

NOF 2008 Congress Newsletter 4, 25th of March 2008

With this fourth newsletter of the 54th Congress of the Nordic Orthopaedic Federation the Organizing Committee has some recent issues to communicate. The publication date of this Newsletter is slightly more than two months before the first day of the Congress. Please be well aware that the deadline for early registration, **April 1st 2008**, is coming very near. So you will have just one week to profit from early registration!!!

During the last few weeks over 4000 copies of the first printed program book of the congress were distributed to the orthopaedic surgeons in the member countries of NOF. The book contains a congress application form as well. Web based subscription is also still possible.

The Scientific Committee has done a remarkable job! 360 Abstracts that were submitted turned to be from 270 unique editors. Of these 270 abstracts over 190 were accepted, which means an acceptance rate of approximately 70% !

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. The Dutch Orthopaedic Association has granted the congress with 15 hours of CME. These hours will be submitted to the Dutch accreditation and reward system GAIA.

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.

Please be aware of the important dates for this congress:

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

Deadline for early registration will be 1st of April 2008

Congress dates are 11th – 13th of June 2008