

**Teleconference NorPEN
June 9th 2016**

Present:

- Helle Kieler (chair, Sweden)
- Jesper Hallas (Denmark)
- Svetlana Skurtveit (Norway),
- Morten Schmidt (Pharmacoepidemiological Societies)
- Leena Saastamoinen (On behalf of registry holders)
- Lotte Rasmussen, University of Southern Denmark (Student representative)
- Sharam Bahmanyar (Sweden, NorPEN 2016 meeting 2016)
- Sirpa Hartikainen (Finland)

Absent: Helga Zoega (Iceland)

1. Approval of notes from last TC, April 4 2016

Leena Saastamoinen was added as present in the last meeting. Notes otherwise approved.

2. Election of student substitute

No candidates proposed. MS will try to contact potential candidates from Aarhus (PhD Students) as substitute for Student representatives group.

Follow-up: Sigrun Alba Johannesdottir, who is PhD student at Aarhus University, Denmark and board member of the Danish Society for Pharmacoepidemiology has agreed to be listed as substitute for Lotte in the Student representatives group.

3. Stockholm meeting and course, Nov 2016

Shahram presented the program (detailed in a word file). Briefly:

- The pre-meeting course includes team-building learning methods. Students will receive material to read before the course. Students will attend individual and group tests. Datasets will be delivered to students to learn on e.g., propensity scores, channeling bias, exposure definitions etc. After the course students may continue to discuss the course material in online groups.
- Estimated costs for pre-course with current funding: 5000 SKR per person (last year 2000 in Odense). The hope is to receive more funding to reduce the individual costs.
- Pharmacoslam (in two parts) in a different version than last year: 3 minute presentations and 5 min questions after each presentation (12 presentations).
- Decided that abstracts can either be accepted as a poster, 3 minute presentation or a 15 minute presentation. Posters are potentially omitted to prioritize pharmacoslam instead
- Dinner thursday: Greek restaurant.

Shahram will revise the program and circulate before it is made available on the homepage.

4. Next Annual meeting 2017:

Finland is chosen. The precise dates need to be found before November meeting.

5. Next TC meeting: September 1 st at 11.00 CET

