

## MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE ZOOM-MEETING WITH WGE AND NSGE

Wednesday 16.1.2019 at 20.00 (8 pm) Western European time

### Participants:

Päivi Härkki (chair)  
Jyrki Jalkanen (minutes)  
Hans Brölmann  
Wouter Hehenkamp  
Paul van Kesteren  
Robert de Leeuw  
Jan Persson  
Celine Radder  
Femke Siemonsma  
Karin van der Tuuk

1. Confirmation of the name of the conference:
  - a. ICEBERG is fine (=International conference on evidence based endoscopy and research in gynecology). Term "Joint congress of WGE and NSGE" should be included.
2. Confirmation the date and place of the conference:
  - a. Amsterdam (or nearby) agreed. Venue undecided. Dates: June 3-4, 2021
3. Confirmation of the President of the Conference:
  - a. Celine Radder
  - b. Honorary President Hans Brölmann
  - c. Vice-President Jan Persson
4. Professional Congress Organizer:
  - a. The Dutch have chosen Status Plus, which gave the best offer. This PCO company has good references from the past.
5. Sponsor situation:
  - a. Hans will contact Olympus on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. 30-40 sponsors will be addressed in the near future. Helsinki meeting in June will be utilized for this purpose.
6. Structure and topics of the sessions of the conference:
  - a. The format outlined in the previous meeting (see minutes of the Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting) was overviewed and as of now remains the basis for future planning. The meeting emphasized the importance to present high quality research, innovations and also allow opportunity for young researches to perform.
  - b. The number of sessions and question of parallel sessions were discussed.
  - c. Scientific topics are yet largely undecided, only **endometriosis** as a half-day session topic and **augmented reality** were supported.
  - d. Resolution: Wouter will write the 1<sup>st</sup> draft (# of sessions, list of topics). The meeting invited the participants to e-mail proposals to him.
  - e. Resolution: A course-like, half a day pre-congress will be arranged. The topic(s) is still open.
7. Committees
  - a. Scientific committee: **Wouter (chair)**, Martin, Celine, Jan, Paul, Päivi, Karin, Jyrki, Marit (Päivi will ask), resident from WG (=Femke S.). In addition, some Dutch (HB) and Nordic (JP) professors will be invited. The SC will be finalized in Helsinki in June.

- b. Local organizing committee (Dutch): **Hans (president)**, Celine, Wouter, WGE board members.
- c. **Smaller working group** from local organizers and Jan from NSGE will be formed (=executive group). The plan is to meet every two months and during Helsinki meeting. Päivi will look for the time and place.
- d. Advisory board: will be announced. This should include also international member(s).

8. ICEBERG finances: No new decisions were made.

- a. The draft made by Hans after September meeting remains as governing principle:

Draft by Prof. Hans Brölmann, Sept. 16, 2018

After subtraction of all congress expenses, the profit remains. The profits below 10 K€ will be spent in principle on the next biannual congress and are – after closing the local account 6 months after the congress – saved on an 'Iceberg'- account (Denmark the most advantageous financial rules? Ask Bjarne)

o The profits over 10 K€ are divided according to the rules below between Nordic and Dutch society. The societies are free to finance local initiatives on endoscopy or save it to the 'Iceberg' account. Rules:

§ 50% for the local society

§ 50% is divided between Nordic and Dutch society based on the ratio of the number of delegates. International participants are not included in the calculation.

- In the unlikely case of financial loss (deficit), the local Society is responsible and liable and is autonomous how to arrange eventual financial backup.

- b. Resolution: we need to consult Bjarne about the best financial arrangements depending e.g. on the taxation policies in different countries

9. Other issues

- First ICEBERG announcement should be prepared before Helsinki meeting (Status Plus and LOC)
- Possible NSGE and ESGE collaboration was discussed as ESGE has proposed an affiliated membership to NSGE. Same proposal has been made to WGE but they have refused it because they think that not enough democratic change has occurred in ESGE.

10. Next meeting will be held in Helsinki in June during the NCGE.

Jyväskylä and Helsinki, January 19, 2019

Jyrki Jalkanen, minutes

Päivi Härkki, President of NSGE