

**Teleconference NorPEN
April 4th 2016**

Present:

- Helle Kieler (chair, Sweden), Jesper Hallas (Denmark), Svetlana Skurtveit (Norway), Helga Zoega (Iceland). No substitute were available for Finland
- Morten Schmidt (Pharmacoepidemiological Societies)
- Sharam Bahmanyar (Sweden, NorPEN 2016 meeting 2016)
- Leena Saastamoinen (On behalf of registry holders)
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- **Absent:** Sirpa Hartikainen (Finland)

1. Approval of notes from last TC, January 19 2016

Approved.

2. Communicating information to substitutes

Decided to make meeting notes public on the NorPEN website to increase transparency. This will be one way to keep the substitutes updated. Each Executive Committee member will however, continue to inform their substitute individually on what is happening within the Committee.

3. NorPEN website, updates

Discussed how to best use the NorPEN website. All Executive Committee members can contact Morten Olesen at University of Southern Denmark directly to have website updated or add information to it. Please keep all other Committee members updated on such changes by cc-ing them on your emails to Morten Olesen.

Discussed how to advertise and make the NorPEN website more visible.

More research groups can/should be listed on the website under Research Group link. Please contact relevant pharmacoepidemiologic research groups in your country to be added to the website.

4. Election of student representatives until 2017

Candidate elected: Lotte Rasmussen, pharmacist and PhD student in pharmacoepidemiology (psychotropic drug use in children) at Odense University. Email: lorasmussen@health.sdu.dk

Substitute candidate: To be considered within next two weeks and decided upon next TC.

5. Survey NORPEN course, Odense November 2015

Of the 50 course participants 25 responded (50%), the majority of which responded they would attend a course in 2016.

Course length: approximately 50% opted for a 2-day course and the other half a 3-day course in 2016.

Course topics: Propensity scores and self-controlled designs were the top two topic choices (followed by immortal time bias).

Improvements for course: more breaks, more material sent out to students in beforehand.

6. Stockholm meeting, November 2016

Preliminary meeting information has been added to NorPEN website. This will be an open 2-and-a-half day meeting.

Lodging: 50 hotel rooms have been reserved– deadline to book room is October 1st 2016.

Course topics: Propensity scores and reversed causality.

Course management: with KI contractor. Hosts attending course regarding optimal course conduct.

Meeting presentations: Experts in meeting topic are being discussed currently and will be shared with Ex. Comm. very soon. These will preferably be presenters from all different Nordic countries that did not present at the last NorPEN meeting. Please send suggestions for presenters directly to Shahram: shahram.bahmanyar@ki.se

7. AOB

Meeting notes will be added to NorPEN Website once they have been accepted by Executive Committee, e.g. meeting notes from January 19th will now be sent to Morten Olesen.

Need to nominate candidates for free Executive Committee positions in August.

Updating of new publications to NorPEN website, i.e. publications by NorPEN members from two or more Nordic countries and based on data from two or more Nordic countries.

Timing of next two TCs decided to facilitate Executive Committee member scheduling.

8. Next meetings

June 9TH at 14.00 CET

August 29th at 14.00 CET