

## **FINNISH SOCIETY OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

The Finnish Society of Emergency Medicine was founded in December 2005. Purpose of the Society is to keep up education, deliver information and develop emergency medicine both on domestic and international stage. The Society works also as an official consultant in questions related to field of emergency medicine in Finland.

During 2012, Veli-Pekka Harjola (M.D, Ph.D) has worked as Chairman and Heikki Janhunen (M.D.) as 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairman. Jaakko Pitkälä (M.D.) has worked as a Secretary and Afra Prokki (M.D.) as a Treasurer. The whole board of the Society had five meetings during the year. Daily e-mails and phone calls were also needed in order to run the Society.

At the end of year 2012, the Society had 140 members. Member data has been maintained by the Secretary. Growth in new membership applications was significant during 2012. All members of the Society are medical doctors or bachelors of medicine. Finance of the Society is run solely by individual membership fees and small-scale educational incomes.

Chairman Veli-Pekka Harjola joined ICEM and EUSEM congresses during 2012. As a result, Scandinavian members decided to establish Nordic Federation of Emergency Medicine. Aim is to have meetings and congresses in member countries focusing on local EM situation. The first Nordic Congress on Emergency Medicine will be held in Helsinki, Finland, 8-9 November 2013.

In other international activities, Ari Palomäki (M.D, Ph.D.) and Marian Ahlskog-Karhu were chosen as FiSEM's representatives to UEMS. A list of young members was also delivered to EUSEM in order to gather together young EM doctors around the Europe.

In training activities a session focusing on emergency medicine was held at The Finnish Medical Convention 2012. During the year, two EM-ultrasound courses were held both in Jyväskylä and in Helsinki. Trainings were very well received and motivated to scale up training activities next year.

In the Research section, Ari Palomäki and Jukka Tolonen (M.D, Ph.D.) formed guidelines for scientific work within the Society. A separate scientific board will be established in order to guide and control research work inside Finnish EM community.

The Specialty of Emergency Medicine was approved to start from 1 January 2013.