

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Nordic Association for Clinical Physics (NACP) was founded in 1962. The last and final general assembly of the NACP was held on June 10th 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 Medical physics societies.

According to the constitution, the Annual Report shall be prepared by the president, approved by the council and sent to the presidents of the national member organisations (NMO). This Annual Report includes the year 2017, and was approved after the first council meeting in 2018.

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 NACP 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 a “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 work towards making a solid foundation for a prosperous Nordic Association for Clinical Physics.

The council of the NACP:

From February 2017 the council has consisted of:

President:	Marianne Leirdal Stokkan	Norwegian Association of Medical Physics
Secretary:	Mika Teräs	Finnish Association of Medical Physicists
Treasurer:	Asger Greval Petersen	Danish Society for Medical Physics
Webmaster:	Anders Tingberg	Swedish Society for Radiation Physics
Delegate:	Gardar Myrdal	Icelandic Society of Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics

Work within the council:

The council had 4 meetings in 2017; in February, May, September and December. Three council meetings were telephone meetings lasting usually for less than 2 hours. The meeting in February was held in Oslo during the NACP 2017 Symposium. Also presidents of the Danish and Norsk NMOs participated to this meeting.

The president prepared agendas for the meetings. The secretary took minutes. Approved minutes can be found on our web-pages. The secretary also sent the minutes to the presidents of the NMOs.

It is important that each NMO continue their responsibility to appoint delegates to the council.

In 2017 the council has worked on the following tasks:

- Organizing the 4th official NACP Symposium in Oslo 6.-8. February 2017
- Supporting NACP Symposium participants with NACP Symposium Travel Grants
- Awards: the Varian-NACP grant and the Elekta-NACP grant (not given in 2017)
- Supporting the NACP Radiological Physics Committee
- Supporting the NACP Nuclear Medicine Committee
- Continuing cooperation with Acta Oncologica
- Similar cooperation with Acta Radiologica was established for NACP 2017 Symposium
- Website matters

Some results of this work can be seen by visiting the NACP website: www.nacp-nordisk.org

NACP Symposiums 2017 and 2020

NACP Symposium 2017 in Oslo 6-8 February 2017

The 4th NACP Symposium was held in Oslo and was successful. A unofficial conference report was done by two Medical Physicists, Kajsa Fridström and Josefine Ståhl Kornerup from Trondheim and will be put to the NACP web-page.

NACP Symposium 2020 in Reykjavik

Both the organizing committee (Norway) and the scientific committee (Denmark) are now set for the 2020 NACP Symposium and a collaboration agreement has been signed between the two. The venue in Reykjavik is still open, but the NACP Council approved suggested dates June 7th – 10th at their December meeting.

Grants

The NACP has established a cooperation with both Varian and Elekta in order to support clinically working physicists in the field of radiation therapy and to encourage research and development in the field. Each grant is 3500 Euro.

VARIAN-NACP grant

The Varian-NACP grant was established in 2005, and has deadline for application on March 01st each year.

The Grant has been postponed in 2015 due to negotiations with The Silicon Valley Community Foundation for receiving and spending the Grant money from Varian. Fortunately an agreement has been made, the Varian-NACP Grant was reactivated in 2016.

The Grant winner for 2016 is Mari Partanen from Tampere University Hospital, Finland.

The connection with Varian and The Silicon Valley Community Foundation was lost again when trying to establish continuation for the grant and thus no Grant was opened in 2017

ELEKTA-NACP grant

The Elekta-NACP grant was established in 2012, and has deadline for application November 1st each year.

No Grant Winner was appointed for 2017.

NACP Symposium Travel Grant

In 2016 a new Grant was established by the NACP Council “The NACP Symposium travel grant” funded by the NACP. The aim of the grant is to support members of the National Member Organisations from Nordic countries to participate in the NACP Symposium, by covering a part of the travel expenses (travel and accommodation).

In 2016, the Grant was 500€ and 8 Grant winners was selected, to travel to the 2017 NACP Symposium in Oslo.

Scientific Committee

A well-established system of criteria (relevance, up-to-dateness, originality and usefulness) for selecting the winner of the NACP grants was used.

The members of the 2017 NACP Scientific Committee are listed in the table below.

Field	Finland	Sweden	Norway	Denmark
Radiation therapy	Simo Hyödynmaa	Per Nilsson	Jan Heggdal	Mette Skovhus Thomsen (Secretary)
Nuclear medicine	Mika Teräs	Michael Ljungberg	Marianne Leirdal Stokkan	Søren Baarsgaard Hansen
Radiology/MRI	Miika Nieminen	Annette Fransson Andreo	Samuel Kuttner	Jolanta Hansen

The NACP Radiological Physics Committee (RPC)

Hans-Erik Källman (Sweden) and Anne Catrine Martinsen (Norway) initiated the Radiological Physics Committee in 2009. The members are:

Andreas Österlund, Sweden, chairperson/secretary
 Heli Larjava, Finland
 Daniel Aadnevik, Norway,
 Ahmed Jibril Abdi, Denmark

The Committee has conducted 6 telephone meetings in 2017 approximately 1 hour each. The members met also physically during the NACP course held at Södersjukhuset in Stockholm 27-29 September.

The course was organised together with NMPC and was titled as “Course on occupational dosimetry in hospitals”. The course received a good feedback with 92 participants.

To read more on the RPC activities, visit their home pages linked from the NACP pages.

The NACP Nuclear Medicine Physics Committee (NMPC)

The NMPC was initiated in 2014. The members of the Committee in 2017 were:

Poul-Erik Braad, Denmark
Mikko Hakulinen, Finland
Jan Axelsson, Sweden
Caroline Stokke (replacing Maria Tunset Grinde), Norway

The Committee has conducted 2 telephone meetings in 2017, and had a course in 2017 together with the RPC (see above).

To read more on the NMPC, visit their home pages linked from the NACP pages.

Establishing cooperation with Acta Oncologica and Acta Radiologica

ACTA Oncologica sponsored the NACP 2017 Symposium in Oslo the same way as in Århus 2008, Uppsala 2011, and Turku 2014.

ACTA Radiologica made also a special issue, supplement for the conference and sponsor some of the invited lecturers.

Website matters

New pages were launched in 2013 and have during 2017 continuously be updated by the webmaster. There was again a hacker incidence in the fall and the pages were down and had to be re-built. This occurred via the finnish NMO homepages that were down as well.

Future strategies

The council continues to discuss the following strategies for the future:

- Initiation of a NACP dosimetry task group
- Co-operation with Acta Oncologica and Acta Radiologica
- Common job advertisement on the NACP web-pages
- Further develop the web pages
- Organisation of the NACP 2020 Symposium in Reykjavik, Iceland



An umbrella organisation for: Danish Society for Medical Physics • Finnish Association of Medical Physicists • Icelandic Society of Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics • Norwegian Association of Medical Physics • Swedish Society of Radiation Physics

Account

The NACP (organisation number 802400-5343) have at its disposal a bank account in Handelsbanken (Solna, SWEDEN). Cathrine Jonsson, the treasurer until May 2014,) has transferred the right to make withdrawals from the account to Anders Tingdal.

The account will be transferred to Denmark latest in 2018, where Denmark will hold the treasurer post in the Council according to The List of Duties.

Marianne Leirdal Stokkan
President 2017-2019

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