NorPEN Executive Committee Meeting, January 24, 2023

Present: Jacqueline Cohen, Angela Lupattelli, Arto Puranen, Carolyn Cesta, Heidi Taipale, Kari Heini, Lina Steinrud Mørch, Lotte Rasmussen, Maarit Leinonen, Miia Artama, Mika Gissler

- 1. Welcome and Intro
- 2. New applications for membership: discuss in Feb meeting, 2 groups in Sweden
 - a. Division of Clinical Pharmacology, KI yes, new Chair will send welcome material
 - b. Division of Real World Evidence, SDS Life Sciences Consultancy group from a private company no because they don't fit in the bylaws, but this decision is not final. Carolyn will let them know that they currently do not qualify according to the bylaws, but we will discuss changing the bylaws at a future meeting
 - i. Some thoughts on changing the bylaws: A main aim of the organization should be scientific research. Welcome to attend the meeting. Interested in giving seminars, discussing methods. Concern that some executive committee members may not serve on boards with industry. Need independent scientific input in order to be a member? Could they be members but not serve on EC? To discuss at a future meeting.
 - c. Others from Finland will be on the agenda for the next meeting
- 3. Chair, vice chair, secretary
 - a. Lotte volunteers as Chair
 - b. Carolyn as vice Chair
 - c. Arto as secretary
- 4. Minutes from the last meeting
 - a. Need to have them sent again and we will approve next time.
 - b. Next meeting we can further discuss the future ideas that were raised in November
 - c. Who maintains the website? Lotte will check in with the current IT person in Odense and put Jackie directly in contact for updates related to the next NorPEN meeting
 - d. Anne will not continue as a PhD student substitute. We will request nominations from our research groups for the PhD student substitute and send request to heads of the research groups. Ask for short CV/bio. Can discuss and vote at the next meeting.
- 5. Feedback from NorPEN 2022.
 - a. Miia will discuss sending a feedback survey with Leena and will collate feedback for another meeting
- 6. NorPEN 2023
 - a. Planning is underway. More to share next time. Jackie should contact Miia and Leena for more info on practicalities from the meeting in Finland.
- 7. Educational group
 - a. Planning more seminars, invited speakers from all of the Nordic countries
 - b. NordForsk funding waiting to hear
- 8. Aims for 2023
 - a. Information sharing within the EC
 - b. Lotte collected NorPEN publications from the research group leader and put them together to update the website

c. Keep the organization of the meetings for the country leaders, not registry holders or societies. Carolyn and Lotte will set agenda for the next meeting and then we resume taking turns chairing the meetings / preparing agenda

9. Other

- a. Danish Pharmacoepi Society Anton will teach a course. Available for all Nordic researchers, hybrid format. Free for students and members of national PE societies in all of the countries and otherwise for a fee of 500 DKK.
- b. Where the 2024 NorPEN will be hosted? Interest by SDU in hosting.

10. Next meeting

a. Feb 23, 2 pm CET – Lotte will send invitation.