FROM THE EDITOR

Dear NSGO members,

This first newsletter for 2010 is written right after the NSGO Annual Meeting in Copenhagen 15.-16.April. There is no way of writing about this meeting without mentioning also the well known Volcano incident. This affected particularly Friday, since many of the participants (I included) had to start heading home prematurely due to transportation problems. Anyway, the meeting was a success, and lectures on Thursday about different aspects of cervical cancer were superb. Many thanks to the local organizers (Mansoor, Gerda and Carsten) for all your effort.

In this newsletter you will find a general information section. This section covers some very important topics, such as the membership fee and the new electronic voting system. After the general information section, a report of the Annual meeting in Copenhagen is presented. Also, the Annual Report for the year 2009 is presented. Although all these topics are presented at the (renewed) NSGO website (www.nsgo.org), please take a quick glimpse at this section.

As decided by the NSGO board, the Newsletter will appear twice a year, in the first weeks of May and November, and it will be sent to each members e-mail address. If you have material, which you would like to publish in the newsletter (congress reports, calls to meetings etc.) please contact me.

After this surprisingly cold and snowy winter I wish you all an astonishingly warm and sunny summer and hope, that Iceland will recover well from the damages caused by the volcano eruption.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership fee and how to pay

From 2010 onwards, there will be a membership fee for NSGO members. All members shall pay annual membership fees fixed by the General Assembly. In future, fees shall be paid to NSGO immediately upon election as a member of the Society, and thereafter before 1st of February every year. For the year 2010, the membership is 25 Euros. For the year 2010, the membership fee was included in the Copenhagen conference fee, so you all who participated in the conference have paid your membership fee. This practice (paying the annual membership fee in connection with the conference fee) will also be in use in the future.

Those who did not participate in the Annual meeting, will be able to pay the membership
fee through the internet banking system on the NSGO web page. The service, however, is not ready yet, but will most likely be functioning by the end of May. An email will be sent to all members, when the service is available and membership fees can be paid.

Voting in NSGO elections 2012 - : electronic voting

After the General Assembly 2010, new members of the Board and the President-elect (who functions as a Vice President for the following 3 years, then will continue as the President) of the Society are elected using an online internet voting procedure, via a password protected voting template on the NSGO web site. The web site will be open for online voting during at least 4 weeks, with beginning in the second week in January. The whole online voting procedure including any repetitive voting should be completed before March 1st. The received votes should be formally counted under supervision by a voting committee, composed of the two past Presidents.

The voting module is found in the members only –section in NSGO web page (www.nsgo.org). In order to get to the members only –section, you will need to register and acquire username and password. Instructions on how to do registration is found in the web page (click on members login in the column on the left).

New board members were elected in Copenhagen, so the next time to vote for Board members will be in January/February 2012. Each Board member can serve only 2 terms (length of term 2 years). The next voting for the president-elect will also be in January/February 2012.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES


For more information and registration, please visit www.sergs2010.org

IGCS 13th biennial meeting 23.-26.10.2010
Prague, Czeck Republic.
Visit www2.kenes.com/igcs-2010/pages/home.aspx

NSGO Annual meeting 2011

Next years annual meeting will be held in Norway 7.-8.April 2011. The site for the meeting is Holmen Fjordhotell (approximately 20 km from Oslo).

NSGO ANNUAL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN 15.-16.4.2010

The Annual meeting in Copenhagen attracted over 100 participants. The scientific theme for Thursday was “Cervical cancer- state of the art and new insights”. The titles of the lectures, including speakers, were:

Insights in the biology, pathogenesis, cause of cervical cancer & HPV DNA testing - Susanne Krüger Kjær (The Danish Cancer Society)
Preventive vaccines - Jorma Paavonen (Helsinki, Finland)
Role of radiographic imaging in cervical cancer management – before, during and after treatment - Nandita DeSouza (NCRI, UK)
Less radical surgery & fertility sparing surgery - Lukas Rob (Prague, CzechRepublic)
Neo-adjuvant Chemotherapy followed by surgery Lukas Rob (Prague, CzechRepublic)
IMRT - David Gaffney (RTOG, US)
Image Guided Adaptive Brachytherapy - Jacob Lindegaard (NSGO)

Recurrent disease session
Systemic chemotherapy - Wui-Jin Koh (GOG, US)
Targeted therapy - David Gaffney (RTOG, US)
Treatment morbidity - Pernille Jensen (NSGO)
All lecturers were asked, if their presentations could be put to the NSGO website members section. Most of them agreed. So, if you find the titles interesting, please visit the website later to see, if you can find the presentation. They are not there yet, but (hopefully) will be shortly.

In the evening, we were taken by buses on a short tour through Copenhagen, and on a boat to the new Opera House, where we had dinner. After dinner, we were given a tour in the Opera House, and this was very interesting, since we were able to see backstage and hear a lot of interesting facts about how the productions are run.

Friday started with a General Assembly meeting, followed by a workshop based on patient cases. The meeting ended with discussions about clinical trials. Unfortunately, many of us had to leave quite early on Friday.

**NSGO ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

The annual meeting 2009 was held in Stockholm with a symposium on Biology and Treatment of Ovarian Cancer. Eleven new members were welcomed to our Society which now consists of 284 members.

Mark Baekelandt was automatically installed as President and Elisabeth Ávall Lundqvist elected Vice President/President Elect. Due to sick leave of the President the Vice President has served in his place. The new Board has had seven Board meetings.

In September 2009 the Board had a Strategic Meeting in Sigtuna to plan and set up goals in
order to fulfil the mission of NSGO. A newsletter will be sent out twice yearly with Annika Auranen as editor. The first issue was launched October 2009. NSGO has a new website since Dec 2009. There are links to national and international cancer societies, training programmes, accredited centres and guidelines. On-line payment for membership fee and elections are prepared for. A questionnaire has been developed regarding willingness to participate in gyn oncology training.

The NSGO-CTU is led by a Director responding to the NSGO Trial Unit Foundation, an independent and non-commercial institution consisting of a committee of 5 members appointed by the NSGO Board with a state-authorised accountant. The Foundation has contracted Gunnar Kristensen to serve as the Director between April 1\textsuperscript{st} 2009- April 1\textsuperscript{st} 2012.

To increase participation and communication with investigators the Board replaced the NSGO-CTU Advisory Board with a NSGO-CTU Executive Board consisting of 3 persons from each Nordic country participating in clinical trials. Appointment criteria for these representatives are based on recruitment statistics and working activity within the trial organization.

NSGO have been active in clinical trials, GCIG and ENGOT which will be reported by the NSGO-CTU director.


\textit{Elisabeth Åvall Lundqvist}  
Vice president/President Elect

NSGO-CTU Executive Board

The new NSGO-CTU Executive Board (EB) consists of 3 members from each country involved in clinical trials. The members are appointed by the Board of NSGO who also will reevaluate the constitution of the EB every second year and make appropriate changes.

The tasks of the NSGO-CTU EB are the following;  
The EB make the final decision about NSGO-CTU participation in clinical studies.  
When a proposal for a clinical study is brought to the attention of NSGO-CTU, then the proposal is sent to all members of the EB for information and a provisional response. In case of a major positive response, the CTU responds back to the proposer and support/participate in further development of the proposal. For proposals coming from NSGO members, the proposer will be the Principal Investigator. The EB appoints national coordinators in cooperation with the CTU director. For proposals coming from other cooperative groups, the EB appoints national coordinators in cooperation with the CTU director. Appointment of members of Trial Steering Committees is to be discussed and agreed upon by the EB. Representatives in international Clinical Trial organizations (ex GCIG, ENGOT) are elected by the EB. EB members should encourage proposals from the industry to be run through the NSGO

\textit{Gunnar Kristensen}  
NSGO-CTU Director

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were taken as new members to the Society: Julia Bak, Sweden; Staffan Dahlen, Sweden; Ingolf Flatelund, Norway; Signe Frahm Bjørn, Denmark; Bushra Hassan Hamid, Denmark; Bodil Helenius Hvingel, Norway; Tommy Leijon, Sweden; Lisbeth Liest, Sweden; Annika Loft, Denmark; Anna Måsbäck, Sweden; Aida Muhic, Denmark; Lisa Ulrich, Denmark and Svein Vossli, Norway. Welcome to the Society!
THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The NSGO would like to extend its gratitude to the Board members who finished their terms at the Copenhagen meeting. We appreciate their hard work and commitment.

Dr. Helga Salvesen, Norway
Dr. Marit Sundset, Norway
Dr. Marja Simojoki, Finland
Dr. Ralf Bützow, Pathologist

NSGO Board 2010-2012

The new NSGO Board for the years 2010-2012 consists of the following persons:

Mark Baekelandt, President
Elisabeth Åvall-Lundqvist, President elect
Claus Høgdall, Denmark
Mansoor Raza Mirza, Denmark
Annika Auranen, Finland
Päivi Pakarinen, Finland
Anna Salvarsdottir, Iceland
Thorarinn Sveinsson, Iceland
Svein Vossli, Norway
Kathrine Woie, Norway
Kristina Hellman, Sweden
Susanne Malander, Sweden
Taran Hellebust, Norway - Physicist
Anna Måsbäck, Sweden - Pathologist

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