

Founding of a new society

The Nordic Society for Medical Mycology was founded in Copenhagen on the 25th of August 2003.

The motivation hereof has arisen from the fact that although medical mycology is a growing field and relevant to doctors and scientists in many specialities, mycology still forms a rather small area in each of the Nordic countries. Thus, it is our hope that a Nordic society will increase the possibilities of collaboration across the boarders by the creation of a forum where doctors, scientists, students and others with interest in human and animal medical mycology can meet.



Founding meeting in Copenhagen. From left: Malcolm Richardsson, Niels Anker Peterslund, Per Sandven, Anders Johansson and Else L Svejgaard.

The society plans to arrange at least one annual scientific meeting. The first one will take place in Stockholm on the 12th of March 2004, with Professor Frank Odds as the invited Key Note speaker, who will give a lecture entitled "Candidosis Today". Other sessions will include "Fungal infections in the immunocompromised host, the intensive care setting, and the organ transplant patient, "Skin and oral manifestations of fungal infections and diagnostics". Following the scientific programme the Annual General Assembly will be held. Participation in the meeting is free for members of the society. Submissions of abstracts for oral or poster presentations

are invited no later than the 15th of January 2004. More details concerning the meeting are available at the NSMM Internet site www.nsmm.nu

In addition to arranging an annual scientific meeting the society will in various ways arrange or facilitate the arrangements of courses in medical mycology.

The Board established at the founding meeting consists of the following eight members:

Maiken Cavling Arendrup – *President*, Denmark,
Malcolm Richardson - *Vice-President*, Finland,
Niels Anker Peterslund - *Treasurer*, Denmark,
Per Sandven - *General Secretary*, Norway,
Lena Klingspor - *Meetings Secretary*, Sweden,
Jan Faergemann, Sweden,
Anders G. Johansson, Sweden and
Juha H. Salonen, Finland.

More details about the society, the board and events are available together with a membership application form at www.nsmm.nu

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