WORDS FROM THE EDITOR:

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the second NSGO Newsletter for 2014. A lot of exciting things are happening in the NSGO just now, as you will find as you read these pages. Perhaps most noticeable, we are trying to make the Newsletter slightly more readable, with easy bullet points and summary items. Some of the information provided is also a short summary of information that is available on the web page.

Planning for the Annual Meeting in 2015 is in full swing and I hope everyone is planning to attend. The schedule is full of interesting speakers, and there will be a session for PhD students.

The NSGO has also recently opened a Twitter account, which will be especially useful at the annual meeting.

I hope you find this newsletter interesting and useful. Please do not hesitate to suggest topics for future issues. I wish you all a Happy Holiday season!

Sincerely,

Joseph Carlson
Editor, NSGO Newsletter

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NSGO members,

I hope that those of you who attended the IGCS meeting in Melbourne have recovered from a long trip. Our sister organization succeeded in putting together an interesting program with good State of the Art sessions. The NSGO Board has also finalized a very interesting program for the next NSGO Annual Meeting 2015. The main theme is focusing on cervical and vulva cancer and we have invited excellent speakers, Nordic and international. Check out the program at www.nsgo.org and book the meeting (May 7-8th 2015, Copenhagen in your calendar). There will also be time for subcommittee and network meetings. Please contact NSGO Office if you want to join a specific network or subcommittee. This year the oral presentations by PhD students were a real success. Next year we plan to have poster session and a prize for the best poster. More information will follow.

It is with great pleasure I announce that we have very experienced and skilled candidates for the coming position as President-Elect. On-line election will start in January so please take this opportunity and vote!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Åvall Lundqvist
President NSGO

Have an idea for the Newsletter?
Don’t be shy, let me know!
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WORDS FROM THE CTU MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dear colleagues

2014 has been a successful year for the NSGO-CTU. We have with your continuous engagement and support been very active. Here are some of our achievements during the year:

- We are actively participating in several clinical trials. In ENGOT-OV16/NOVA trial (PARP maintenance therapy), NSGO is lead group and has up to date a remarkable enrolling status. Although NSGO is participating with only 9 sites (126 sites globally), we have enrolled 53/339 patients. This is only second to US (39 sites; 117 patients). This trial is expected to complete enrolment by summer.

- ENGOT-EN2/DGCG (adjuvant treatment of endometrial cancer): NSGO took over the responsibility to conduct this study. The trial is now open not only to 10 EU countries but also to MD Anderson Cancer Center Consortium, USA. The enrolment is gradually picking up momentum.

- ENGOT-OV24 / AVANOVA: This trial is both sponsored and led by NSGO. This trial shall compare anti-angiogenic therapy (bevacizumab) and PARP inhibitor (niraparib) as sequential treatment versus combination versus PARP alone. The phase one of this study is planned to start in February 2015. NSGO has successfully acquired a grant to perform this trial. I request all investigators to actively participate in this important NSGO sponsored trial.

- We successfully conducted two investigator meetings for NSGO sites (June in Iceland & November in Copenhagen). These meetings were well attended. In November we had pleasure to have external key opinion leaders like Prof Jonathan Lederman and Prof Antonio Gonzales-Martin. We shall continue this successful activity in years to come.

- CTU is actively involved in the ENGOT activities (development of Clinical Trials eLearning website; Gynecologic Cancer Academy; Phase 1 trialist’s group; Translational Research group).

- CTU is involved in GCIG activities and is involved in cervical cancer consensus program. We actively contributed to an ESMO-ESGO-ESTRO consensus meeting for the management of Endometrial cancer.

All these achievements will not be possible without great efforts from NSGO office staff, Tinne, Anne & Solveig and my heartiest thanks to them. This success is only possible by your continuous support and support by our pharma collaborators. CTU economy is solid and as more trials will be initiated by NSGO as sponsor in the next year, we will need more hands in the NSGO office.

We shall continue to work toward success in 2015. With this I wish you all and your family Merry Christmas.

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Never try to discourage thinking for you are sure to succeed.

BERTRAND RUSSELL
Election of the NSGO President-Elect

• ONLINE VOTING: January 5, 2015 – February 2, 2015

• The 2014-15 Nominating Committee has submitted four candidates to the position of President-Elect.

• A full personal statement of each candidate is available at the NSGO website.  http://www.NSGO.org

HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES...

Annika Auranen, FINLAND

• Gynecologic oncologist in the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Turku University Hospital

• Previous NSGO board member and representative to the ENGOT Translational Research Group.

Line Bjørge, NORWAY

• Medical director at the Gynecology Oncology Unit, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen and professor at Department of Clinical Science, University of Bergen.

• Clinical and scientific interest in personalized medicine.

Maria Bjurberg, SWEDEN

• Senior consultant, PhD and since 2010 Head of gynecological and urological oncology at Skåne University Hospital in Lund, Sweden.

• Professional interest in radiotherapy and cervical cancer.

Gitte Lykkegaard, DENMARK

• Gynecologic Oncologist, University of Aarhus, Denmark and DMSc.

• Interested in increasing focus on the surgical side of gynecological treatment.

Please read the full statements of our candidates on the NSGO website.

Voting is from Jan 5 – Feb 2
**Important News!**

NSGO Twitter Account

https://twitter.com/wwwNSGOorg

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**Annual Meeting:**

May 7-8, 2015

Copenhagen, Denmark

Bella Sky Comwell

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Program Overview

(Preliminary!)

Cervical and Vulvar Cancer

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**INVITED SPEAKERS:**

- Joakim Dillner
- Pekka Nieminen
- Christopher Crum
- Jan Persson
- Sandro Pignata
- Mary McCormack
- Svend Aage Engelholm
- Brad Monk

**EXPERTS FROM:**

Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland

USA, Italy, England, Netherlands

**SESSIONS:**

- HPV Update
- Pathogenesis
- FOCUS: Early Stage Disease
- FOCUS: Locally Advanced Disease

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**FOCUS:** Metastatic and Recurrent Disease

- Vulvar Cancer: State of the Art

**SUBGROUPS:**

- Study-nurses
- Pathologists
- PhD Students
- Radiotherapy

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