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Annual General Meeting 2008

The AGM 2008 was held May the 22nd at Teaterskeppet in Stockholm, just after the 5th scientific meeting.

The following members were elected for the board:

From Finland: Timo Hautala is a specialist in internal medicine and infectious diseases from the University of Oulu, Departments of internal medicine and medical microbiology. He holds a PhD from the University of Oulu: Molecular genetics of Ehlers-Danlos VI syndrome (severe connective tissue disease) 1993, and have been associated as a post-doctoral research fellow at Baylor College of Medicine, laboratory of C Thomas Caskey 1994 and the University of Iowa, laboratory of Michael J Welsh, 1994 – 1996. His main clinical interests are infections in patients with primary or secondary immunodeficiency and current research interests are Central nervous complications in nephropathia epidemica and Infections in immunocompromised patients.



Timo Hautala (FI)



Vanda Friman (SE)

From Sweden: Vanda Friman is a specialist in infectious diseases at Sahlgrenska University Hospital Göteborg. She holds a PhD and is currently assistant professor at the Department of Infectious Diseases Göteborg University

Her main interest in research as well as in clinical work are patients with different immunodeficiencies – primary immunodeficiency, organ transplant patients and oncologic patients, both paediatric and adult patients.

Peter Gaustad and Ditte Saunte have served a full 3-year period but accepted re-election for another 3 year period.

Thus the board consists of (election/re-election year):
 Maiken Cavling Arendrup (President) (2007)
 Lena Klingspor (Vice president) (2007)
 Peter Gaustad (General Secretary) (2008)
 Ditte Saunte (Treasurer) (2008)
 Vanda Friman (2008)
 Pentti Kuusela (2006)
 Tore Abrahamsen (2006)
 Timo Hautala (2008)

The minutes from the AGM will soon be circulated to the members and posted at the web site www.nsmm.nu

5th NSMM & 28th SSKM Meeting:

The fifth Scientific Meeting of NSMM, arranged in collaboration with the Swedish Society for Clinical Mycology (SSKM), took place on May 22nd 2008, Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting was held at "Teaterskeppet" which is situated in Stockholm harbour and during the lunch-break the ship took us on a trip in the beautiful Stockholm archipelago.



Theoklis Zaoutis



Rosemary Barnes

We had the honour to have two distinguished invited key-note speakers: Theoklis Zaoutis from Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, USA who talked on "Fungal

Infections in the Neonatal and Paediatric Population" a topic which is highly relevant but less well studied in the Nordic countries, and Rosemary Barnes from Cardiff University, UK who talked on "Impacts of Diagnostics on Antifungal Treatment: Have New Developments brought us any further?" which with all the new tests being developed is a burning topic.

Visit the web site www.nsmm.nu where photos, the programme & abstract book, and selected presentations from the meeting are now available.



Peter Gaustad and Tore Abrahamsen

TIMM 2011 – NSMM has posted a bid

The NSMM board decided to bid for hosting the Trends In Medical Mycology (TIMM) conference in Copenhagen in 2011. A formal bid was submitted in April as we see this as a possible opportunity to put the Nordic Society at the global map. Two other countries have also bid namely Israel (Tel Aviv) and Spain (Valencia). The decision is probably made in the autumn 2008.

The 4th TIMM will be in Athens, Greece 18 – 21 October 2009.



NSMM Course in Histopathology 2008-9

Histopathology in Medical Mycology: Theory to Practice

A one-day course on the diagnosis of fungal infections by histopathology was held at the Department of Pathology, Karolinska, Huddinge near Stockholm on May 21st 2008 by Professor Henrik Elvang Jensen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

The course was a composition of lectures and practical exercises at the microscope for the morphological recognition of fungi and the application of immunohisto-

chemistry for the identification of fungi to the genus and/or species level.

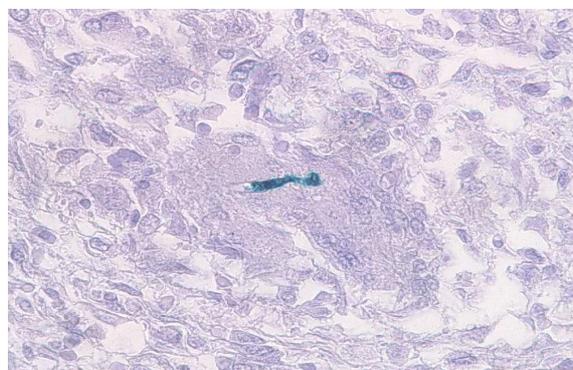
Henrik Elvang-Jensen is willing to repeat the course in Denmark in connection with the 6th meeting – so don't hesitate to contact a board member or Henrik Elvang-Jensen at helj@life.ku.dk if you are interested in participating in a possible future course. The course is aimed at clinical microbiologists and pathologists with interest in medical mycology. The number of participants is limited to 10 due to its hands-on design.



Short break during the histopath course



Individual studies and discussion



Zygomycetes hyphae (Kindly provided by H Elvang Jensen)



Henrik Elvang-Jensen (Left)

6th NSMM meeting 2009

The venue for the next scientific meeting will be Copenhagen DK March 12-13
The meeting will be entitled

“Fungal infections today: Diagnostic and treatment challenges”

The following topics have been proposed

- Mould infection
 - Disease categories (ABPA, Sinusitis, IPA, Disseminated Asp, Other moulds)
 - Risk Factors & Risk Groups
 - Diagnosis
 - Treatment (Prophylaxis, Empirical, Preemptive, Targeted therapy)
 - Cases
- Imported mycosis
 - Histoplasmosis
 - Coccidioides
 - P. marneffeii
 - Immigrants
 - Dermatormycosis: Tinea capitis, Madura foot
 - Cases
- Update on Diagnosis
- Update on Fungal infection Treatment Guidelines
 - Candidiasis
 - Aspergillosis and other Moulds
- New therapeutically approached
 - Inhalation
 - Combination
 - New compounds
- Fungal infections and Human Genetics: Map yourself and you will know if you need antifungals!
- Dermatormycosis

Comments, opinions and suggestions are welcome – we expect to finalise the programme early autumn.

Membership and Payment

NSMM has a new Bank account in Sweden:
IBAN contonr: SE0950000000050481009280
BIC-kod (SWIFT): ESSESESS
Bank contonr: 5048-10 092 80

Please remember to pay your membership fee directly to any of the banc accounts in the 4 Nordic countries.

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Life member (fee 10 times annual fee):

70 € / 500 DKK / 500 NKK / 500 SEK

Corporate member (fee 100 times annual fee):

700 € / 5000 DKK / 5000 NKK / 5000 SEK.

Please note that no personal reminders are sent out and that it may take a while before you appear on the membership list as this is only updated a few times a year.

New members: Go to our web-site www.nsmm.nu and register online. Membership is valid as soon as the membership fee is received at any of the banc accounts in the 4 Nordic countries.

Unless there are directions to the contrary, membership nominations approved before September 1st are credited to the current year. Nominations approved after September 1st will become effective the following January. Regular membership are initiated and renewed in January each year.

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On behalf of the Society:



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