



Annual report 2008 from the Chairman of NFGP

The NFGP is still a young organisation. Since 2005 we have collected experiences on our Nordic collaboration within the new organisational framework. The congress on Iceland 2007 was the first NFGP congress, and we are now entering the third election period since the Federation was founded.

Meetings

The annual board meeting was held in Copenhagen in April 2008. Editor-in Chief / Director of NFGP Jakob Kragstrup and Chairman of NFGP Anna Stavdal have been in regular e-mail contact during the rest of the year.

Language policy

One of the aims of the Federation is to develop common policies on important issues concerning the academic activities, especially the congresses. At the annual meeting in 2008, language policy was on the agenda. The discussions revealed that the issue is controversial among the members of the board. This is perhaps the first issue with a certain tension to be handled by the Federation.

Our goal is to finalize the discussions at the meeting at the end of March this year. My hope is that we will reach a good compromise. I thank all of you for your contributions in the process so far, including your mutual tolerance for explicit disagreements within the board.

On my initiative a symposium will be arranged at the congress in Copenhagen in May 2009 with the title "Babel revisited. A symposium on the power of language". The speakers at the symposium cover a broad field of theoretical, scientific and practical knowledge on the topic and represent different geographical and linguistic affiliations. I hope the symposium will provide the opportunity to explore this important field, without connecting it directly to the language policy of the NFGP.

New contract for the SJPHC

We are now approaching a new contract period for the Journal. Jakob Kragstrup and I have been in contact with alternative publishers during last year, and our recommendation to the board is distributed in a separate e-mail prior to the annual meeting.



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I would like to thank all three working parties of the Federation for cooperation during the past year. Step by step we are building an organisation that hopefully will be of benefit for Nordic general practice.

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Chairman of NFGP