

MINUTES – Meeting of the Nordic Congress Committee (NCC)

Thursday 11 April 2024, 14:00 - 16:30

Venue: Scandic Palace Hotel, Rådhuspladsen 57, 1550 København V

Participants: The Congress Committee Anna Davelid, Andreas Stomby, Sanne Bernard, Olav Thorsen, Berglind Gunnarsdóttir, Jaana Franck, Kati Lempinen, Päivi Korhonen

- 1. Opening and welcome by the Chair of the Committee Jaana Franck**
- 2. Introduction of all members**
- 3. Appointment of chair of the meeting**
Jaana Franck was appointed.
- 4. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting**
Päivi Korhonen was appointed.
- 5. Approval of agenda for the meeting**
The agenda was approved.
- 6. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting in 2023**
The minutes were approved.
- 7. Report from the Finnish members regarding the congress in Turku Finland 2024**
Chair of the Organizing Committee, Jaana Franck gave an update on NCGP2024 (www.ncgp2024.fi) in Turku. Get together -reception will be in the evening of 11th June at the Turku city theatre. The main congress dates are 12th–14th June, and the venue is an old locomotive repairing factory named Logomo. NCGP2024 will be a partly hybrid event so that the scientific programme of the main lecture hall will be available online.
Early bird registration fee is 750 euros (500 euros for young doctors) by April 15th 2024. After this, fee is 850 euros (600 euros for young doctors). Online participation fee is 400 euros. At the time being, there are 811 registered participants.
On 13th June, there will be two options open to evening gatherings at the island of Ruissalo. Congress Dinner is more formal and Summer Evening Party more informal and cheaper.
Later in the evening, a joint after-party will be arranged. Other social events include morning run/walk, yoga, and city walking tour.

Chair of the Scientific Committee, Päivi Korhonen informed about scientific programme. There will be 7 Keynote lectures, one for every Nordic Core Value, and a summary lecture in the closing ceremony. By the end of the deadlines for symposia/workshops (30th November 2023) and oral/poster presentations (15th January 2024), 271 abstracts were submitted. Of these, 264 were approved by the Scientific Committee. Some abstracts were rejected because they were unrelated to General Practice or were of poor quality. There will be 14 symposia and 33 workshops. Call for latebreaking abstracts will be launched soon.

Head of the Organizing Committee, Kati Lempinen presented the programme of the 4th Nordic Young General Practitioners' (NYGP) Pre-Congress. It will be arranged at the university premises on 10th–11th June under the theme 'Dare to be the change'. The focus is on learning about prioritizing in health care, de-implementing low-impact practices, and promoting young GPs' wellbeing. At the moment, 87 participants have registered, 21 of them outside the Nordic countries.

8. Report from the Swedish members regarding the congress in Sweden 2026

Chair of the Organizing Committee Anna Davelid and Chair of the Scientific Committee Andreas Stomby informed about preparations towards the NCGP2026 congress, which will be held in Jönköping on 26th–29th May 2026. The theme of the congress is sustainable health care. The Organizing Committee has been appointed, and already two meetings have been held. The Scientific Committee consists of one person from each Swedish medical faculty. The congress venue is Elmia congress hall with auditoriums for up to 1100 people and 15 conference rooms. The NYGP pre-congress will be arranged on 25th–26th May 2026.

9. Knowledge sharing regarding Nordic congresses

It was agreed that the Evaluation paper made by the previous NCGP organizers is of great value for the next organizer. Emerging negative aspects are also important to be noticed and written down. Getting sponsors to NCGPs from other Nordic countries would help in financing the congresses.

10. PR regarding Nordic congresses

Visibility of the Nordic congresses was discussed. Promotion of the next congress could be worthwhile in Nordic national congresses and medical journals as well as in posting lists.

11. Next meeting in 2025

Next meeting of the NCC will be held in the Spring Meeting 2025 of the NFGP in Copenhagen.

12. Any other business

There were no other businesses to discuss.

13. Closing of the meeting