

**NUF  
2021**



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**Dear urological nurses and urologists in Nordic countries, dear collaborators, dear friends,**

In the middle of uncertainty due to COVID19 pandemic, we have continued planning of the upcoming NUF congress in Helsinki. Indeed, we completed the scientific and social programs and were ready to open the registration for the congress in November 2020.

Unsurprisingly, however, current COVID19 pandemic raises big questions. Restrictions in arranging big meetings and in travelling are continuing. Internationally even major global events have been postponed, including European Football Championships and Tokyo Olympics.

We would very much like to organize an excellent, memorable but also safe congress with plenty of participants here in Helsinki. Even though the situation seems better in Nordic countries compared to many other regions in the world, very high uncertainty with COVID19 pandemic remains. Even if we get the vaccine in use in early 2021 in Nordic countries, we are unsure if urologists and urological nurses are interested in travelling to a mass gathering in June 2021.

Many congresses have been modified to online virtual meetings, such as EAU20, but our Organizing Committee and NUF Board think that in addition to scientific program, NUF meeting is also very much a social event and that virtual meeting can never replace a face to face meeting.

The organizing committee of NUF2021 and the NUF Board have therefore decided to postpone the NUF2021 congress by one year to June 2022. Unfortunately, Finlandia Hall will be under renovation in June 2022. The new dates of **NUF2022 Helsinki are 8.-11.6.2022** and the new congress venue will be **Messukeskus** ([www.messukeskus.com](http://www.messukeskus.com)). Further information on new congress venue and the new dates will be published as soon as possible also on our web-pages and in Twitter and Instagram accounts.

To keep up NUF connections during COVID19 era, we have planned also to organize a one-day pre-congress **NUF webinar on June 2nd, 2021**, on the starting date of the original NUF2021. Based on the suggestion from NUF residents' working group, the NUF2021 webinar will contain "Residents day webinar" as well as state of the art lectures. We welcome also other NUF working groups and Scandinavian Journal of Urology to suggest ideas to the program of the NUF2021 Webinar. Further information and more detailed program of the **NUF2021 Webinar** will be published soon.

Follow us and for more updates at [www.nuf2021.fi](http://www.nuf2021.fi) and also in our Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Looking forward to seeing you in NUF2021 webinar in June 2021 and meeting you all in June 2022 in NUF2022 congress in Helsinki!

**On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the NUF2021 webinar, NUF2022 congress and NUF**

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