

## **NSGE Board , VU Medical Center, Amsterdam, at 1.00 PM**

**Present:** Päivi Härkki (chair), Marit Lieng, Martin Rudnicki, Bjarne Kristensen, Marianne Omtvedt, Charlotte Møller, Petur Reynisson, Jyrki Jalkanen (minutes)

Missing: Jan Persson, Ingeborg Bøe Engelsen, Celine Lönnerfors

### **1. Welcome by the President**

### **2. Summary of 2<sup>nd</sup> NSGE, 3rd NSGE Norrefjell OEWM Congres:**

The Board was satisfied with the scientific program. There were 161 participants plus faculty. Industry was present with 13 exhibitions. The economic balance sheet turned out 195 334 NKR positive, of which 20% (39 069 NKR) is the share of NSGE.

### **3. Exchange program:**

The board heard some experiences from Odense hospital. In general, it was agreed that the program should be informed about and encouraged more among the Nordic colleagues.

### **4. SWIM –study:**

Denmark and Norway are about to start. In Finland ethical committee process is ongoing. The database, responsibility of Kerstin Hald, is ready.

### **5. NFOG 2018:**

There will be a special session of NSGE in the NFOG Odense congress, the theme of which is endometriosis. In the session the presentations will be given by world famous colleagues such as Taylor, Vercellini, Oldreid and Härkki. Another session inspired by NSGE covers new perspectives of hysterectomy.

The next NSGE 2019 in Helsinki will be promoted with the help of exhibition stand, slide shows and hand-outs.

### **6. NSGE membership:**

It was considered important to increase the number of members of NSGE. The membership will be promoted in Odense NFOG meeting. The procedure of application for membership needs to be updated, which will be the task of next General Assembly meeting. Two-year membership fee could be an option.

### **7. General Assembly meeting:**

The Board decided to call an extra General Assembly meeting to be held in Odense during the NFOG Congress in June 2018.

### **8. 3<sup>rd</sup> NSGE Helsinki 2019:**

8.1. The board vividly discussed the possible topics of scientific sessions. Suggested topics at the moment are: medical pretreatment before myomectomies, the need and method of isthmic niche operations, update on endometrial cancer surgical treatment with special interest in sentinel node techniques, outpatient vs. inpatient hysteroscopy, and educational practices and policies. In addition, issues concerning centralization of surgical procedures will be dealt with. More topics

will be added later. The scientific committee will have representation from NSGE, the Dutch working group, WGE, and the Finnish Society for Gynecological Surgery, the local organizer. The board recommended that the scientific committee will start to meet in the beginning of next year at the latest.

8.2 Economy: Similarly with the 2<sup>nd</sup> NCGE meeting, the decision to divide possible profit 80/20 between the local organizing society and NSGE was made.

**9. Location and timing of the 4<sup>th</sup> NSGE congress.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> NCGE meeting has been planned to take place in Stockholm in 2021. Since at the meeting with the Dutch Working group just prior to this board meeting a preliminary decision to organize a new joint congress in the autumn of 2020 was made, the board wanted to leave room for possible adjustments in scheduling future NCGE congresses. Also the option to continue collaboration in the form of joint congresses with the Dutch organization was left open. The matter will be further discussed in the next board meetings and the the General Assembly meeting at NFOG ( See chapter 7.).

**10. Collaboration with ESGE in organizing the 2020 congress in Copenhagen.**

The board decided not to advance with this plan. The decision was subsequently sent to the president of the ESGE.

**10. Next Board meeting** will be at NFOG in Odense in June 2018.

**11. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm**