

The Nordic Dermatology Association's Resurgence

Shortly after the very successful 33rd Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Trondheim, the Nordic Dermatology Association (NDA) celebrated its 106th birthday. Curiously, the NDA's anniversary is indeed a very special day for the Norwegians as well: May 17th, Norway's "nasjonaldag". Since the NDA's centennial 6 years ago, the synergies brought about by our Nordic alliance have been growing stronger than ever.

In Trondheim, the NDA members voted in favour of changing the association's bylaws. These newly approved bylaws have been thoroughly revised and entail several important modifications, which will surely lead to even better relations between the members of our national societies. In fact, the most important change in the bylaws was that, instead of having individual members, the NDA now has 5 member organizations. These members are of course the national societies of dermatology and venereology in Denmark (Dansk Dermatologisk Selskab), Finland (Suomen Ihotautilääkäriyhdistys), Iceland (Félag íslenskra húðlækna), Norway (Norsk forening

for dermatologi og venerologi) and Sweden (Svenska Sällskapet för Dermatologi och Venereologi).

Another positive update is the increased number of members in the NDA Board, which now has 14 members with 3 representatives from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden each as well as two representatives from Iceland. It is worth mentioning that the board members were nominated prior to the elections by the respective national societies in order to ensure a closer collaboration between the NDA and its member organizations. Our new board consists of the following members:

President:



Gregor Jemec (DK)

Secretary General:



John Paoli (S)

Treasurer:



Katarina Zak Stangeland (N)

Board members from Denmark:



Tove Agner



Deirdre Nathalie Dufour

Board members from Iceland:



Bolli Bjarnason



Elisabet Reykdal Jóhannesdóttir

Board members from Norway:



Petter Gjersvik



Jan Cezary Sitek

Board members from Finland:



Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä



Sirkku Peltonen



Teea Salmi

Board members from Sweden:



Katarina Lundqvist



Elisabet Nylander

Past Congress President:



Kristin Ryggen (N)

One of the NDA's main goals is to organize congresses, courses and other meetings in order to improve the basic and continuing education of dermatologists and venereologists. In this regard, efforts have also been made to rejuvenate the Nordic congresses of dermatology and venereology, which will continue to be held every 3 years preferably in conjunction with national meetings. This practice will hopefully engage a larger number of participants and make the Nordic congress a highlight for the host nation to concentrate on each 3rd year. The 34th Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden with John Paoli as the Congress President.

We have also seen a very positive change since the NDA's Education committee commenced its work and the emergence of our new Nordic courses in dermatological surgery, global dermatology and dermoscopy. Together with excellent speakers from Norway and Finland, Gregor Jemec, Robert

Gniadecki (DK) and John Paoli are now organizing the 4th Nordic Course on Skin Surgery this autumn. In October, Maria Bradley, Anders Grängsjö and Iara Drakensjö from Sweden will also be opening up their 3rd Global Dermatology Course in Stockholm, Sweden and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for participants from all Nordic countries. Finally, the 2nd Nordic Dermoscopy Course run by John Paoli will be held in Gothenburg again in April next year. We firmly believe that these courses are a fantastic opportunity to raise the bar for the education and professional development of our Nordic colleagues. The courses are also an excellent platform to interact and build relations with our neighbours from whom we have so much more to learn.

In summary, we are extremely happy to see the positive effects of the ongoing resurgence of the NDA and look forward to further engaging the members of our Nordic national societies in our upcoming courses, congresses and other activities.



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