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### AGM 2013

**Report from the Annual General Meeting 2013** during TIMM in Copenhagen on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 1. Report from the President

As Maiken C. Arendrup was unable to be present at the AGM due to other obligations at a TIMM session, Ingvild Nordøy presented the report which can also be found shortly at the NSMM.nu website.

This year work has been dominated by the preparations for TIMM were both Maiken C. Arendrup and Ditte M. Saunte have been part of the executive organizing committee, while other members of the board have been part of the local organizing committee.

Board-meetings were held in Göteborg on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 and in Copenhagen in Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Three NSMM members (Arendrup, Chryssanthou and Gaustad) are also members of the AntiFungal Susceptibility Tests subcommittee of EUCAST (European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing) and participate in the development of European standards for susceptibility testing and associated antifungal breakpoint setting. All documents and recommendations are freely available at [www.eucast.org](http://www.eucast.org) The EUCAST-AFST steering committee currently consists of Maiken Cavling Arendrup (Chairman), William Hope (General Secretary), Cornelia Lass Flörl, and Manuel Cuenca-Estrella William Hope.

#### 2. Thanks to the Ladies

Maiken C. Arendrup has now resigned after 10 years as president - since the founding of the Society. She will, however, according to the statutes continue as Past

president on the board, for which we are grateful. She will also continue as our delegate to ECMM in 2014. Lena Klingspor, also a member and part of the board for 10 years, now resigns. We thank both ladies for their great efforts in having both founded and made this society running.



#### 3. Report from the Treasurer

Ditte M. Saunte reported of a sound economic situation. All national bank-accounts have been closed and money transferred to the Society account in Denmark, with the exception of the Swedish one. This will be closed by the end of the year. At present we have € 50 668.19 available for future meetings and other activities.

Financially, TIMM-6 has passed the break-even point. Congress Care (the professional organising company) will prepare the final detailed financial overview in May / June 2014 after having received all invoices & payments. A third of the surplus will be transferred to the NSMM account in agreement with the standard TIMM procedures.

#### 4. Next scientific meeting

The next NSMM will be held **in Oslo in May 2014**. We plan to have the meeting in conjunction with the annual joint Spring-meeting of the Norwegian society of medical microbiology and the Norwegian society of infectious diseases. Details about venue, exact date and program will be made official later.

#### 5. Election of board member

For the first time ever, we had more candidates for the board than vacant positions. Three positions were up for election: Eira Poikonen from Finland was on re-election after having served her first 3 year period

from 2010, whereas Nina Friman and Lena Klingspor did not accept re-election.

From Sweden, Volkan Özenci, associate professor in Clinical microbiology at Karolinska University Hospital, Huddinge and Nahid Kondori, MD, PhD, a medical microbiologist at Sahlgrenska University Hospital was proposed as candidates. From Norway, Karianne W. Gammelsrud, MD, PhD, a medical microbiologist in training was proposed. A written election took place and we are glad to have **Eira Poikonen, Volkan Özenci and Karianne W. Gammelsrud** on the board.

The rest of the board now consists of:

**Ingvild Nordøy**, President (2015)\*

**Pentti Kuusela**, Vice-president (2015)

**Vanda Friman**, General Secretary (2014)

**Ditte Saunte**, Treasurer (2014)

**Maiken C. Arendrup**, Past president

\* year for reelection

### 6. The Membership charge

The membership charge will be kept unchanged and valid for 4 years:

€ 30, DKK 200, SEK 200, NOK 200.

For bank information please see [www.nsmm.nu](http://www.nsmm.nu)

### 7. Proposals from the members

None.

### 7. Any other business

None.

## 10<sup>th</sup> NSMM at 6<sup>th</sup> TIMM in Copenhagen November 2013

At TIMM 2013, NSMM was responsible for the session "Candidaemia in Northern Europe – worlds` apart?"

**Eira Poikonen, Finland,**

started out with a nice overview

of the epidemiology in the

Northern countries. The

peculiarities of Denmark's

position was noted with an extra-ordinary high inci-

dence of 10/ 100 000 inhabitants the last years and an

increase in *C. glabrata*. In Iceland, the incidence has

been increasing, but the last few years an actual de-

crease in incidence has been noted, which the authors proposed might be related to a lower blood culture ac-



tivity in the years after the financial crises. In Finland and Norway the situation has been more stable with a slow increase in incidence from 2-4/ 100 000 inhabitants and a steady proportion of *C. albicans* among the isolates. Numbers from Sweden have been scarce, but Lena Klingspor later presented data from the Stockholm region, which might suggest an increase in incidence and a species shift also in Sweden.

**Liv Hesstvedt, Norway,**

presented data on prescription practices and association to epidemiology in our countries.

Naturally, more antifungal drugs

were prescribed in Denmark than in the other coun-

tries, but in all countries (no data from Iceland) the

primary care sector was responsible for the majority of

prescription of antifungals for systemic use. And flu-

conazole was the winner. Also interesting was the fact

that although the elderly above 70 years of age do

have the highest incidence of invasive fungal infec-

tions, we prescribe drugs mostly to the middle-aged.

**From Denmark, Lise L. Jørgensen and Henrik E.**

**Jensen** presented data from the use of antifungals in

agriculture and animals, respectively. As azole pesti-

cides are used a lot in the agriculture, they may in-

deed be responsible for an increase in resistance to

*Aspergillus*. However, whether this could have influ-

enced the species-shift to *C. glabrata* in Denmark was

unknown. In animals, antifungals are rarely used –

except in pets. There is, however, a lack of infor-

mation on this prescription practice.

Finally, **Lena Klingspor, Sweden,**

presented what implications

these findings should have on

our current practices and

recommendations. The importance of ongoing surveil-

lance of epidemiology was stressed. This should be

an important part of the work of NSMM. A start would

be to write an article comprising our TIMM session.

The Board of NSMM will undertake this important

challenge.



We have a new web-master: **Rasmus Hare Jensen** who is currently working as a PhD student at Statens Serum Institute in Copenhagen. We thank him for his kind services, which are much appreciated, and look forward to a fruitful cooperation.



Ingvild Nordøy

President NSMM

Oslo December 2013

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### TIMM 2015

The next 7th Trends in Medical Mycology will be held in **Lisbon, Portugal 9-12 October 2015**. Set off the dates now! For further information follow: [www.timm2015.org](http://www.timm2015.org)

### Sponsors

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