

Report from the general assembly NUF the 4th of June 2015 in Malmö, Sweden

1. Protocol 2013

The protocol from Sandefjord 2013 was approved.

2. Report from the president, Kimmo Taari.

The board has met twice a year as a one day meeting. The focus is unchanged mainly on the collaboration groups and the biannual congress - now for the 30th time. The president stressed that the newly established residence group has been very active and they at this meeting are having a separate session on non-muscle invasive bladder cancer. It holds promise for the future that so many young urologists are active in NUF.

To encourage young urologists, NUF has founded a travel grant years ago to encourage visits to urology departments within the Nordic countries. However, despite announcing the grant on the homepage only very few have applied. All recipients of a grant must send a written report to the NUF Bulletin.

The congress in Malmø has more than 600 participants and is running smoothly. The next meeting will be in Odense, Denmark, on June 2017 and at that congress the 60th anniversary of NUF will be celebrated.

3. Report from the NUF treasurer, Bôrje Ljungberg

The economy in NUF is good with an account of 1.7 mill. which is an increase achieved by the surplus from Sandefjord.

The collaboration groups have not used the amount accessible - perhaps due to the fact that they only have one-day meetings. We have kept the fee stable over a long time and have - given the good economy - no intension to raise the fee.

Not all countries have paid the member fee and Bôrje will send out a second call.

4. Report from the accountants

Christian Beisland reported that the accounts of NUF have been audited and approved.

5. Members fee.

The presidium suggests that the members fee remains the same: 100 SEK the next 2 years.

6. Report from Scandinavian Journal of Urology (SJU).

Christian Beisland replaced Editor-in-chief Per-Uno Malmström to report on the status. The SJU is still changing in lay-out and colours. About 600 articles were submitted in 2014 and – unchanged compared to previous years – 85% were rejected. Case-reports are not accepted. The SJU has 1 editor-in-chief and 3 assisting editors represented by each country except Iceland. The paper edition will not last for many more years and will then change to an internet version. They will try to have the paper edition as long as possible.

SJU will award the best article published in the SJU within the period of 2013-2015. In addition they will award the reviewer of most articles in the same period

7. Report from the NUF Bulletin.

The Bulletin has changed to only accepting articles in English and has created a “speakers corner” in each edition: The SPCG’s corner by Göran Ahlgren .

1300 copies are sent out, but there are challenges with updated membership lists whis each individual country is responsible for. It is still difficult to have the members submit papers. This will take a continuous effort from the part of the editors.

For the next 2 years the editors will be Ulla Geertsen, Lars Lund og Erik Højkjær from Odense University Hospital, Denmark

8. Report from webmaster Jørgen Bjerggaard.

The webmaster went through the homepage and urged all to announce meetings and forward suggestions to make the make the homepage useful. The webmaster

will contact the collaboration groups to update their information at least twice a year.

9. Reports from the Collaboration groups (available on www.nuf.nu)

a. The urothelial group

Jørgen Bjerggaard has replaced Per-Uno Malmström as chairman. The delegates have been reduced to 2 from DK, 3 from Sweden, 3 from Finland and 2 from Norway. The group is conducting several studies which are listed in the written report.

b. SPCG group

Göran Ahlgren informed that the group has a new homepage which you are directed to on NUF.nu. The group has one oncologist represented from each country. The group uses an external accountant in Malmö. The group is still lacking participation from Norway. For more information see the written report.

c. The stone group

Kim Andreassen reported that the scheduled 5th course on urinary stone disease in May 2014 was cancelled due to financial issues. The course may be planned in 2016/17. The group considers younger colleagues as associated members. For more information see the written report.

d. The reconstructive group

Lisbeth Salling reported that the group has met biannually on one-day meetings. The meetings have had few participants which will be focused on in the future. The group has participated in a course on radical cystectomies in collaboration with the urothelial group. The group is conducting a study on urethroplasty. For more information see the written report.

e. The LUTD's group.

Elisabeth Farelly reported that the group has held a clinical course on basic and advanced urodynamics in Oslo 2014. At this meeting in Malmö they are conducting a course "Trends in treating LUTD-An Update".

The Question and Answer Forum still remains to be a success - the group will consider the future strategy.

f. The Nordic Residents group.

Mikkel Fode informed the assembly that the aim of the group is to maintain educational projects and further increase the Nordic collaboration and networking for young urologists focusing on education. The group has conducted a course "urological emergencies and trauma" with 60 participating urological residents. At this meeting and the previous meeting in Sandefjord the group has established a residents day as a pre-meeting with success. The group will also focus on exchange of residents within the Nordic countries. For more information see the written report.

g. The group on penile cancer, SCAPECA

Jakob K. Jakobsen reported that the group has initiated a common Nordic penile cancer registry. For more information see the written report.

The Presidium suggests that a new group dealing with renal cancer is founded and the assembly agreed.

10. Relation to other organisations

Good relations

11. Elections

The treasurer Börje Ljungberg was on election and stepped down after more than 12 years on the post. Henrik Jakobsen, Herlev Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark was elected. General Secretary Lisbeth N. Salling was re-elected for another 4 year periode.

12. Congress report

Göran Ahlgren reported that the total amount of participant was 601. The organizing committee was pleased with the program and the amount of sponsors.

13. Next Congress Odense 2017

The next congress will be in Odense in June13-15, 2017, and the planning is in good progress. The organizing presented a charming presentation of the venue.

13. Other

No remarks

The president thanked the participants for a good meeting.

Copenhagen 6th of August 2015

Lisbeth N. Salling

General Secretary