

NorPEN Executive Committee meeting  
November 10, 2021, 12-13 CET

Present: Leena Saastamoinen (chair), Mikkel Højlund (secretary), Lina Mørch, Bjørn Pasternak, Hedvig Nordeng, Vera Ehrenstein, Larus Gudmundsson

### **1. Minutes for the last meeting**

Accepted

### **2. Election of the new Executive Committee members**

In odd years, new representatives for Denmark, Iceland, Register holders and PhD students are to be elected. Following representatives and their substitutes were elected for the executive committee of NorPEN for the next two years.

#### **Denmark:**

Ordinary: Lotte Rasmussen, University of Southern Denmark

Substitute: Maurizio Sessa, University of Copenhagen

#### **Iceland:**

Ordinary: Larus Gudmundsson (CV), University of Iceland

Substitute: None

#### **Register holders:**

Ordinary: Leena Saastamoinen, The Social Insurance Institution, Finland

Substitute: Maarit Leinonen, Finnish Agency for Health and Welfare

#### **PhD students:**

Ordinary: Arto Puranen, University of Eastern Finland

Substitute: Anne Paakinaho, University of Eastern Finland

### **3. Secretary for the EC**

Because the current secretary of the executive committee (PhD student representative) will be graduating, a new secretary will be needed. EC decided that the position would be offered to the PhD student representative.

### **4. Educational group**

Work in progress. Bjørn will give an update at the next meeting.

### **5. Ongoing papers**

Mikkel gave a brief update on the Nordic benzodiazepine drug utilization study.

Hedvig informed that the ongoing paper on GDPR has been postponed due to COVID-related work.

### **6. Future of NorPEN**

Overall aims: Education and information sharing:

Search for cooperation could be through NorPEN mailing list or websites.

Presentation of member groups (profile/special interests) on the NorPEN-webpage could be improved/expanded.

Education of doctoral/master students within NorPEN – specific courses in pharmacoepidemiology, e.g., propensity score-techniques.

Round table discussions on pharmacoepidemiology using NorPEN as a forum.

NorPEN courses as a forum for potential PE-PhD-candidates.

**7. Other points**

Brief round-table discussion on ongoing research

**8. Next meeting**

January 26th at 12 CET: First meeting of the new EC (Teams link from Leena)