

Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care Editorial Board Meeting Tuesday 30. March 2017

TIME: Tuesday 30. March 2017 at 02:00 to 06:00 pm

VENUE: Palace Hotel, Copenhagen

PARTICIPANTS: Guri Rørtveit (GR), Hans Thulesius (HT),
(DN), Helena Liira (HL),, Tuomas Koskela (TK), Jørgen Nexøe (JN),

APOLOGIES: Mark Phillips (MP) Emil Sigurdsson (ES)

1. Appointment of minute taker

JN was appointed to take the minutes

2. Approval of minutes of the Skype meeting in October 2017

Minutes of the Skype meeting were approved.

3 Discussion of the current situation of the editorial work

Number and quality of manuscripts submitted to SJPHC is sufficient. Compared to last year a few more manuscripts are submitted. Manuscripts are focused on subjects as GP and the elderly, the consultation process, well child examinations, and epidemiology.

The change of the editorial system:

The manuscripts already in the the system will be dealt with in the old system. New manuscript will be dealt with in the new system. No manuscripts wil e transferred from one system to the other.

Transistion is expected to run smoothly.

Situation with the reviewers: Most of the national editors experience problems and difficulties from time to time. It is often necessary to invite 10 or more reviewers to get acceptance to review from two. The success rate recruiting reviewers may be as low as 15-20%.

Any problematic papers: We only seldom experience SJPHC is "last resort". On few occasions we have experienced cases of self-plagiarism and papers of very low quality. We tend to avoid rejection without external review when authors are a member of one of the societies. On the other hand we do not want to annoy reviewers with papers of too low quality.

4. Paper of the year 2015 and 2016

We agreed on selection procedure. The 10 most cited papers are selected. However, special procedure was exercised regarding papers published in the last issue of 2016 due to short time to gain citations. Helena pass selected paper to the assessment committee appointed among professor of general practice.

5. Editorials

2017

35/3 Tuomas Koskela, Finland. Deadline 1 June 2017

35/4 Hans Thulesius, Sweden. Deadline 1 September 2017

2018

36/1 Emil Sigurdsson, Iceland. Deadline 1 December 2017

36/2 Guri Rørtveit, Norway. Deadline 1 March 2018

36/3 Jørgen Nexø, Denmark. Deadline 1 June 2018

36/4 Tuomas Koskeal, Finland. Deadline 1 September 2018

6. News from the Nordic editors

HT: National research school of General Practice is successful. On average 6 general practitioners are awarded the PhD degree each year

GR: Research school is also a success in Norway. 4-5 PhD degrees a year on average. Acute wards in the municipalities are coming up. Evaluation projects to be expected

JN: Negotiations between the Danish Regions and the Organisation of General Practitioners are going on. A result must be attained 1 September 2017. Consequently, times are exciting right now.

TK: Health Care reforms to start in 2019 are negotiated. Successful research courses are taking place in Tampere and Turku. 5 PhD degrees per year are awarded to GPs

7. Next Editorial meeting

We aim at meeting in Zagreb, Croatia at the COPOC conference. Maybe we will get an opportunity to promote our journal. HT have taken contact to the organizing committee.

8. Economy

HL showed stats of the publishing fees in other primary care journals. Compared to other journals our fees are lower, especially for members. All agreed that it is important to keep low fees for members, but increase the fees for the others

9. Any other business

Nothing to report