

## ANNUAL REPORT 2006

The Nordic Association for Clinical Physics (NACP) was founded in 1962. The last and final general assembly of the NACP was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 2004. At this meeting the NACP was reorganised, got a new constitution, and since then the NACP is an umbrella organisation for the five nordic physics societies.

The Annual Report shall normally be prepared by the president, approved by the council and sent to the presidents of the national member organisations (NMO). This Annual Report include the year 2006, and will be approved on the first council meeting in 2007.

### **Aims and purposes of the NACP**

- a) To foster and co-ordinate the activities of the Nordic member organisations in the field of clinical physics in all its aspects.
- b) To establish relationships and collaboration where appropriate with national, regional and international societies and bodies in the fields related to clinical physics.
- c) To improve the standard of clinical physics activities within the Nordic countries.
- d) To promote Nordic co-operation within the field of clinical physics in scientific work, developments and education.
- e) To promote the exchange of scientific information on clinical physics and related fields of science.
- f) To recommend standards for education, training and accreditation programmes within the fields of clinical physics.
- g) To encourage scholarships and the exchange of scientific experts within appropriate fields.

### **The council of NACP:**

During the report period the council has been

President:	Rune Hafslund	Norwegian Society for Medical Physics
Secretary:	Jørgen Petersen	Danish Society for Medical Physics
Treasurer:	Cathrine Jonsson	Swedish Society for Radiation Physics
Webmaster:	Pentti Tornainen	Finnish Association of Hospital Physicists
Delegate:	Gardar Myrdal	Icelandic Society of Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics

## Strategy

The council has decided to establish a structure for the organisation based on need and simplicity. This means we will not start any activity without explaining why this activity is within the aims and purposes for the NACP. It also means we will try to make an “self-driven” organisation where the council plan, organise and make decisions and where task groups do most of the scientific and practical work. We will move forward slowly and try to make a solid foundation for a prosperous Nordic Association for Clinical Physics.

## Work in the Council:

The council had 4 meetings in 2006. All council meetings were telephone meetings lasting usually for 1.5 hour. The president prepared agendas for the meetings. Minutes were usually taken by our secretary. All minutes were approved on the next council meeting and can be found on our password protected web-pages. The secretary also send the minutes to the presidents of the NMO's.

In 2006 the council has worked on the following tasks:

- Organisation of the society
- Organizing the work in the council itself
- Website
- Awards
- Follow up CPD- task group
- Planning for an official NACP symposium

Some result of this work can be seen by going to our website.

## The constitution

The constitution was approved on the general assembly in Bergen on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The constitution can be found on our web-pages. The council try to work according to the constitution, but the council have problems to fullfill all paragraphs in the constitution. However, the council will not yet ask for any changes in the constitution. It will try to interpret the intentions in the paragraphs and use this as a baseline for its work. The constitution probably has to be revised after some more years based on practical experience from the work for the council.

## Awards 2007

In December 2005 the council came to an agreement with Varian for a “Varian – NACP grant”. The council is still working on similar agreements with other companies within the field of clinical physics.

The “Varian-NACP grant” has deadline for application on Jan 31th. NACP received two applications for this grant, and Flemming Kjær Kristoffersen from Denmark was drawn

to be the winner of 3.500 EUR. Flemming plan to use the grant for a one week visit to University of Illinois, Chicago, to evaluate the use of IMRT for Total Body Irradiation.

## Task Groups

NACP has so far appointed one task group on Continuous Professional Development (CPD). The task group and its members were officially formed on council meeting 02-05. Aims and Terms of Reference for the group were approved by the council on the council meeting 04-05, and can be found on our website.

The CPD-task group consist of these members:

From Denmark:	Kjeld Olsen (contact person)
From Finland:	Simo Hyödynmaa
From Iceland:	Gardar Myrdal (as observer)
From Norway:	Kjell Inge Gjesdal
From Sweden:	Bertil Axelsson

The group do work on a report for NACP recommendations on a harmonised Nordic CPD-system.

## Account

The NACP (organisation number 802400-5343) have at it's disposal a bank account in Handelsbanken (Solna, SWEDEN). Cathrine Jonsson, the NACP treasurer, has the right to make withdrawls from the account.

On Dec. 31<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the balance is 26 826 SEK, i.e approximately 2839 EUR.

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 withdrawn 467 SEK (web domain for two years)

On Dec. 31<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the balance is 26 359 SEK, i.e approximately 2789 EUR.

The council has decided (CM 03-06) there is no need for an external audit of the account for 2006.

Bergen, March 08<sup>th</sup>, 2007



Rune Hafslund  
President