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NORNA spring meeting in Stockholm, 15th - 16th of Marc 2018

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The meeting was held at Hotel Waterfront in Stockholm.

We were starting with lunch in the hotel restaurant before our meeting.

After AnneMarie welcomed everyone to the meeting, we heard the national updates - a short report around the table and a presentation of ourselves. New member from Norway is Gunilla Fredheim. Senior lecturer, study director of the specialist program for OR nurses Högskolelektor, studieansvarig på specialistprogrammet för operationssjuksköterskor.

A short report around the table

Norway

Norway is planning for its 50th anniversary in 2020. Norway gets more and more specialist nurses with the Clinical Master degree. The education is full-time for two years with a compensation equivalent to 80% of previous salary. The students receive 50% postgraduate education and 50% theoretical education. Compensation is paid out of the hospital where the student chooses to contract with a two-year bond period.

Nurses must first be admitted to university before they can apply for internship. After the application they are called for an interview and it is not automatically that they get a place. At the present time, education can be completed after 1.5 years, which is in line with what politicians consider reasonable. On the other hand, the hospitals and the Norwegian organization prefer the 2 year education.

Norway has a great lack of op.ssk and they are unfortunately seeing a trend that Swedish op.ssk returns to Sweden.

Finland

The big SOTE, Social and Healthcare reformation is still going on. This means free care for patients. Operational nurses are worried about their employment. There is a risk that patients will judge the smaller hospitals as poorer and instead choose the larger hospitals. It is now the case for the small hospitals to advertise. What specialties are there, show statistics on postoperative infections and so on. Health care must save but there is a realm that it will be more expensive. In Norway, there is also free choice of care due to long waiting times. However, it will be more expensive when the hospitals have to pay for private care. FORNA has its 30 year jubilee year in 2018 and the conference is held in Helsinki from 11 to 12 October 2018 and there are many lectures in English. One of the presenters is from Sweden

FORNA's board has organized a member day. 20 members and the entire board went to Estonia to visit a museum. Members were invited by boat and hotel. It was the first to sign up for the trip. They also offer their members scholarships together with different companies. Even in Finland, restrictions are now seen as to what companies can contribute.

Operational nurses have a high workload. Several severely ill patients who need care, resulting in additional workouts to shorten the queues. The queue abbreviations are made on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in 2 operating rooms and on Saturdays all day in 2-3 operating rooms. It is possible to work extra with 3-4 times higher salary. At the plastic surgery department where Marja and Marianne work, everyone thrives and there is no shortage of staff.

Denmark

FS SASMO has a new board elected in October. Denmark in the NORNA Board has a new representative (Cellina). Janni was reelected to the NORNA board.

An organizational change has been discussed in the Danish mother society. It can be difficult for the smaller associations to afford hosting congresses, and it is talking about changing the terms of connection to DSR, among other the economic link being set at a certain amount. FS SASMO thinks that this is a bad solution as they don't consider the number of members the large associations have now.

To increase the number of members at FS SASMO, FS SASMO now has made different contests among other who procures most new members. There will be a reward for the winner.

There are wage negotiations in Denmark. The partners cannot agree so that there is a warning strike, and employers have reported lock out. It is all public employees; this will be a big conflict in the country.

It is the salary that cannot be agreed upon, so are paid breaks as well as work hours. There is a need to save money on all the hospitals, but now it's so engaging in some sections that the policies have allocated more money for recruiting staff in some departments.

Iceland

A congress for both nurses and doctors in anesthesia, intensive care and surgery is planned for two days. There will be joint lectures. In order for everyone to have the opportunity to attend, the operations departments will close these days. Extra efforts are made on prolapse and uterus extirpation. The staff work with these interventions during Wednesdays and Fridays. Next year Icelandic nurses have to negotiate for their wages and we expect it to be tough. Iceland needs more general and surgery nurses. They also have problems with care places. Finished patients can not move to retirement homes.

14 of the surgery nurses will attend the AORN Congress. They have the opportunity to apply for scholarships to participate. Many are also interested in participating in the Nordic Congress.

Sweden

AnneMarie talked about the Stark for Surgery project for life and shared the brochure Call on living habits in connection with surgery - surgery nurse's role. It is available for download from our website under the National tab. www.rfop.se. Annemarie also shared a compilation of SEORNAS considers and recommends. You can also download from the website under About us / Quality Council.

In Sweden, hospitals try to solve the lack of occupational nurses because other staff without specialist training will do our work. The National Association SEORNA is opposed to this and has participated on several occasions where this has been discussed.

SEORNA invites to the Hygienforum in Stockholm. The Forum is open to anyone with an interest in care-related hygiene issues. Hygienforum 10 years commemorates 24-25 May 2018 at Sheraton Stockholm Hotel.

Last report from the October meeting

The protocol was approved and added to the documents.

Guidelines NORNA Congres

Modification:

The invitation to the NORNA Congress is sent to the NORNA Board, where two Board member of the respective countries will get the congress fee and gala dinner for free, by participation.

Next conference – 2018 Stockholm

Catarina showed a preliminary program for the congress. We need more lecturers from the Nordic countries. Many of the abstracts submitted have not been approved by the Scientific Committee. Deadline for submitting abstract is April 2nd. Everyone agreed that the countries would have a stand-by table at the mingle with the respective country's flag. We will also staff a table in the exhibition hall during the breaks. Schedule for this will be presented later.

NORNA Statues

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NORNA's ACTIONPLAN 2018-2019

The action plan was revised.

NORNA Address List

The mailing list was updated with three new participants.

The day ended with dinner at Restaurant Five small houses in the old town of Stockholm

How do we handle medicines in the operating room? Administration, labeling and documentation.

We discussed the labeling of drugs intraoperatively. Some had photographed syringes labeled with pre-sterilized labels that we could share. In Finland, the nurse kept the ampoule instead of labeling the syringe. Everyone agreed that the most patient-safe option is ready-sterilized labels with the name of the drug. How we document the given drugs differ. Some documents in the patient record, while others argue that it was the operator or anesthetic nurse who documented. We also discussed how important sterile technology work is, so it will be the right labels in the Instrument container. In Finland there is a lack of sterile techniques and some lack education. Some places in Denmark has problem receiving the right instruments from sterilization. Even though they photograph how it looks like in the Instrument container, the common instrument is found. We agree that we must comply with the regulations in each country and generally, the Association can only consider and recommend.

Walking tour in the congress room

We were given the opportunity for a guided tour of Congressman at the Waterfront. Unfortunately, we could only see parts of the showroom as preparations for a larger concert were in progress. However, we could see the lecture rooms on level 2.

We ended the discussions by finding that it is very rewarding with our networking meetings as they result in the development of perioperative care.

A big thank you to all for two nice days.

The next meeting will be held in Stockholm 28 November 2018 10.00.

AnneMarie och Catarina