



NORDIC ASSOCIATION FOR ANDROLOGY

President's Report for 2008

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Activities

The main work for the Board has been to reorganize the administration of the Association, to support local organizers for a meeting in 2009, develop the information functions of the Association and prepare for further meetings the coming years.

Annual Meeting 2008

The Annual Meeting took place in Naantali, Finland, in conjunction with the European Testis Workshop. The program comprised three sessions organized jointly with the ETW (Human Testis, Obesity and Male Fertility, and Spermatogenesis) and one proper NAFA session on Erectile Dysfunction and Urological Symptoms. The local organizers thus managed very well to run very successful scientific meeting with very good participation.

Administration of NAFA

Financial reports for 2007 and 2008 have been compiled based on existing documents and discussions with external auditors have been taken place concerning costs and benefits of external auditors; this matter should be discussed at an Annual General Meeting for further handling of the matter.

Course activities

Two semen analysis courses have been arranged jointly with the ESHRE Special Interest Group in Andrology in Stockholm (Andrology Laboratory, Centre for Andrology and Sexual Medicine, Karolinska University Hospital, Huddinge). In May a Basic Semen Analysis Course with good results. In June a new three day course in Human Sperm Morphology Assessment was run, training both practical aspects (smearing, fixing, staining, mounting, and handling the microscope) and theory

(background to sperm morphology assessments with special attention to WHO recommendations and Tygerberg strict criteria, calculations and presentations of results).

Web site

Preparations have been done for moving the NAFA web site to a server under the control of the Association. Regarding web publishing and personal integrity, publication of names of members on the web site appears not be allowed unless specific permission has been obtained. A non profit organization like NAFA can have its membership list in electronic form for the sole purpose of sending out meeting information etc. without registration and formal permission from an authority like the Swedish Datinspektionen.

The Future

Decisions must be taken regarding the future formalities and routines for the auditors work.

The web site must be easy accessible for the Board to post notices and information to the members.

Further courses in Semen Analysis are planned at Karolinska. Information about courses run by Svensk Andrologisk Förening (SAF) could be provided to NAFA members. SAF is planning a symposium at the Swedish Läkarstämman in Stockholm, end of November 2009, on the topic "Investigation the man – to know what to do", and another with the title "Sexual Violence" (both in Swedish only).

Contacts have been established for a NAFA meeting in the Baltic republics in 2010. Further information will be given later.

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Lars Björndahl
President