

Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology (NFOG) Annual Report 2019

The Board of NFOG

President: Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann, Denmark (to April 26th 2019) and Oskari Heikinheimo (starting April 26th 2019), Finland. Secretary General: Maija Jakobsson, Finland. Treasurer: Espen Berner, Norway. National Representatives: Eva Uustal (SFOG), Nils-Havdan Morken (NGF), Hannu Martikainen (SGY), Hanne Brix Westergaard (DSOG), Alexander Smáráson (FÍFK). Other members of the Board: Ganesh Acharya, Norway (AOGS Chief Editor), Antti Perheentupa, Finland (Scientific Committee Chair), Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska, Finland (Educational Committee Chair), Niels Uldbjerg, Denmark (Guidelines Committee Chair), Lars Ladfors (Webmaster), Elisabeth Frederika Rosen, Denmark and Hanna Lilja Oddgeirsdóttir, Iceland (NFYOG), Bjarne Rønne Kristensen, Denmark (President of NFOG 2018) and Ragnheiður I. Bjarnadóttir (President of NFOG 2021)

Internal Auditors: Thea Lousen, Denmark and Kevin Sunde Oppegaard, Norway

Deputy Auditor: Liselott Andersson, Sweden

External auditor: Jesper Fenger Smidt, Aaen & Co, State Authorized public Accounting firm.

The Board of NFOG held three meetings during 2019. The minutes from these meetings have been posted on the NFOG website.

Economy, budget and accounts

The economy of NFOG is supervised by treasurer Espen Berner. The new treasurer, starting on January 1st, 2020 will be Kristina Renault from Denmark. The income is derived from the membership fees, AOGS subscriptions and returns from the NFOG assets.

The expenditure is generated by the activity of AOGS, and the management costs generated by the Board, the NFOG Committees, and a possible deficit generated by the NFOG Congress. 66% of the budget surplus is transferred to the NFOG Fund, and is thus distributed to the members of NFOG. The economy of NFOG is well balanced. The budget and accounts were presented at the Extraordinary General Assembly in April, 2019.

AOGS (ACTA)

Ganesh Acharya (GA) has been the Chief Editor of AOGS. The number of manuscript submissions per year has remained stable in recent years. The rejection rate was 78 % in 2018. The average time from submission to first decision has been decreasing continuously since 2015. In 2019, the submissions came from 62 countries, there are substantially more submissions from English-speaking countries. The impact factor (IF) increased to **2.741** in 2018 and AOGS now ranks 21/83 among ob&gyn journals. AOGS has regularly published special theme issues and they have been very popular.

The Chief Editor has agreed with Wiley to make all articles older than 12 months freely available. Worldwide the proportion of subscription of journals shrank between 2012 and 2016 giving way to more open-access (OA) and hybrid journals. According to the global trends most of the funding organisations demand OA publication. The European commission has agreed to have all papers OA by 2020. The Board has discussed extensively about going over to OA, but final decisions are yet to be made.

NFOG Fund

The Scientific Committee (SC) has worked actively for the NFOG fund. The NFOG Board has approved and decided to follow the funding suggestions made by the SC.

Website

(www.nfog.org). Improvements for the website has been decided at the board meetings and introduced by webmaster Lars Ladfors.

Committees

The Scientific Committee (SC) have assessed the applications to the NFOG Fund and suggest allocations. The application procedure for the NFOG fund had been changed into fully electronic application platform.

Educational committee (EC) arranged the Educational course on Ethical issues in obstetrics and gynecology, that was held on April, 2019 in Stockholm. The course was unfortunately not very well attended, with only 48 participants.

Guideline committee has presented the first Nordic guideline on progesterone in prevention of preterm birth in 2018. The role and composition of the guideline committee is under negotiation. NFOG collaborates with EC to further evaluate educational needs and to uniform specialist training in Nordic countries.

EBCOG

Several members of the NFOG board have attended EBCOG meetings in 2019. The next EBCOG congress will be held in May, 2020 in Bergen, Norway. The NFOG will organize a Nordic session during the congress.

FIGO

Kristina Gemzell Danielsson from Sweden have represented NFOG in the FIGO Executive Board.

Nordic textbook

The General Assembly has decided in April 2019 to supported the project of Nordic textbook for medical students. The Board initiative money has already earlier been allocated to the preliminary phase of the textbook.

General remarks

The aim of the NFOG Board is to promote the clinical and scientific collaboration between the obstetricians and gynecologists in the Nordic countries, and to work to achieve a high standard of training at all levels in obstetrics and gynecology. NFOG works to improve the reproductive health of women worldwide . The assets of NFOG are used to promote this aim, and the NFOG Fund is an important tool in order to achieve these goals.

The present NFOG Board will make every effort to continue, and expand, the important work of NFOG.

On behalf of the NFOG Board.

December 31th, 2019

Oskari Heikinheimo
President

Maija Jakobsson
Secretary General