WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NSGO Members,

This is my first Editorial as the President of NSGO, and at this point I like to thank my predecessor, professor Elisabeth Ávall-Lundqvist. It is very difficult to follow Elisabeth, after all the important contribution she has given to our Society. Please do not misunderstand me, I do not mean that it is difficult to run the Society, because there is so much to do. On the contrary, Elisabeth has left NSGO in such an excellent shape that it is very difficult for me to make it any more better. Elisabeth had to serve as the President for two full terms or six years, because she had to take over almost immediately having been nominated as the President-Elect. I have always admired the way Elisabeth led and represented NSGO. Thank you very much, Elisabeth!

Another person I am grateful to is NSGO-CTU Medical Director Mansoor Raza Mirza. Mansoor used to contribute greatly as the Treasurer to the solid economy of NSGO, and has taken a very active role as the Medical Director. NSGO has, thanks to professor Gunnar Kristensen and his predecessors, and of course to Gerda, always been a very reliable partner in clinical trials, but now NSGO-CTU has taken an even more active role and has changed from a reactive player to a proactive player. NSGO is now the Lead Group and even the Sponsor of several interesting trials, and for this we are to thank Mansoor and his never-ending activity and enthusiasm. However, Mansoor could not have been able to achieve this without the irreplaceable support by Tinne, Solveig and now Louisa as the newest staff member of the NSGO Office.

Clinical trials are, however, not the sole function of NSGO. At least equally important is our activity in promoting the clinical and scientific skills and knowledge of our members. The recent Annual Meeting 2015 at Bella Sky was an excellent example of this. We had a total of 139 registered participants and we enjoyed outstanding lectures given by very distinguished speakers on cervical and vulvar cancer. We also had an interesting Poster Session, where many Nordic PhD students presented their studies, and a Session for Study Nurses led by Tinne. We are to thank the very same persons or Elisabeth, Mansoor, Solveig, Tinne and Louisa, and of course the whole Board, for organizing such a successful meeting. The important support by the Pharma as our Sponsors negotiated by our Treasurer Line is acknowledged. Moreover, Joe has done a marvelous job with the Pathology Network, and Ivan organized a meeting of the Radiotherapy Subcommittee.

I thank NSGO for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful Society as the President. I’m very happy to have by my side the new Vice-President Annika Auranen, the whole Board and of course the NSGO/NSGO-CTU Office. While we are now looking forward to Annual Meeting 2016, on April 7-8, in Bergen, the Board is also planning new activities like co-operation with the Baltic States and Nordic co-operation at the level of individual hospitals.

I hope that everybody has had a relaxing summer – in spite of the suboptimal weather. Now it is time to get again activated for the working season, an example of which is this Newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Johanna Mäenpää, President NSGO
Dear colleagues

I congratulate you for your continuous active engagement in clinical research activities. We are a strong Nordic team respected for its clinical activities both within our countries as well as by our colleagues in Europe and globally. We are seen as a valuable partner by the pharmaceutical industry.

NSGO is sponsor and/or leading several international clinical trials. Some of these activities are listed below:

- **ENGOT-OV16/NOVA (maintenance niraparib in ovarian cancer):** We have successfully completed enrolment in NSGO lead international phase 3 trial with PARP inhibitor and we anticipate presenting the data on primary end point as late-breaker at ASCO 2016. NSGO has enrolled 74 patients.

- **ENGOT-EN2/DGCG (adjuvant treatment of endometrial cancer):** The trial is gaining momentum and almost one hundred patients are enrolled. More cooperative groups have joined us and the trial is now active in NSGO, EORTC, BGOG (Belgium), MITO & MaNGO (Italy), GEICO (Spain), CEEGOG (Czech Republic, Slovakia & Poland), NOGGO (Germany), ISGO (Israel) and MD Anderson Cancer Center Consortium.

- **ENGOT-OV24 / AVANOVA (niraparib and/or bevacizumab in ovarian cancer):** This trial is both sponsored and led by NSGO. The phase one is expected to end next month, and we are looking forward to your broad participation in phase 2

There are several other trials being initiated and your participation is much appreciated.

I would take this opportunity to remind you of our upcoming Investigator meeting on December 1 in Copenhagen. This year a satellite symposium is arranged by Roche evening before the meeting, and you will receive a separate invitation from Roche.

We shall continue to work toward success. I am looking forward to see you in Copenhagen.

Kind regards

Mansoor

NSGO STRATEGIC MEETING
18 SEPT 2015
WORDS FROM THE EDITOR:

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the first NSGO Newsletter for 2015. After an interesting Annual Meeting in Copenhagen and a summer break it is time to dive into the Fall activities, including the upcoming Investigator Meeting. In this issue you will find news from the various subgroups as well as some photos from our time together in Denmark.

Planning for the Annual Meeting in 2016 has begun and is still in the early stages, so I hope any members with suggestions or ideas will submit them to the NSGO Board. The Board will be having a Strategic Planning Meeting in September, and further plans for next years meeting will be discussed there.

The NSGO has a Twitter account, but it has to date remained largely inactive. Any members with an interest in social media should make themselves known to the Board - perhaps there are ways to make our Society more active and visible in the digital world.

Finally, as usual, I hope you find this newsletter interesting and useful. Please do not hesitate to suggest topics for future issues. I wish you all a good return to work!

Sincerely,

Joseph Carlson
Editor, NSGO Newsletter

Recollections from the 2015 Annual Meeting

The focus of the meeting was cervical and vulvar cancer.

The prevention of cervical cancer is improving rapidly, especially with the introduction of the vaccine. Treatment of cervical cancer is also changing and developing as new methods become available.

The NSGO networks had individual break out sessions that were interesting and well attended. In addition, the Society awarded its first poster prize.

The Society continues to develop its clinical trial activities to the point where the NSGO, and the meeting concluded with an update of the numerous exciting trials underway within the CTU. The next issue of the Newsletter will contain more details of the CTUs activities.

NSGO Twitter Account

https://twitter.com/wwwNSGOorg
THE RADIOThERAPY SUBCOMMITTEE
Chair: Ivan Richter Vogelius

A radiotherapy subcommittee meeting was held in conjunction with the NSGO annual meeting in Copenhagen. A very small, but dedicated group discussed how we should organize the group and how the radiotherapy subcommittee could help the NSGO member institutions to improve research and treatment.

It was decided to have a small number of ad hoc meetings during the year, either as teleconferences or as get-togethers during some of the international conferences. This is to ensure continuity in the collaboration.

It should be stressed that the radiotherapy committee is open for everyone with an interest in RT. We will create an email list - and promise not to overuse it - and a forum for discussion on a yet-to-be-determined internet media.

Everybody interested in being involved in this is strongly encouraged to send an email to Solveig Ristinge, Solveig.elisabeth.ulstrup.ristinge@regionh.dk. We will then include you in the lists. It would be helpful if you give the email subject 'NSGO radiotherapy subcommittee' as subject.

THE PATHOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE
A few pictures to illustrate our day...

THE STUDY NURSE SUBCOMMITTEE
Chair: Tinne Kirkegaard

At the NSGO Annual Meeting in Copenhagen the Subcommittee for Study Nurses met at a workshop session held the 7th of May and was attended by 10 study nurses from Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

During the two hours session we had two interesting presentations including a workshop.

Helle Pappot from Rigshospitalet, Denmark gave a presentation on her project regarding “Registration of adverse events in cancer treatment – patient involvement”. The take home message from the presentation was that both patients and doctors appreciate this new possibility for the patients themselves to register adverse events using a generic, Danish, validated version of the PRO-CTCAE. Following Kristina Devantier from the GCP-Unit in Copenhagen summarized the latest updates regarding the upcoming new EU regulation No 536/2014. This new EU regulation is expected to come into force at the earliest in May 2016.

At the end of the session we had a workshop topic on how to continue forming the NSGO Study Nurse Network. After brainstorming and discussions in groups it was very clear that there was a common interest and a need to have a shared communication platform among the NSGO study nurses to share NSGO clinical trial experiences, clinical trial documents etc.. A working group with one representative from each Nordic country was established. Louise Boufercha from the NSGO Office will support the group in setting up the network. The first working group meeting (on-line) is planned in June 2015 and the goal is to initiate developing of a network platform and prepare a program for the next meeting which we hope will be in Copenhagen in conjunction with the NSGO December 2015 Investigator Meeting.

From the NSGO Office we strongly encourage NSGO Investigators to continue supporting the Study Nurses in NSGO meeting participation and Subcommittee engagement as this is a very productive and enthusiastic group with great benefit from increased collaboration.
**Annual Meeting:**
April 7-8, 2016
Bergen, Norway

Program Overview will follow.
Suggestions are welcome!

The NSGO would like to thank our
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**NSGO Symposium at ESGO:**
Oct 24-27, 2015

NSGO has planned a symposium in the 19th ESGO Congress.

For details kindly see program below.

ESGO19 - International Meeting of The European Society of Gynaecological Oncology, October 24-27, 2015, Nice, France.

NSGO Symposium - Sister Society Session
Monday, October 26
14:30 - 15:30 Hall E

Chairs
Elisabeth Åvall-Lundqvist & Mansoor Raza Mirza

Role of anti-angiogenic therapy in gynecological malignancies
Johanna Mäenpää (Finland)

PARP inhibitors in ovarian cancer
Elisabeth Åvall-Lundqvist (Sweden)

Clinical applications of genomic research in endometrial cancer
Helga Salvesen (Norway)

Role of chemotherapy in endometrial cancer
Mansoor R Mirza (Denmark)

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