

## **SSAI's NORDIC EDUCATION IN ADVANCED PAIN MEDICINE**

The Nordic Education in Advanced Pain Medicine for anaesthesiologists was established within the frames of Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI) in 2001.

The education is designed for specialists in anaesthesiology who either has or is planning to have their daily work in pain clinics or multidisciplinary pain centres. The purpose with the education is to supply the specialist with the knowledge and skills necessary to evaluate and treat patients suffering from moderately and severely complex long term/chronic non-cancer and cancer related pain conditions in addition to advanced knowledge and skills in handling acute pain.

For further information; read the core curriculum.

The Nordic Education in Advanced Pain Medicine comprises a theoretical, scientific and clinical part. The theoretical part consists of at least 5 courses all lasting 3 days, containing the educational proposals given by IASP in "Core Curriculum for Professional Education in Pain". Local organizing committees arrange the courses in the five different Nordic countries.

The clinical part lasts at least for 3 months, and takes place at classified multidisciplinary pain centres in the university hospitals. Due to differences in the national health care systems the components of the clinical part may vary from one country to another.

The scientific part consists in a project, survey or a similar task related to the pain area and approved by the Faculty. This part should be finalised within the 2-year course period.

After having finalised the theoretical, clinical and scientific parts of the education and fulfilled the included conditions, a Nordic Diploma in Advanced Pain Medicine signed by the President of SSAI and the Chairman of the Course Faculty is delivered to the participants. So far 59 colleges have received this diploma and can call themselves NDAPM. Thirty one new students will finish their education in the 3<sup>rd</sup> course series in Reykjavik in May 2008.

The 4<sup>th</sup> course series will start in Stockholm in November 2008 and will be announced in Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica early in 2008.

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