

Minutes: NorPEN EC, 11.00 CET, June 14, 2022

Present: Larus Gudmundsson (chair), Leena Saastamoinen (secretary), Carolyn Cesta (SE), Lina Mørch (Societies), Hedvig Nordeng (NO), Heidi Taipale (meeting organizing committee)

1. Welcome, Lárus SG (IS)

2. Note keeper

Leena Saastamoinen (FI) promised to keep the notes.

3. Approval of notes from the last meeting, all

The notes were approved as such.

4. Membership application from: CAUSALab

CAUSALab at KI, Unit of Epidemiology, Institute of Environmental Medicine (IMM), Karolinska Institutet (KI), Stockholm, Sweden has applied membership of NorPEN. The group was accepted as a NorPEN member.

5. Educational group, updates

Carolyn gave the updates on behalf of the Educational group. Educational group had a meeting in early May.

A NorPEN seminar series will be arranged once month starting in September. Three members of the educational committee will be responsible for the coordination (Carolyn Cesta, Laura Pazzagli, Ingvild Odsbu). They will reach out to all members of the Executive Committee in August for presenter suggestions so as to ensure that all Nordic countries are represented in the seminar schedule. In November there will not be any seminar due to the NorPEN 2022 meeting in Tampere. More information coming.

Björn is working with an email list for educational information.

Increasing student and researcher exchange between the Nordic countries is one of the short term goals of the NorPEN Education group and will be planned further.

Establishing a Nordic pharmacoepi doctoral course portfolio is a long-term goal. Mette and Hedvig are working on charting the opportunities of collaboration with NorPEN and good on-going pharmacoepidemiology educational programs in the Nordic countries and Europe. E.g. Århus University has a summer school open to all, EU has training programme in pharmacovigilance and pharmacoepidemiology [Eu2P: European training programme in Pharmacovigilance and Pharmacoepidemiology](#).

400 000 SEK is remaining from NordForsk grant from the previous NorPEN course mostly due to COVID19 pandemic preventing the last face-to-face course. Carolyn is going to discuss with Helle Kieler whether NordForsk could be asked to continue the grant period and allow the money to be used for future NorPEN course(s).

6. NorPEN 2022 meeting in Tampere, Finland / program updates

The budget of the conference is looking good due to the grant from BCPT and a possibility for backup grant from Tampere University. Collaboration with Tampere University conference office is smooth.

Abstract submission form is under construction.

Reminders on the deadlines will be sent in August and September.

7. Ongoing papers

Mikkel's paper on benzodiazepine use in the Nordic countries is submitted to Basic and Clinical Toxicology.

8. Other

A little face-to-face meeting at ICPE Copenhagen August 24-28 was discussed.

9. Next Teams meeting

Aug 30, 2022, at 13-14 CET

Chair: SE, note keeper: secretary