

NorPEN Executive Teleconference

May 30th 2017

Present: Marte Handal (chair), Mette Nørgaard (note keeper), Helle Kieler, Leena Saastamoinen, Sirpa Hartikainen, Miia Artama, Heidi Taipale, Védís Helga Eiríksdóttir

Absent: Sigrún Jóhannesdóttir

1. Marte welcomed all.
2. Mette was appointed to take notes.
3. Notes from the meeting February 7th 2017 were approved without any comments.
4. The preliminary program for the Helsinki Meeting on November 1-3 was discussed. Since last meeting the only change was a session about use of biosimilars in the Nordic Countries. Everybody agreed that this is a relevant and interesting topic. Leena would like members of the executive committee to identify a potential speaker on biosimilars from each country. We will get an Email later on this.

At last meeting, it was suggested to include more details on the educational program, and Pharmacoepi-slam. The plan is to make practical sessions in both SAS, STATA and R. The Finnish team will add a bit more information about this during the next week and then the program will be posted at the NorPEN webpage.

The Finnish team had some questions regarding the registration form from the meeting. Helle will find the registration form from the Stockholm meeting and pass the information on to the Finnish team.

5. The budget for the Helsinki meeting is ready – the registration fee will be 180 Euro
6. Marte noticed at the NorPEN webpage that Jesper Hallas is still mentioned as part of the executive Committee. Mette confirmed that she and Jesper just swapped so that Jesper is still substitute for the committee.
7. Helle informed about the planned grant application for a Nordic postgraduate course in pharmaco-epidemiology. There is now a writing group consisting of Morten, Helga, Marte and Helle who are working on the application, the faculty and the Steering committee. The plan is to organise a course that should have two parts and run for two occasions – once in Stockholm and once in Copenhagen. Anyone interested in participating in this work should feel free to contact Helle
8. The next TC is planned to September 14 at 13.00 CET. Iceland (Védís or Helga) will be chair and will send the invitation together with the agenda to all regular representatives. Marte will be note-keeper.