar Bondevik presented the 7 themes of the congress:

- Technology in general practice
- Mental health
- Inequalities in health
- Personal continuity of care
- Education of GPs
- Multidisciplinary primary care teams and tasks shifts
- The coronavirus outbreak

Keynotes have differences in setup in order to secure a variation in the program.

Opening keynote; Linn Getz (N)

Wednesday afternoon: Deborah Swinglehurst (UK) and Henrik Vogt (N)

Thursday morning: Christoher Dowrick (UK)

Thursday morning: Alexandra Brandt Ryborg Jønsson (DK) and Trisha Greenhalgh (UK)

Thursday afternoon: Bente Mjølstad (N)

Friday morning: Steinar Hunskaar (N)

Friday morning: Niek de Wit (NL) and Hans Christian Kjeldsen (DK)

Closing keynote: Tuomas Koskela (FI)

There was positive feedback from the participants of the congress committee on the planned program, themes and keynote speakers.

Norway is aiming for at least 1,000 participants, the breakeven is at 1,000 participants.

In case of a deficit the host country will cover this.

So far the number of participants has gone up each year, except in Denmark last year, which has made the Norwegian organizing committee a bit more cautious, also due to the current situation with corona virus.

Ingvild Vatten Alsnes presented the plans for the pre-conference with the theme "Quality in the GP office" – the pre-conference will be set up according to the rules for being accepted as courses for Norwegian and Swedish young doctors. The length needs to be at least 15 hours. All members of NYGP are currently discussing the general set-up for the future pre-congress.

The host organizing committee is working on attracting more delegates from both the Nordic countries, but also from other European countries. Olav Thorsen had planned to visit conferences in Sweden and Wonca Europe in Berlin, but everything is a bit uncertain now due to the current situation.

Focus is on using the international network to attract more participants (and abstracts), and the host organizing committee also has great focus on attracting many Norwegian GPs for their congress in 2021.

Concerning the quality lounge, the Norwegian host organizing committee is discussing if they should continue with this initiative in Stavanger. Jette Kolding could inform that Danish GPs have been very positive with the quality lounge in Aalborg. If repeated, the set-up should be different, with not too many films per screen. A lot of things are going on in

the “real world” but are not really scientific. Therefore, some authors of abstracts which were not suitable for the research sessions, were offered space in the Quality lounge in Aalborg.

In order to keep the quality high in sessions in the scientific program, it is good with different platforms for smaller development projects and high-quality research.

The congress in Stavanger will be electronic – no paper program nor abstract book. There will be an exhibition area in Stavanger.

9. Report from the Finnish members regarding the congress in Finland 2023

The congress in Finland will take place from 13-16 June 2023, and a venue has been booked in Turku. The scientific committee still needs to be settled, - is under construction.

In general no support/sponsorship by pharmaceutical companies are allowed. Finland can of course cooperate with academic units.

Jaana Franck was recommended to sign up with a good Professional Congress Organizer as soon as possible, as their experience with organizing congresses is extremely useful. Sanne Bernard will forward task plan and copy of contract from Denmark to Jaana Franck for inspiration.

10. Communication/advertising about NCGP at other Nordic meetings and by WONCA Europe

Norway plans to be present with booths at different arrangements in order to promote the congress in 2021. Norway had a free booth in Aalborg and will have a free booth at WONCA Berlin. NFGP/NCGP could consider negotiating a barter agreement with WONCA for future congresses.

If any flyers are made for the congress in Norway, Olav Thorsen will contact all Nordic countries for distribution at national meetings and conferences.

We must help each other with promoting our congresses in the Nordic countries.

11. General terms of organization of Nordic congresses

Olav Thorsen is working on a cookbook for opening and closing ceremonies, which can be useful for future organizers. Suggestion for general rules to be discussed in the congress committee and with the NFGP EB.

12. Next meeting in 2021

There will be no physical meeting in 2020, but maybe another digital meeting later this year – Olav Thorsen will let us know if needed.

The EB will decide dates tomorrow for the NFGP annual meeting in 2021, where we will meet again with the NFGP Executive board, NYGP and SJPHC.

13. Any other business

No other business.