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The Nordic Gerontologic Federation (NGF) has now been in existence for almost 40 years now. The main activity during these decades has been to participate in organizing the Nordic Congresses in Gerontology (NKG). We are now experiencing the 21st of these congresses (21NKG), this time in Copenhagen. In another section of this newsletter, the details of this congress are described. According to this account, the NGF and its member association are again on an upward slope where each congress is bigger than the preceding one and it is obvious that this is turning out to be a success, thanks to all of you, organizers and participants alike.

The NGF has managed to continue a tradition for many years now, to be able in collaboration with the Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation to reward an outstanding person in research and education in gerontology/geriatrics. This award will be announced at the Opening ceremony on Sunday the 10th of June and the prize winner will give his lecture later in the conference.

Another tradition has been to honor an outstanding researcher, most often in the middle of the career, by invitation to give an honorary lecture at the congress and to publish an article in the journal "Aging, Clinical and Experimental Research. This article has already been published: *Øyvind Kirkevold, Arnfinn Eek and Knut Engedal. Development of residential care services facilitated for persons with dementia in Norway ACER 2012;24;(1):1-6.*

Apart from this, ten grants for young researchers are being handed out to those that had an accepted abstract for the congress, two from each of the five countries.

In a post congress meeting in Lund, Sweden on higher education in gerontology, the role of the NGF will be discussed as well as many other topics.

It has already been decided to hold the 22 NKG in Gothenburg on 25-28th of May 2014 and a website has already been set up (www.22nkg.com). The show goes on!

On behalf of NGF and its 11 member associations I congratulate the organizers of the 21st congress in gerontology on their success!

Jón Snædal, President of the NGF

Velkommen til 21. Nordiske Kongres i Gerontologi – København 2012.

Det er med stor glæde, at vi nu kan byde jer alle velkommen til den 21. Nordiske Kongres i Gerontologi. Forud har ligget flere års planlægning, hvor vi på tværs af fag og nationaliteter har bestræbt os på at sætte et videnskabeligt program sammen, som forhåbentlig vil give jer alle et godt indblik i ældreområdet seneste udviklings- og forskningsresultater.

De fleste mennesker kan forvente at leve længere end deres forældre og med et bedre helbred, funktionsniveau og en bedre økonomi. Når vi alligevel har valgt *Dilemmas in Ageing Societies* som kongressens tema, skal det ses på baggrund af, at vi fremadrettet kan forudse en stigende polarisering af ældrebefolkningen. De fleste vil kunne klare sig selv op i høj alder, men et betydeligt mindretal vil fysisk, psykisk eller socialt have det svært med behov for betydelig hjælp og omsorg fra andre. Det er dette overordnede dilemma, vi håber, kongressen kan være med til at belyse og give nogle bud på, hvordan vi bedst sikrer så mange som mulig en god og aktiv alderdom.

Kongressen har denne gang mere end 600 deltagere. Vi har modtaget mere end 400 abstracts og har deltagere fra 34 forskellige lande. Vi kører med op til syv parallelle spor, har Plenum- og State of the Art-forelæsnings, og forsøger gennem postersessioner yderligere at dække de enkelte emner så bredt og grundigt som muligt. Det er derfor vores håb, at vi med et engagement fra alle deltagere kan få skabt frugtbare diskussioner og udveksling af forskningsmæssige resultater.

Og så skal kongressen selvfølgelig også give mulighed for socialt samvær, og for at gense gamle og møde nye venner og kollegaer. Vi har ved siden af det mere formelle kongresprogram sat en række sociale arrangementer op, som vi håber I vil deltage i og være med til at festliggøre.

Alt i alt håber vi således at have skabt nogle rammer for det nordiske samarbejde på tværs af fag og landegrænser, der gør, at I hver især, når kongressen er ovre, kan drage hjem med nye erfaringer og inspiration til at komme videre med de emner, der nu fylder på hvert jeres felt.

På kongreskomiteens vegne
Finn Rønholt
Præsident for 21. Nordisk Kongres i Gerontologi

The Sohlberg's Nordic Prize of Gerontology 2012

This prize is the highest award in Nordic gerontology. The prize is € 10.000 and is sponsored by the Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation in Finland.

This prize will be awarded to a scientist active in the Nordic countries, who is a leader in her/his field in gerontology, and who has had a major influence on the development of her/his field. A "leader" in this context either has a large/successful research group or has initiated something of major importance, which has been followed up by others. In this context gerontology includes all fields of science that deal with any aspect of ageing.

A jury has made the decision and the winner will be announced at the congress.

The members of the jury is the president and the two vice presidents of the NGF accompanied by the two most recent prizewinners, professors Laura Fratiglioni and Yngve Gustafson.

Two candidates were nominated for the prize. They are both very well qualified for the prize;

Professor Kaisu Pitkalae, University of Helsinki, Finland. Specialist in geriatrics and Internal medicine.

Senior lecturer Carsten Hendriksen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Specialist in geriatrics.