

MINUTES FOR
THE NACP COUNCIL MEETING 03-2019
Tuesday 11th of September 2019 14:00 – 15:30 CET

Present: Marianne Leirdal Stokkan, Asger Greval Petersen, Anders Tingberg, Toni Ihalainen, Garðar Mýrdal (part-time), Mika Teräs (part-time).

Issue 2019-03/ 1 Minutes from Council meeting 2019-02

The minutes were accepted with no further comments.

Issue 2019-03/ 2 Council matters

a. Status on council members

Anders had talked to the Swedish NMO board about the possibility that the Swedish NMO could assign a person (possibly NMO treasurer) to act as a technical NACP account holder while the treasurer position would remain as a rotating NACP Council post. However, the Swedish NMO refused to do this.

In the current situation, the only way forward will be the original Jyske Bank plan: the bank account will be moved to Denmark for the foreseeable future. Garðar will need to make a witnessed signature in the Danish embassy in Reykjavik. Then he will send the document to Asger. Garðar agreed to do this as soon as possible. Thereafter Asger will send the needed information to the contact person of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) for the payment of the Varian grant. There is no need to make any changes in the SVCF document that Marianne has already signed.

b. List of duties

The updated version was accepted, but some changes need to be updated later (bank, webmaster).

Issue 2019-03/ 3 NACP committee issues

a. Status merging of RPC and NMPC

Marianne had an answer from Jan Axelsson (NMPC) who thinks that it is a great idea to merge the committees. President of the RPC, Ahmed Jibril Abdi, did not have an answer yet but he will get back to Marianne. He had some doubts about obscuring the focus of the committee. However, the two committees have already

had some cooperation in the past. The NACP council will discuss this issue further in the next meeting.

b. Status NACP scientific committee

Despite repeated inquiries by Toni and Anders, the Swedish NMO has not yet announced its members; Anders will keep on inquiring. Getting the committee up and running is necessary for the scientific functions of the NACP symposium.

Issue 2019-03/ 4 NACP Symposium 2020 in Reykjavik

a. Status organizing committee

Marianne had a Skype meeting with Kirsten recently and the budget was sent to the Council. The 'Big Four' sponsors (Siemens, GE, Philips, Canon) are still missing. The organizing committee keeps up the work to get them there, and at least GE is arguably planning to go to Iceland. The conference fee will be around 700 euros. The break-even is on 120 participants. If there are only 80 paying participants, the organizing committee will need to cancel Blue Lagoon and Perlan social activities. The organizing committee was inquiring whether they could add loans from the Danish and Norwegian NMOs as income. The organizing committee however needs to negotiate that with the NMOs directly. The Council is still somewhat concerned about the high cost of the event to an individual participant.

Announcements of the symposium have been sent to the EFOMP and AAPM websites to attract participants outside the Nordic countries.

b. Status scientific committee

The selection of invited speakers is excellent. 9 out of 10 speakers are already confirmed. The Council desires to see an updated program on the website before October 1st when the registration starts. The abstract deadline is on January 10th. Final program will be published in February 2020.

On the previous symposia, Acta Oncologica has paid travel grants directly to the writers, and there has been a special issue concentrating on the symposium articles. Scientific Committee has been in touch with Acta Oncologica already. Previous agreements had been looked for, but apparently, there has not been any formal agreements on previous symposia, only e-mails. Asger mentioned that the scientific committee of the symposium is writing a formal letter and will at first send it to the Council for signatures. The scientific committee has not had any response from the Acta Radiologica. Acta Oncologica (Radiologica) travel grants are

especially important this time, since the cost for an individual participant will probably be high.

Issue 2019-03/ 5 Grants

a. Varian-NACP grant

Since the last meeting, the Council has succeeded in getting an agreement finalized. The Council members thank Mika for being active in the issue. The timing of the grant was discussed. An interim report needs to be written by Jan 31st 2020 and the final report by Nov 1st 2020. Deadline for the applications should be on November 1st 2019 to allow enough time for making decisions. The secretary prepares an announcement draft, which he will then send to other Council members for review.

b. Varian-Elekta grant

Nothing new.

c. NACP2020 symposium travel grant

The travel grants should be announced soon. The secretary will prepare a draft for the announcement and send it to the other Council members for review. Deadline for applications should be December 1st.

Issue 2019-03/ 6 Webpages

The Council needs to wait for the bank account before proceeding.

Issue 2019-03/ 7 Survey on physicist staffing in the Nordic countries

The IAEA calculation model was discussed. Generally it was considered to be easier to interpret than the EFOMP model. However, there are still some interpretation issues and it still does not sufficiently take into account the various roles of medical physicists in different countries. Each Council member should fill in the survey with his/her own best interpretation on his/her specialty, and then share the results and thoughts within the rest of the Council.

Issue 2019-03/ 8 Other issues

None.

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