

NOF 2008 Congress Newsletter 3, 9th of February 2008

With this third newsletter of the 54th Congress of the Nordic Orthopaedic Federation the Organizing Committee has some exciting issues to tell.

The number of abstracts sent to the Scientific Committee reached a level of 360. For this reason the deadline for submission was postponed to January 16th. The stream of submissions was at a peak rate in the first days of January and the organisation wanted to give everyone a fair chance to submit papers in those busy days. In order to host the submitted and accepted papers the Organizing Committee will have to expand the number of conference rooms. This will give a change of the program schedule as it is published until now. Please watch the website carefully at www.nof2008.org.

EACCME, the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, an Institution of the UEMS, granted 15 CME credits (ECMEC) to the NOF 2008 Congress. This will lead the way to national accreditation in European countries as well.

There has been a slight change in composition of the organizing committee. Mr. J Barentsz left the committee and his place is taken by Mr. D. Werkman, MD. Mr. Werkman will continue the work as the treasurer and contact person for sponsoring business. We express our gratitude for all the work that Mr. Barentsz has done for the congress organisation. On behalf of the Congress organisation of the AMC, Mrs Weijenhoven has finished her work for the NOF 2008 congress. Her successor is Mrs Alcidie Mommers. The e-mail address for the organising committee is unchanged, for all contact information see the website www.nof2008.org

There are also some slight changes in the social program. Some of the excursions are cancelled since the quality could not be guaranteed to the standard we like to offer you. People who already registered for the cancelled tours will be contacted to choose an alternative. The new program is on the website, www.nof2008.org.

The artistic part of the opening ceremony will consist of a performance of Hans Liberg who is an international famous "omni musician". His main instrument is the piano but he can play several others instruments as well. He even performed in the Wiener Musik Verein, an honour that is granted to very few individual musicians. To get an impression of this impressive artist, see his official website, www.hansliberg.com. Details on the opening ceremony will appear in the next newsletter or on our website.

Within days the first printed program book of the congress will be published. It will contain a congress application form as well. Web based subscription is also still possible.

Please be aware of the important dates for this congress:

On-line early registration and abstract submission was available since 1st of September 2007

Deadline for early registration will be 1st of April 2008

Congress dates are 11th – 13th of June 2008