

NorPEN executive committee

Skype-meeting 1/2020

13-14 CET, 30 January 2020

Present: Leena Saastamoinen (chair, registry holders), Mikkel Højlund (PhD students), Hedvig Nordeng (NO), Ólafur B. Einarsson (IS), Sirpa Hartikainen (FI), Carolyn Cesta (NorPEN 2020 organizing committee), Vera Ehrenstein (DK).

Chair: Leena

Notes: Vera

1. Welcome and introductions

We may consider using zoom as an alternative to Skype in the future because many organizations do not allow use of Skype.

2. Choosing the chair and vice chair of NorPEN

The chair has been chosen annually. Leena and Miia have been chair/vice chair for 2 years. In principle, previous chair/vice chair may continue. Sirpa and Hedvig suggest that Leena continue as the chair. It is unclear if Miia is willing to continue as vice chair. There is a point of having chair and vice chair being from different countries. We will contact Miia. If she is willing to continue she will, if not Hedvig will take on the vice chair role.

3. Accepting the minutes from Aarhus face-to-face-meeting 14 November 2019

Minutes are accepted.



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4. NorPEN 2020 in Stockholm

Update and outline from Carolyn: see document embedded below.

Topics for discussion put to the group by the organizing committee:

- Consideration of the following potential funding sources if suitable for NorPEN
 - o Apotekarsocieteten (Swedish Pharmaceutical Society): EC approves
 - o Läkemedelsindustriföreningen (LIF): EC approves
- Format of the meeting. Start time is up to the organizer. Considering having courses on Wednesday only and not on Thursday. Ending not too late on Friday is a good idea.
- Target audience for CDM workshop: previously considered to be for senior researchers, rather than students/postdocs. Non-Nordic data models can be discussed as there is a lot of activity in the ENCePP

EC suggestions:

- Theme: building in the Nordic model into the current title – to promote branding of the Nordic countries as leaders in pharmacoepidemiology. Ask what hinders sustainable development in the Nordic countries? What makes it possible? These are themes that would be interesting to address.

- Registration fee: consider a considerably higher registration fee for participants from private sector (pharmaceutical industry, CROs). Consider doubling the fee for the private sector.



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5. Participating fee for different type of organizations in NorPEN

Addressed in item 4: consider a considerably higher registration fee for participants from private sector (pharmaceutical industry, CROs). Consider doubling the fee for the private sector.

6. Funding possibilities (Norway and Sweden) (development priority)

Sweden: representatives from Sweden are not on the call.

Norway: Hedvig focused on Nordic sources. Ongoing consortium within pharmaceutical industry; joint ventures. Currently no relevant calls from NordForsk. Others include Nordic Cancer Union, NovoNordisk, Erasmus + training programs for students, Nomesco, Marie Cure fellowships. At the moment nothing 'very striking'. Hedvig shared the following link

<https://www.mn.uio.no/farmasi/english/research/norwegian-phd-school/external-funding-opportunities-for-nfif-members/external-funding-opportunities-for-phd-students/>

7. Common data model, inviting Morten Andersen to the next Skype meeting (development priority)

Will suggest to Morten: 24 February 14:30 CET/15:30 CEST based on everyone's availability. **To be confirmed with Morten.**

8. On-going papers (constant agenda)

1. The "Statement Paper": 'when a region is a cohort' (opportunities and barriers): Hedvig received input and is in the process of organizing it. Mikkel has offered to help in the task if needed.
2. Bjorn Wettermark is also working on a paper on most commonly dispensed drugs from prescription registries. NorPEN to send an update request and whether he needs support.

9. Other issues

- Consider preparing an ICPE symposium on Nordic Data sources for the North American audience.
- Other topics are postponed until the next meeting. Preliminary agenda embedded below.

10. **Next Skype meeting** : 24 February 14:30 CET/15:30 CEST (**To be confirmed with Morten A**) chair: DK, notes: FI. Please remember to inform your substitute.



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The chair and the note-keeper for the TCs take turns by country: DK, NO, IS, SE and FI. The chair of one meeting will take notes at the next meeting.