

# Report from the Presidium Assembly

## NUF

### Congress in Odense, Denmark

15<sup>th</sup> of June 2017

1. The report from Malmö 2015 was approved, with the alteration in point 8, there was no honorary member elected. After that it was approved.
2. **Report from the board by the president**

The president Kimmo Taari reported that the board has been meeting several times, during the last years, and that the main focus still is on the collaboration groups and that the economy must be ensured to support the activity of the collaboration groups. The president stressed that we still only have a few young urologists who apply for The Travel Grant, and the chairman of The Residents Group commented, that they will have a focus on that issue, and together with the homepage, we will try to make it more visible.
3. **Report from the treasurer**

Henrik Jakobsen stated that, at the general assembly the bank account will be presented by former treasurer Börje Ljungbjerg, who in the 2 years that have passed has paid the bills in NUF. He also stressed, that there have been some difficulties in moving the bank account to Denmark, and that the process has been slow, due to different circumstances, but now, the focus is on getting the account moved to Denmark, and that the account now is established and signed by the board. He suggests that the balance will be published at the NUF homepage, with details needed. The presidium accepted that.

The bank account is at 1,71 mill. Swedish kroner.

In the future we will have to deal with various differences in sponsor contracts within the Nordic countries, and Börje Ljungbjerg suggested that the future budgets for the NUF conferences should include a very specified overview of all spendings on the NUF conference, from the organizing committee.
4. **Report from SJU**

Per-Uno Malmström reported that index factor has gone up to 1,5. He was very pleased with that. He also pointed to difficulties with Denmark, which do not include receiving the SJU in their membership. Receiving the SJU in Denmark has been sponsored up until now, and now their sponsorship has stopped.

The chairman of The Danish National Society, Jens Søncksen, informed the assembly that a new sponsorship may be arranged so the challenge might be solved in the near future.

He also stated, that most manuscripts are received from the Nordic countries, the majority from Denmark, second from Sweden, third from Norway and last from Finland.

## **5. Report from “The Bulletin”**

General secretary Lisbeth Salling reported from the editor Lars Lund. It has not been possible to get sponsorships for The Bulletin. The earlier publisher placed in Sweden, refused to keep on publishing The Bulletin, due to the negative balance.

Lisbeth Salling has been in contact with the earlier publisher in Skødstrup (Jutland) Denmark, and the budget requires 85.000 Danish kroner a year.

The suggestion from the board is, that Denmark will come up with 2 editors, who will have The Bulletin for the next 2 years, due to the difficulties the Icelandic will have, being only few urologists with very high expenses having it published and distributed. We will focus on making The Bulletin digital.

The NUF board will approach The Danish Society about a new publisher.

## **6. Report from the collaboration groups**

a. The Residents Group: The chairman Peter Østergren had arranged Pierre Fabre as sponsor for The Residents Day, and they will continue to plan The Residents Day at the upcoming NUF conferences. They also have taken initiative to advertise the travelling grant. For further see the written report.

b. The Penis Cancer Group: The chairman Jakob Jakobsen, mentioned that the group has had some difficulties with members, pointed out by the National Association, who did not show up at the meeting. This should be solved by taking contact to the National Association, and have them point out another member. It must be stressed that the focus choosing a new member depends mainly on the persons interest in being a member in this group.

c. The Urothelial Cancer Group: Chairman Jørgen Bjerggaard referred to the written report.

d. The rest of the collaboration groups were not represented. Kindly see the written reports.

## **7. Report from the Election Committee**

Jørgen Bjerggaard informed the presidium that the president Kimmo Taari will step down after 8 years. Newly appointed is Christian Beisland, chairman of the Norwegian Association.

He also informed the presidium that the Election Committee has replaced Sirpa Altoma with Mikael Leppilähti in 2016, and is therefore not on election.

Elisabeth Farrelly, Stockholm, Argun Blindheim, Trondheim, Jørgen Bjerggaard, Århus, and Gudmundur Geirsson, Reykjavik, has accepted re-election.

Accountant Frank Schmidt has accepted re-election and Christian Beisland will step down as the accountant, and we suggest Anders Kjellmann, Karolinska Sykehus, Stockholm, to take over.

## **8. Honorary member**

The presidium suggests Börje Ljungbjerg to be an honorary member of NUF, this was approved. The diploma will be handed to Börje Ljungbjerg at the gala dinner.

## **9. Report from the organizing committee**

The president Ulla Geertsen reported a total of 451 participants in Odense, this is also due to the possibility of selling Day Tickets. They had a total of 82 manuscripts and the organizing committee suggests that the board, together with the earlier organizing committees, should write down some guidelines for conducting NUF conferences in the future, which will help the next organizing committees.

**10. Next conference 2019**

Will be held in Reykjavik, Iceland, in June 2019.

The venue is found and will be in a new conference center directly to the harbor.

Rafn Hilmansson and Sigurdur Gudjonsson presented a charming video announcing the upcoming meeting in NUF, 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019.

**11. Others**

No comments.

General secretary of NUF, Lisbeth Salling, Odense 2017