

# Minutes of the joint meeting of the Management Committee of the Scandinavian Society of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, and the Editors of the Clinical Physiology and Functional Imaging, Copenhagen, 23-24 November, 2016.

Present: Per Wollmer (chair), Jens Bülow, Tom Adamsen, Jukka Kampainen, Tomi Laitinen, Kirsi Timonen (associate editor, CPFI), Frode Willoch (associate editor, CPFI), Magnus Dencker (associate editor, CPFI), Monika Hultman (Editorial Assistant, CPFI).

## 1. Publisher's report

The Clinical Physiology and Functional Imaging continues its positive development. There are almost 5 000 subscribers, mainly to licences to the online version. The journal continues to be profitable. The influx of manuscript has been increasing quite dramatically over the last few years. Even if acceptance rate has decreased, it has still been too high in relation to the space available. As a consequence, there is a substantial back-log of accepted manuscripts waiting to be printed. Different possibilities to solve this problem were discussed. It was decided to print additional pages in the 2017 and 2018 volumes and to continue to reduce acceptance rate. This should bring the delay from acceptance to publication down to an acceptable level. The additional cost for printing extra pages will be covered by the SSCPNM. It can be foreseen that the impact factor of the journal temporarily will drop slightly as a result of the excess printing.

There is a tendency for submitted manuscript to get longer. It was decided that the CPFI should not have a limit on the length of manuscripts but that a charge should be applied to manuscript exceeding 3 500 words or 6 tables/figures.

It was decided that papers published within a limited field will be collected as a "virtual issue" of the CPFI to be used for promotion of the journal.

Jens Bülow will continue to serve as the Editor-in-Chief during 2017 but then wishes to retire. It was decided that he be replaced by Magnus Dencker. A new Associate Editor from Sweden will meanwhile be recruited.

Minor modifications to the Instructions to authors will be made by the Editor-in-Chief.

## 2. Scientific activities

Some years have passed since the last Nordic Conference of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine. The current status of national meetings was reviewed and discussed. The Management Committee concluded that it is difficult to organise a Nordic Conference that would replace one of the national meetings on a regular basis. There was also a feeling that there might be greater interest in scientific meetings that are more focused in a specific area. The Committee therefore agreed to try a new means to promote scientific activity as detailed in the attachment to the minutes.

## 3. Home page

Update of the home page of the SSCPNM is urgent. The following items should be added to the home page:

- Information that active participation is a prerequisite for travel stipends.
- A forum for updates from the National Societies.

- A forum for invitation to participate in co-operative research projects between the member countries.

#### 4. Nordic prize

It was decided to abolish the Nordic prize.

#### 5. By-laws

As there will be no Nordic congresses during the coming years, it will be difficult to hold general meetings of the SSCPMN as stated in Article 5. Attendance to previous general meetings has been very variable, but often low. The Management Committee therefore proposes that general meetings be abolished. Instead, it is suggested that individual members of the National Societies be given the right to submit motions to the Management Committee. It is further suggested that auditors should be elected by the National Societies. The following changes to the By-laws are thus suggested:

##### Article 2

The Society is an association of the following National Societies: Danish Society of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, the Finnish Society of Clinical Physiology, the Swedish Society of Clinical Physiology, the Swedish Society of Nuclear Medicine, the Norwegian Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and the Finnish Society of Nuclear Medicine.

##### Article 3

The Society shall be managed by a Management Committee which shall consist of two members from the Danish Society of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, one member from the Finnish Society of Clinical Physiology, one member from the Swedish Society of Clinical Physiology, one member from the Swedish Society of Nuclear Medicine, two members from the Norwegian Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and one member from the Finnish Society of Nuclear Medicine.

##### Article 7

Auditors should be elected by the National Societies. One auditor should be elected by the Finnish Society of Clinical Physiology and the Finnish Society of Nuclear Medicine, one by the Danish Society of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, one by the Swedish Society of Clinical Physiology and the Swedish Society of Nuclear Medicine and one by the Norwegian Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. The auditors should among themselves select two ordinary and two deputy auditors. The audited accounts should be submitted to and adopted by all National Societies.

##### Article 8

Individual, ordinary members of the National Societies have the right to submit motions to the Management Committee and to be present when the motion is discussed.

##### Article 10

There is currently no membership fee to the Society. Should need for a membership fee arise, the Management Committee should consult the National Societies.

##### Article 11

Amendments of the by-laws must be adopted by all National Societies. Motions to change the by-laws should be submitted to the Management Committee. The proposed amendments shall, accompanied by comments from the Management Committee, be submitted to the National Societies for approval. All National Societies have to agree to the amendments.