

At the time of writing three important NSMM events are rapidly approaching. The

- 2nd scientific meeting, April 1st.
- Annual General Meeting, April 1st.
- The introduction seminar to medical mycology, March 31st.

We are happy to announce that the seminar is now fully booked and that more than 80 have already registered for the 2nd scientific meeting. We really appreciate this interest for the events. However we still have room for a few more so please encourage colleagues with interest in medical mycology to sign up. A short description of the events is found later in this newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

The AGM 2005 is held April the 1st at Børsen, Copenhagen. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

- Report from the president
- Report from the general secretary
- Report from the treasurer
- Next scientific meeting
- Election of new board members
- Propositions from the members
- Any other business

Notice of propositions to be included on the agenda must have reached the General Secretary at least three weeks before a meeting, that is no later than March the 11th.

ELECTION OF TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS AGM 2005

As announced in the last newsletter Niels Anker Peterslund and Anders Johansson have for personal reasons wished to retire from the board during 2004. Ditte Marie Lindhardt Saunte has since been functioning as treasurer for the NSMM society and

the board wishes to nominate her together with Peter Gaustad from Oslo as candidates for the NSMM board. Ditte Saunte has a background as a dermatologist and is now working on her PhD project on dermatophytes. Peter Gaustad is head of the Institute of Medical Microbiology at Rikshospitalet, Oslo and also a professor at the University of Oslo. He has for many years been interested in fungal infections. If any other NSMM members are interested they should be nominated no later than three weeks before the AGM – that is March 11, 2005. Nominations to the board can be made by any two ordinary members of the Society and should be communicated to our general secretary Per Sandven.



Ditte Marie Lindhardt Saunte, DK



Peter Gaustad, NO

UPCOMING NSMM MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

2nd NSMM scientific meeting. “Proper Use of Antifungals” April 1st 2005.

The next scientific meeting is approaching, we are happy that many have registered already – but we still have room for a few more. The meeting will be held at “Børsen” the historic stock exchange building built by King Christian the VIth in the centre of Copenhagen. The meeting is open for members of the society and free of charge.



Børsen. Old stock exchange building.

We are proud to welcome two key-note speakers:

- *Georg Maschmeyer* from Germany who will talk on Aspergillosis and
- *Rod Hay* from UK who will take on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics

together with a distinguished faculty of speakers from the Nordic countries who are ready to share their knowledge in their area of expertise. This meeting will focus on “Proper Use of Antifungals” and will include the following sessions:

- Susceptibility and Resistance Epidemiology
- Keynote Lectures
- PK/PD parameters and their relevance for dosing

- Optimal choice and dosing of antimycotics in various clinical situations

The detailed programme is available at our website together with information regarding programme registration and abstract submission forms at www.nsmm.nu. Please note that since it is a members-only meeting, posters may be presented here may also be presented later at another open conference.

Medical Mycology Introduction Seminar, March 31st 2005.

The introduction seminar are now fully booked and we look forward to welcome the participants at Statens Serum Institute in Copenhagen.



Statens Serum Institute

Joint NSMM and EFISG session during ECCMID in Copenhagen 2005

An educational session “Invasive Infections due to Rare or Emerging Yeasts and Moulds: Clinical Aspects, Diagnosis and Treatment” will be held as a joint arrangement between NSMM and European Fungal Invasive Study Group (EFISG) as part of the next ECCMID conference in Copenhagen. The ses-

sion is scheduled to be held Saturday the 2nd of April.

The session is planned to be a combination of presentations and interaction between the speakers, chairmen and audience. For more information on the EC-CMID conference visit the website www.akm.ch/eccmid2005/

OTHER BUSINESSES

NRMM

The Nordic Reference group on methods in Medical Mycology (NRMM) is still in its early phase. The first "Nordic EQA shipment" has recently been distributed in the Nordic countries. It consisted of five simulated patient samples to be handled exactly the same way as ordinary, routine specimens are handled. Enclosed in the shipment were questionnaires focusing on the methods used. It is our hope to be able to provide knowledge on methodologies used in the Nordic countries as well as the result of the specimens tested in a report in the near future. The NRMM group consist of: Denmark: Maiken Cavling Arendrup, Finland: Markku Koskela, Iceland: Ingibjorg Hilmarsdottir, Norway: Peter Gaustad and Per Sandven (chairman), Sweden: Erja Chryssanthou (secretary) and Victor Fernandez.

A link to the NRMM web site can be found on the NSMM home page.

Membership info

Important tasks for the new board will be to arrange the next scientific meeting scheduled for Norway in 2006 and other NSMM activities. Any suggestions for the topic of the next events are welcomed – please contact any of the board.

Membership application can be made electronically at the website and is valid when your membership fee has been received at any of the Nordic NSMM accounts.

Please help to extend the knowledge of the society, a new handy info-folder can be downloaded or printed from the website under latest news.

Sponsors

Again this year it has been possible to raise sponsor support for the next year's meeting. We gratefully thank Swedish Orphan, Pfizer, MSD, Galderma and Biomerieux for their generous contributions.

On behalf of the society

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