



Nordic Spinal Deformities Society

NSDS General Assembly business meeting 2017 Stockholm / Saltsjöbaden, Sweden, Saturday August 26

Minutes

NSDS president René Castelein opened the general Assembly. Unfortunately, Karen Weigert, current secretary of the General Assembly, is not able to attend the meeting and general assembly business meeting. Barend van Royen is asked to make notes during this 2017 general assembly.

1. The minutes 2016 Turku/Naantaly, Finland was approved.
2. The presidential report was presented by René Castelein, chairman of the NSDS.

3. Program

Current NSDS meeting 2017:

<http://reg.akademikonferens.se/app/attendee/default.asp?ProjectId=8247&PageId=49157>

NSDS 2018: Kolding, Denmark, at Hotel Koldingfjord. 23-25 August, 2018.

Local host: Mikkel Andersen and Peter Helmig

NSDS 2019 meeting: Investigate location Bergen (Norway) together with Oslo? Local host together with Raphael Abador.

NSDS 2020: The Netherlands will be candidate (Castelein/deKleuver/VanRoyen)

4. Membership

New members were suggested and presented by the country representatives and were all elected as new members. These names will be sent forward to Karen Weigert and will be included in our member register.

5. Nominating:

Paul Gerdhem (Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden) was unanimously elected president of the NSDS for the next two years (changing uneven years).

Karen Weigert is still secretary (2015-2017; changing even years). Next 2018 NSDS meeting, a successor shall be voted for.

6. The country report given by the country representatives:

SE: Hans Tropp: Lack of nurses, beds, and OR nurses in Sweden resulting in longer waiting lists. Peter Endler adds that no staffing becomes critical. Tropp: This meeting is important for young colleagues.

NL: Rene Castelein: The same problems in the Netherlands. OR facilities in UMC's are closing in up to 20-25%

DK: Cody Bunger: Supports 2 surgeons policy for deformity surgery. Education: consider low fee for trainee. Make a formal statement from the NSDS considering the current problems in deformity surgery that can be used by all individual country representatives.

FIN: Olli Pajulo: Nothing to report

NO: Ragnhild Molland: nothing to report

6. Alf Nachemson memorial lecture 2017: Rune Hedlund, Gothenburg, Sweden

7. Future policy:

- A debate follows whether the NSDS can become an European deformity society, including other European countries. Since the current European (fused) spine societies lack the key subject of spinal deformities. Bunger: Collaboration with other societies is not recommended, there are enough meetings. Hedlund: Current size is perfect. On request, we can discuss joining of the Baltic countries. The assembly votes for continuing with the current 5 countries.
- Gerdhem: Future meetings costs: the same policy price inclusive hotel. Low fee for trainee?
- Castelein: He will make a proposal for a NSDS statement
- Gerdhem: All country representatives have to make a list of the current member e-mails
- Gerdhem: each organizing committee should make a website for the NSDS meeting 1 year prior to the meeting.
- Gerdhem: Thanks to Rene Castelein as past president from all of us

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