



Minutes from the

NSGE-WGE board meeting September 8th and 9th 2017:

Meeting participants: Päivi Härkki, Martin Rudnicki, Bjarne Rønne Kristensen, Charlotte Møller, Petur Reynisson, Jyrki Jalkanen, Marit Lieng, Peggy Geomini, Marije Geukes, Jan Willem van der Steeg, Wouter Hehenkamp, Celine Radder.

Only Saturday: Marianne Omtvedt, Robert de Leeuw

Absent: Jan Persson, Celine Lönnerfors, Ingeborg Engelsen, Huib van Vliet, Sjors Coppus.

1. Exchange of scientific works:

- a. Dutch Consortium of national research studies – overview
 - i. Bottlenecks: identifying eligible patients, high patient or doctor preference, awareness of clinical problem, financial support, time-consuming.
 - ii. In Denmark RCT with comparable primary outcome as 2Close, just finished and accepted for publication.
 - iii. Website: http://www.studies-obsgyn.nl/home/page.asp?page_id=467
 - iv. NSGE is interested to join as satellite organization
 - v. Funding for national or international database
- b. Nordic collaboration on myomectomy with or without ulipristal (UPA): SWIM
 - i. No RCT – observational, no limits in procedure-related factors
 - ii. Primary outcome: time, secondary: bleeding
 - iii. N=104 (52 per arm).
- c. In Denmark not possible to perform RCT without approval of firm. In Finland and NL possible. Danish database on hysterectomy. National guideline on hysterectomy just published in European Journal.
- d. MYOMEX trial – grant by Gedeon Richter.
 - i. Underpowered, primary outcome: blood loss (only outcome approved by firm)
 - ii. Norway wants to join, copy the protocol and start same study. Meta-analysis.
 - iii. Alternative for UPA by Bayer available in Denmark.

2. ESGE:

Both NSGE and WGE disappointed in democratic structure and organization.

- a. Dutch corporate membership not extended. Individual membership of ESGE possible.
- b. ESGE board has asked NSGE to organize ESGE congress in Copenhagen in 2019 and to persuade Olympus to become golden sponsor (instead of K Storz). NSGE is 'not interested'. Marit will respond request negatively.

3. Collaboration NSGE and WGE:

- a. What is the purpose of collaboration?
 - i. Higher level of scientific output
 - ii. Educational exchange
 - iii. Scientific fieldwork: more patients in shorter inclusionperiod.
 - iv. Guidelines
- b. Congress collaboration:
 - i. Not as pure competition of ESGE, but as an alternative with:
 - 1. Nice venue
 - 2. High quality scientific program – on innovative and minimal invasive procedures
 - 3. Update latest information
 - 4. Not too large, no parallel sessions
 - 5. Use the input of patient federations in program
 - ii. Possibilities:
 - 1. Join scientific faculty for organization of NCGE (Nordic endoscopic congress) June 2019 in Helsinki, 2-4 Dutch delegates.
 - 2. Norefjell-like congress in 2020, not in March
 - a. but early September in Copenhagen.
 - b. Jointed NSGE and WGE organization
 - c. 400 participants (200 in Norefjell, usually 200-300 Dutch participants at ESGE)
 - d. General president Bjarne, chair Celine. Scientific chair: Martin and Wouter.
 - e. Contest of the name of the congress, price of winner: free ticket to Copenhagen.

4. Future NSGE-WGE meetings:

- a. Life-meeting yearly; next meeting Friday 7th of September, 2018 10 am in Copenhagen (1day meeting) ??
- b. Skype-meetings: one or two times a year.

Agenda:

1. Scientific collaboration SWIM and MYOMEX, exchange of information and protocols by Robert and Martin

2. Scientific faculty NCGE– 2-4 Dutch delegates, names provided after WGE member assembly October 5th. Meeting November 24th or December 1th 2017 in Copenhagen, or via webex.

3. NSGE-WGE congress September 2020 in Copenhagen.