

## ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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

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 include the year 2007, and will be approved on the first council meeting in 2008.

### 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 council of NACP:

#### **During the report period the council has been**

President:	Rune Hafslund	Norwegian Society for Medical Physics
Secretary:	Jørgen Petersen	Danish Society for Medical Physics
Treasurer:	Cathrine Jonsson	Swedish Society for Radiation Physics
Webmaster:	Mika Teräs	Finnish Association of Hospital Physicists
Delegate:	Gardar Myrdal	Icelandic Society of Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics

## 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 an “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 move forward slowly and try to make a solid foundation for a prosperous Nordic Association for Clinical Physics.

## Work in the Council:

The council had 4 meetings in 2007, in March, June, September and December. All council meetings were telephone meetings lasting usually for 1.5 hour. The president prepared agendas for the meetings. Minutes were usually taken by our secretary. All minutes were approved on the next council meeting and can be found on our password protected web-pages. The secretary also send the minutes to the presidents of the NMOs.

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

In 2007 the council has worked on the following tasks:

- Awards
- Planning for an official NACP symposium
- Website
- Follow up CPD- task group
- Organisation of the society
- Organizing the work in the council itself

Some result of this work can be seen by going to our website.

The domain-name [www.nacp-nordic.org](http://www.nacp-nordic.org) was lost in 2007, and our webmaster will attain a new web domain.

In council meeting 02-07 it was decided to send Pentti Torniaainen a diploma as appreciation for his work as council member between January 01th. 2005 until December 31th. 2006.

## The constitution

The constitution was approved on the general assembly in Bergen on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The constitution can be found on our web-pages. The council try to work according to the constitution, but the council have problems to fullfill all paragraphs in the constitution. Since the council has members from the national boards, these members are appointed for different periods of time. This means council members may enter or exit the council at different times, and new constitution of the council has to be done accordingly. So far, this has not been any problem.

However, the council will not yet ask for any changes in the constitution. It will try to interpret the intentions in the paragraphs and use this as a baseline for its work. The constitution probably

has to be revised after some more years based on practical experience from the work for the council.

## NACP Symposium 2008

In council meeting 01-07 in March 2007 the council decided to arrange a common Nordic symposium, the NACP Symposium 2008, in Århus, Denmark. The aim should be to strengthen the collaboration and enforce networking within the NACP.

The symposium will replace both the annual national Danish and Norwegian meetings in 2008. A scientific committee was organized with representatives from all Nordic countries and all three medical physics branches. Further details are available at [www.nacp2008.dk](http://www.nacp2008.dk).

## Awards 2007

In December 2005 the council came to an agreement with Varian for a “Varian – NACP grant”. The “Varian-NACP grant” has deadline for application on March 01th. each year. In 2007 NACP received two applications for this grant, and Flemming Kjær Kristoffersen from Denmark was drawn to be the winner of 3.500 EUR. Flemming used the grant for a one week visit to University of Illinois, Chicago in June 2007, to evaluate the use of IMRT for Total Body Irradiation. His report can be found on NACP web.

During 2007 the council continued to work on similar agreements with other companies within the field of clinical physics, and started the work to propose rules for selecting a board for NACP awards winners, the Award Board. To ease the work for this board, the council also would like to have a system to evaluate applications, for example something equivalent to the Swedish system.

## Task Groups

NACP has so far appointed one task group on Continuous Professional Development (CPD). The task group and its members were officially formed on council meeting 02 in 2005. Aims and Terms of Reference for the group were approved by the council on the council meeting 04-05 and can be found on our website.

The CPD-task group consist of these members:

From Denmark:	Kjeld Olsen (contact person)
From Finland:	Simo Hyödynmaa
From Iceland:	Gardar Myrdal (as observer)
From Norway:	Kjell Inge Gjesdal
From Sweden:	Bertil Axelsson

The group do work on a report for NACP recommendations on a harmonised Nordic CPD-system. The intention of the council is to present these recommendation at the NACP symposium 2008.

The council started to initiate a NACP dosimetry task group, asking Gardar Myrdal to make a proposal for aims, organisation and terms of reference.

### Account

The NACP (organisation number 802400-5343) have at it's disposal a bank account in Handelsbanken (Solna, SWEDEN). Cathrine Jonsson, the NACP treasurer, has the right to make withdrawals from the account.

On Dec. 31<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the balance was 26359 SEK

January 1<sup>st</sup>, withdrawn 1250 SEK (fee web-based corporate banking system)

May 25<sup>th</sup>, deposit 4584 SEK (Varian award)

Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, deposit 21 SEK (interest)

On Dec. 31<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the balance was 29714 SEK

The council has decided there is, for time being, no need for an external audit of the account.

**Bergen, February 08<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



Rune Hafslund  
President