

# 1<sup>st</sup> FCS- EFC Nordic – Baltic Advanced Colposcopy Course

The Finnish Colposcopy Society arranged with EFC's support the first Nordic-Baltic Advanced Colposcopy Course on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in Helsinki, Finland.

The Course venue was the Auditorium of the Finnish National Museum and the interesting programme had attracted over 170 delegates from 21 different countries, not just countries around the Baltic Sea, but also e.g. from Italy, France, UK, Slovakia, Czech, Georgia, Kosovo and Bosnia. The programme was arranged according to the EFC's requirements for Advanced Course. We had over 20 international speakers, who gave excellent presentations.

All the presentations were quite short (max 20 min) and enough time was spared to rewarding and lively discussions. The topics varied from basic science (genes, HPV, methylation, screening) to cases, management (including cervix, vagina and vulva), guidelines, training, teaching and quality assurance. We had also eight sponsors. They were different kind of companies from instrumentation to medicines and IT. Every company was happy with the event.

The social programme was as well very popular and as always it might have been the best way to build new connections and network. Because we were in Finland and during winter time, it included sauna before the dinner with dance. What could be a better way to get to know a new friend than sit beside her or him in hot sauna and shortly afterwards have a relaxing swim in ice cold water in the middle of the city? And actually half of the delegates did that!

After two days of intensive speaking, learning and discussions, the Course got very good criticism from the participants.

I want to thank once again all the delegates and sponsors for coming to this Course. This encourages the Finnish Colposcopy Society to arrange new Courses and above all to organize as well as possible the 2022 EFC European Colposcopy Congress, June 8-11 in Helsinki, Finland. You are all warmly welcome!

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