



Minutes
Nordic Federation of General Practice
Meeting of the Congress Committee
Thursday 09 September 2021
10:00 – 10:45

Venue: Digital meeting on zoom

Participants:

Olav Thorsen (chair), Gunnar Tschudi Bondevik, Jette Kolding Kristensen, Jaana Franck, Elinborg Bardardottir, Kent Ronny Gunnarsson, Johann Sigurdsson (chair NFGP), Sanne Bernard (secretary), Heidi Myrseth (Gyro) (observer)

AGENDA

- 1. Opening and welcome** Chair of the Norwegian Committee Olav Thorsen
- 2. Introduction of all members**
- 3. Appointment of chair of the meeting** – Olav T
- 4. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting** – Olav (and Sanne)
- 5. Approval of agenda** - approved
- 6. Approval of minutes from 2020** - approved
- 7. Report from the Norwegian members regarding the congress in Norway 21-23 June 2022**

The congress in Stavanger will take place from Tuesday to Thursday, and the congress closing party is planned for Thursday evening. The program will start Tuesday afternoon and the scientific program will run until Thursday afternoon.

Title: On the edge – general practice for future generations

There will be 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)
- Tuesday afternoon: Deborah Swinglehurst (UK) and Henrik Vogt (N)
- Wednesday morning: Christopher Dowrick (UK)

- Wednesday morning: Alexandra Brandt Ryborg Jønsson (DK) and Trisha Greenhalgh (UK)
- Wednesday afternoon: Bente Mjølstad (N)
- Thursday morning: Steinar Hunskår (N)
- Thursday morning: Niek de Wit (NL) and Hans Christian Kjeldsen (DK)
- Closing keynote: Tuomas Koskela (FI)

Norway is aiming for at least 1,000 participants; the break-even 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 in 2019, which has made the Norwegian organizing committee a bit more cautious, also due to the current situation with corona virus. Now the situation looks better, and we therefore plan for a traditional Nordic Congress. We will, however look for the possibility to record parts of the congress, so that participants can view or review themes and presentations after the congress.

The host organizing committee is working on attracting more delegates from both the Nordic countries, but also from other European countries. 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 2022.

A new concept for the congress will be the possibility to follow specialist courses during (and before/after) the congress. The congress in Stavanger will be electronic – no paper program nor abstract book. There will be an exhibition area in Stavanger.

8. Report from the Finnish members regarding the congress in Finland 2024

The congress in Finland will take place on 11 to 14 of June 2024, and a venue has been booked in Turku. The Host Organizing Committee has started their work, and are in a good process with their PCO. No special problems so long.

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

It is of common interest for the Nordic countries and the Federation that the congresses are successful with many participants. We must therefore help each other with promoting our congresses at relevant meetings, in our journals in our academic relations. Young researchers should be encouraged to present their studies at the Nordic congresses.

10. Next meeting in 2022

Next meeting will be at the Nordic Federation meeting in Copenhagen 7-8 of April 2022.

11. Any other business – Guidelines for opening and closing session will be ready soon for presentation on NFGP's homepage www.nfgp.org.

Olav Thorsen

Sanne Bernard