

Nordic Dermatology Association

Minutes; General Assembly, Trondheim, April 29th 2016

1. Greetings from the president

Gregor Jemec opened the General Assembly.

2. Board report on activities of 2013-2016

Gregor Jemec made a SWAT-analysis of NDA, emphasizing the impact of continuous Nordic education activities on professional recognition at one labour market. The NDA surgery courses held in Copenhagen, the Dermoscopy course held in Gothenburg and the Dermatopathology course planned in Iceland represent a complete package in the field of dermatologic surgery. The courses have also become a good platform for networking. New course proposals according to the guidelines are welcome to be sent to the NDA Education Committee. The Bylaws Committee has worked with a proposal of the new statutes. The Congress Program Committee planned for the 33rd congress. Electronic Newsletters at the homepage www.nordicdermatology.com communicated the progress of the board activities.

3. Review of suggested New Bylaws and voting

Petter Gjersvik outlined the most important changes in bylaws. NDA being a society of individual Nordic dermatologists will become an association of the five Nordic Dermato-Venereologic Societies in order to strengthen the contact between the national society boards. The leadership structure and rules for appointments, re-appointments, board voting, Nordic congresses, Nordic Forum for Dermatology and Venereology as well as dissolution of NDA were summarized. Annual Nordic educational courses and Nordic congresses every third year will continue as main activities. The General Assembly voted in favour of the new bylaws.

4. Treasurers' report

Tabulated finances for the period 2013-2016 were reviewed by Joanna Wallengren. A financial surplus, built up for many years, has been used for two board meetings a year and meetings of the Bylaw Committee and Educational Committee, resp. The number of NDA travel grants for young dermatologists who present an abstract at the Nordic Dermatology Congress increased from 19 for the Tampere Congress to 29 for the Trondheim Congress. The list of NDA travel grant recipients was shown.

5. Auditor's report

The auditors' report was read by Gregor Jemec. The meeting decided to accept discharge of liability for the president, the Secretary General & treasurer and the Board.

6. Appointments for the forthcoming three-year period

Danish Dermatological Society

Tove Agner
Deirdre Nathalie Dufour
Gregor Jemec

Finnish Dermatological Society

Sirkku Peltonen
Teea Salmi
Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä

Icelandic Dermatological Society

Bolli Bjarnason
Elisabet Reykdal Jóhannesdóttir

Norwegian Society of Dermatology and Venereology

Petter Gjersvik
Jan C. Sitek
Katarina Zak Stangeland

Swedish Society of Dermatology and Venereology

Katarina Lundqvist
Elisabet Nylander
John Paoli

7. Next congress

The Swedish Society for Dermatology and Venereology has voted for hosting the next Nordic congress in 2019 in Gothenburg.

9. Nordic Forum for Dermatology and Venereology

Agneta Andersson presented novelties of the journal. The majority of General Assembly wished Forum to continue in its present form and not only as an electronic journal. Mona Ståhle discussed the future of the Nordic dermatologic cooperation stressing on the importance of a Nordic journal as a channel for communication. Gregor Jemec suggested that journal indexing such as PubMed or DOAJ, would make publishing in Forum more attractive for young investigators.

10. Open topics

The board thanked Joanna Wallengren for her work as Secretary General and treasurer.

11. Closing of the meeting

There was general consensus that the present congress had an excellent quality and educational value. The Assembly congratulated the organizers for a scientifically and socially very successful meeting. The meeting was closed.

Joanna Wallengren
NDA Secretary General and treasurer

Gregor Jemec
NDA president