



NORDISK ODONTOLOGISK FÖRENING
SCANDINAVIAN ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL
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Abstract deadline for Göteborg meeting is January 17, 2003!

■ **A message from the President**

Dear Colleagues,

For NOF, the last year has been an exciting period where new approaches have been implemented together with our older traditions. The most striking one is that we, together with the other three European Divisions of the IADR, participated in the first meeting of the Pan European Federation (PEF) in Cardiff, Wales September 25-28. The meeting was at the same time the 85th annual meeting of the NOF and named the *European Festival of Oral Science*. About one hundred of our members participated with oral and poster presentations as well as in symposia and contributed to the high scientific standard. The meeting was, with its altogether more than 1000 participants, a success! Hereby, the field of oral science follow the general European trend in bringing nations and cultures closer and establishing new constellations. In spite of all modern technology of today by which we easily can communicate, this meeting shows the need and desire for individuals to come together face-to-face.

Both the NOF board meeting as well as the NOF general assembly were held during these days and we also participated in the PEF board meeting. It is with great pleasure I can inform you all that Peter Holbrook now takes over as President of the PEF. As one of the participants in the evaluation committee of the Hatton Award Competition, I would also like to thank all competitors for their contribution and in particular congratulate the two winners. It was not an easy task to choose the two winners. All made excellent presentations with high standard research.

As can be read elsewhere, NOF is deeply involved in the planning of the 81st General Session & Exhibition of the IADR, which will take place in Göteborg, Sweden June 25-28 next year. This meeting will also be the 2nd meeting of the PEF. I cannot enough encourage you all to submit abstracts (abstract deadline January 17) and participate in this meeting and I do sincerely hope that all members of the Scandinavian scientific community will come to Göteborg. Please also identify non-members in order to get them submit abstracts as well as to become members of our organization. Also consider to participate with posters in the Hatton Award Competition. The decreasing number of members is something that lately has been lively discussed in the board. We all need to encourage colleagues and friends to join our organization. Reactions on decreased membership activities from the Scandinavian countries, such as a decrease in the number of persons taking

an active role in the different committees within the organization as well as in the voting process, have also arrived from the IADR Central Office in Washington. It is important to make our organization more visible. As a first step, the local liaison officers in the different countries will be reactivated.

It was at the general assembly decided not to plan for separate NOF-meetings during the next few years. Instead our organization will participate in different constellations with other divisions within the IADR. Please see listing for information of future meeting sites.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NOF board for the hard work and support during this past year. However, I hope that many more will play an active role in NOF and that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the IADR-meeting in Göteborg 2003.

Sincerely

Peter Lingström
President NOF



Members of PEF working group picture in Cardiff, from left to right: Jukka H. Meurman (NOF), Stephen Challancombe (BSDR), David Williams (BSDR), Dominique Deville de Perrier (CED), J.M. ten Cate (CED), Mike Edgar (BSDR), Gottfried Schmalz (CED), Michel Goldberg (CED), Denise MacCarthy (Irish), John Clarkson (Irish), Angus Walls (BSDR), Peter Holbrook (NOF), Mariano Sanz (CED)

■ IADR 81st General Session, Göteborg, June 25-28

As chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the 81st General Session of the IADR and the 2nd Meeting of the Pan European Federation, I can report that preparations go well. Just recently we did attend the 1st meeting of the Pan European Federation in Cardiff, Wales, which brought well over a thousand delegates to what became a highly successful meeting both from a scientific and social aspect. Indeed the organizers had done a fantastic job (Congratulations to Mike Lewis and his team), which further stimulates us to set up a memorable and a well-attended meeting in Göteborg next summer.

The program is about to take shape. Decisions have now been taken on symposia, workshops and lunch and learning sessions. There will be a record high number of symposia giving us ample opportunities to follow the advancements of the extremely varied field of modern dental research.

The abstract brochure will soon be out. Please note that time is coming close for submission of abstracts. **Abstract deadline is 17th of January, 2003.** As most of you well know, submission can now be carried out online (see further www.dentalresearch.org). In this context, may I ask each and everyone of the NOF membership to encourage your research associates and doctoral students to participate with a paper for either a poster or oral presentation. Note that the registration fee is very much reduced for students. Also, please, spread the word to those in your research environment who are not members but may potentially become a member of NOF making them eligible to participate in the meeting at the regular fee. New is

that some of the oral sessions will be preceded by a state-of-the-art overview lecture of 30 minutes. More on that later.

Another special feature of the meeting in Göteborg is a Transfer of Science day for general practitioners. A whole day program for the 26th of June has been put together where the morning session includes lectures of Dr Paul Lambrechts of the University of Leuven on "General Principles and Clinical Applications of Dental Adhesion" and of Dr Dan Caplan of the University of North Carolina on "Systemic Evaluation in Clinical Dental Practice". The afternoon session will be devoted to a state-of-art interactive discussion on problematic clinical case situations lead by Professor Jan Lindhe and Dr Sverker Toreskog assisted by a panel of experts. Participants have free access to the exhibition and all other events taking place during the day at a very reasonable fee. You may also want to spread the word as to that part of the program to general practitioners in your area. Interested colleagues can receive further information at klin.iadr@odontologi.gu.se or be registered by submitting a note to IADR, Odontologiska fakulteten, Box 450,S- 405 30 Göteborg, Sweden. Refer to "En dag för kliniker".

Except for a well-attended meeting my only remaining wish is sunny weather to enhance social interaction and research networking. If anybody has good connections as to that effect please let me now. Wishing you all welcome to a great IADR meeting next summer.

For LOC, IADR Göteborg
Gunnar Bergenholtz

■ A message from the Secretary-General

Dear members of the NOF,

By this date, the members have received the new form of invoice for membership fees, sent directly from the IADR Central Office in Alexandria, USA. As decided by the Board, from now on all dues a payable directly to the IADR. This practice will certainly simplify the collection of dues and hopefully put an end to the problems so often faced in the past when IADR and NOF dues were collected separately.

You have also received the brochure for the Göteborg IADR meeting. It must be emphasized that this meeting is being hosted by the NOF in close collaboration with the Pan European Dental Federation (PEF). So, please send your abstracts and registrations on time to this meeting and also encourage your colleagues to do so. Let us proudly show to the international dental research community, how strong is Nordic and Scandinavian research by making a record attendance for this meeting!

This NofNews contains information about the decisions taken at the Cardiff PEF meeting in September. Names and contact information of the Board members are also given. I take here the opportunity to thank the "old" Board Members who now

have stepped aside: Marianne Lenander-Lumikari from Turku, Finland, and Hans Preus from Oslo, Norway. Hans, however, continues to serve the NOF Board as the treasurer, and Marianne was elected to the Nominating Committee, so we do not, by any means, loose their services. Nevertheless, I want to thank Marianne and Hans for their work with in the Board during the past four years.

I also wish to welcome the new Board Members, in particular Dr. Helena Forss, who never before has served the NOF Board. Another item worth emphasizing is the decision made in the General Assembly relating to the preparations for welcoming Estonia as a new country member of the NOF. Please, join the General Assembly in Göteborg where the final discussion and decision on this matter will take place.

Finally, my congratulations to the winners of the Hatton Awards Competition in Cardiff!

Jukka H. Meurman
Secretary-General

■ MINUTES of the NOF General Assembly 27.9. 2002 Cardiff International Arena 17.30 – 18.30

1. **Election of chairperson, secretary and teller.** President Peter Lingström welcomed the attendants to the assembly and called the meeting to order. Professor Gunnar Bergenholtz was elected to chair the meeting, Secretary-General Jukka H. Meurman to take the notes, and Professor Birgitte Nauntofte as the Teller.

2003 IADR GÖTEBORG, June 20-23
2004 IADR HONOLULU, March 3-6
2004 NOF-CED-ISRAELI ISTANBUL, June 30 - July 3
2005 IADR BALTIMORE, March 9-12
2005 NOF CED AMSTERDAM
2006 IADR BRISBANE
2006 PEF DUBLIN
2007 IADR NEW ORLEANS
2008 IADR JERUSALEM
2. **Legitimation and agenda.** The meeting was found duly notified, and the agenda was approved.
3. **Annual report of the Board of the Association.** President Lingström gave a verbal report, which was accepted.
4. **Report of the Councillors.** Vice-Councillor Peter Holbrook gave a verbal report from the IADR San Diego meeting in March 2002. The Councillors' Report to the Board is enclosed (Appendix 1).
5. **Accounts.** Treasurer Hans Preus presented the accounts of the Association and statistics of the membership status. Balance sheets and account summaries had been investigated and approved by a professional auditing office. However, due to the fact that NOF auditors' report was not available, it was decided to move the final approval until the next General Assembly in Göteborg in the year 2003. In absence of Editor Anders Linde, President Lingström presented the accounts of the Journal. The accounts were approved with a statement that next year in Göteborg the Editor will be asked to appear before the General Assembly and clarify how money in the surplus account of the Journal may benefit the Association.
6. **Budget for the coming year.** Membership fees and subscription fees to the Journal were kept unaltered.
7. **Time and place for future meetings.** The General Assembly voted for Istanbul (12 in favor 1 against) as the venue for a joint meeting with the Continental European Division (CED) and the Israeli Division in September 2004. Secretary-General Meurman and Treasurer Preus were appointed to the working group planning the details of a mutual agreement between divisions concerning this meeting. For the year 2005 Amsterdam was unanimously accepted as the meeting venue for 2005, also together with the CED. The list for future meetings is now as follows:

8. **Elections**
Suggestion from the Nominating Committee was presented to the meeting. The following elections were made:
President 2004 Peter Lingström (re-election)
Finnish Board Member 2004-2008 Helena Forss
Icelandic Board Member 2004 –2008 Peter Holbrook (re-election)
Accountants 2004 Pentti Alanen, Bente Nyvad (re-elections)
Finnish Member of the Nominating Committee 2004-2008 Marianne Lenander-Lumikari
Norwegian Member of the Nominating Committee 2004-2007 Gunhild V. Strand
9. **Any other business.** President Lingström outlined the necessary changes needed for the Constitution as regards the new development within the Pan European Dental Federation and more close cooperation between the Divisions. Secretary-General Meurman reported about a letter from Tartu University in which Estonian colleagues express their wish to join the NOF as the sixth country. The meeting decided to ask the Board to prepare a suggestion for amendments to the constitution to be discussed and resolved in the next General Assembly in Göteborg 2003. Further, the meeting decided that representatives from Estonia shall be invited to the next Board meeting.
10. **Adjournment of the meeting.** Chairman Bergenholtz thanked the Assembly for constructive work and closed the meeting at 18.30.

Cardiff, Wales, September 2003

Gunnar Bergenholtz, Chair
Jukka H. Meurman, Secretary
Birgitte Nauntofte, Teller

■ The 81st General Session of the IADR and 2nd Meeting of the Pan European Federation in Cardiff, Wales, September 25.-29., 2002

Hatton Award Competition:

First prize Sivikami Rethnam Haug, Department of Physiology, University of Bergen, Norway

Second prize Elisabeth Anne Okumu Dimba, Centre for International Health and Gades Institute, University of Bergen, Norway

Congratulations!



Winners of the Hatton Awards pictured together with NOF president Peter Lingström (center)

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