

Activities in the “Nordic Residents in Urology” group

The “Nordic Residents in Urology” (NRU) group have held several meetings – both in person and over Skype – since the last NUF congress. The main accomplishment of NRU has been the organization of the Second Course for Nordic Residents in Urology, which was held in Gothenburg in January 2015. The topic was “urological emergencies and trauma” and the course covered both general trauma principles and a range of major urological emergencies. The main lectures were held by several prominent Nordic speakers and to increase the educational yield participants were split into groups for case discussions for part of the course. Importantly, there was also an excellent dinner with great networking between residents from the different NUF countries. Overall, the course was a great success with 60 participating urological residents and very positive evaluations. The local Swedish NRU board members Ylva Hüge and Hjalmar Svensson deserve great praise for their efforts and we are grateful for the support from both the industry and the NUF board. As we now consider the Residents Course an established biannual NUF event, we have already started our planning of the next course in 2017.

In addition, we have arranged a residents’ day at the 2015 NUF congress in Malmö in close collaboration with the local organizing committee. The event is scheduled to take place on the 2nd and 3rd of June right before the rest of the congress. The topic is non-muscle invasive bladder cancer and the program includes expert lectures and live surgery as well as nightmare cases presented by residents. We have been happy to see the very positive attitude and reception of this new NUF tradition and we hope it will continue with our congresses in the years to come.

Over the next years the NRU aims to maintain our current educational projects and we hope to further increase Nordic collaboration and networking by a new effort to facilitate more inter-nordic exchange of urological residents. A preliminary plan for this project is currently under development.

Finally, we can report that the Facebook group is up to 134 members – please join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NRUro/>

On behalf of the NRU group,

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