

## **Update from the Education Committee**

Current members of the Educational Committee are Tove Agner (Chair), Laura Huilaja, Sirkku Peltonen, Bolli Bjarnason, Eidi Christensen and Oliver Seifert. Elisabeth Nylander is going to take over after Olivier sometimes in 2017.

We have at the moment a total of 3 courses “up-and-running”:

- NDA course on Skin Surgery.
  - This course has been given 4 times, last in November 2016. No dates for the next surgery course yet.
- Nordic Course on Dermoscopy.
  - This course has been given once. Next course 6–7 April 2017, Gothenburg.
- NDA Course in Virtual Dermatopathology
  - This course has its debut this spring, 27–28 April 2017, Reykjavik.

With respect to the pathology course 17 persons have registered for the course. Ellen Money has been contacted this week, and she has informed us that in spite of this low number the economy for the course is ok, and she will not need seed money. She has also informed us that – partly due to the disappointingly low number of participants – she has no plans to repeat the course later on as a Nordic course.

We have been approached by Lone Skov, chairman Danish Dermatological society, about a possible future STD course, and she has been informed about the procedure for future courses, and how to apply. She will (probably) take an initiative to gather VD-persons to arrange such a course, since there has been an increasing incidence of the diseases and a similar increasing interest among dermatologists in private practice to be updated in this area.

We have not received any other suggestions about new courses. However, we have previously discussed the possibility to have a pediatric course and as well as a course on psychoderma as Nordic courses. We are at the moment in the educational group exploring further into this.

On the website there is a list of the Nordic Educational courses for residents. However, since the system differs significantly from one country to another (some courses are only for residents, in other countries

the courses are open) we suggest that we change this into a short information from each country about how the national educational courses works and what the content is. We will be doing this over the next months, in case the Board agrees with this change.