

Minutes

From the Board Meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI) in Copenhagen, Denmark, January 26th - 27th, 2008.

Present:

Poul Klint Andersen, member of the organising committee at the next Congress in Odense (from 3 p.m. Saturday)

Björn Biber, past Congress Vice-President

Sven Erik Gisvold, Editor in Chief, Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica

Anne Berit Guttormsen, SSAI web-master

Ivar Göthgen, Director of Acta Foundation

Mogens Hutte, member of the organising committee at the next Congress in Odense (from 3 p.m. Saturday)

Per Kristian Hyldmo, chairman of the Educational Committee

Sigga Kalman, Secretary General

Sigbergur Káráson, delegate of the Icelandic Society

Hans Kirkegaard, President of the Danish Society

Per Meinich, President of the Norwegian Society,

Freddy Lippert, Treasurer

Jannicke Mellin-Olsen, delegate of the Norwegian Society

Eija Nilsson, past Secretary General

Minna Niskanen, chairman of the Clinical Practise Committee

Pertti Pere, President of Finnish Society

Helen Seeman-Lodding, past Congress President

Eldar Søreide, President

Riikka Takala, delegate of the Finnish Society

Palle Toft, the next Congress President (from 3 p.m. Saturday)

Jan Wernerman, President of the Swedish Society

Lars Wiklund, delegate of the Swedish Society

1. The SSAI Board Meeting was opened by the President and he was also elected as the chairman for the meeting.
2. The agenda was slightly changed and approved.
3. The last minutes was discussed and a paragraph concerning the approved international educational support of 30 000 Dkr to the Educational Committee was added. Thereafter the minutes of the last board were approved.
4. Status report from the President. There were two great events during 2008, the 29th Congress of SSAI that were successfully organised as a joint venture together with SFAI , and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavia.
5. Future strategies for a Position paper for the future of Scandinavian Anaesthesiology.

Eldar presented a talk on Position paper - why? He said that in Scandinavia the speciality Anaesthesiology = Anaesthesia plus Intensive Care Medicine, Pain Therapy and Emergency Medicine. Eldar cited our Bylaws "that the society should be a forum in Scandinavia for scientific discussions and co-operation and also to encourage exchange of ideas in the fields of Anaesthesia, Intensive Care Medicine, Pain Therapy, Emergency Medicine and Pre-hospital Care". Eldar also cited our Bylaws § 5 Aims: "To safeguard the professional interests of the medical speciality Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine and its practitioners in the Scandinavian countries" and concluded that the question is not WHY, but HOW we should proceed with the Task Force for a Position Paper. Main questions to be answered are: Where are we as a speciality now and where are we heading? Where would we like to be in 10 years? Medical and patient centered discussion - we are not a Doctor's Union!

Discussion

There was a discussion about Emergency Medicine and especially the terminology. It was pointed out that in Sweden there is a super-speciality (i.e. a speciality that could be superimposed on several specialities) that is called Emergency Medicine. The Society for Emergency Medicine has in a letter put forward that it is

inappropriate for Swedish anaesthesiologists to use the same term when meaning the emergency ("akut") care that is done by an Anaesthesiologist. A similar problem is seen in Denmark. It seemed as we all agreed that the care of the patient with an emergency ("akut") threat towards vital function is a competence of Anesthesiology disregarding whether it is pre-hospital, in the emergency department, or in the ICU.

Decision

We decided to make a working group with 5 members, one from each country and using the board as reference Group. Suggested for the workforce are Helen Seeman Lodding, Palle Toft (or someone else from the Odense congress), Sigbergur Kárason (to find a Icelandic representative), Eldar Søreide and Minna Niskanen. The paper is planned to be organised under following headings: History of SSAI and role in shaping the future of Scandinavian Anaesthesiology, definition of Scandinavian Anaesthesiology (anaesthesia, intensive care medicine, pain therapy and emergency medicine, including pre-hospital care), current status of the four pillars (columns?) in the 5 countries in relation to organisation at hospital level, training, clinical practice and research, nomenclature to be used to describe our speciality and position, identifying challenges at present and in the future, research agenda, controversies and potential conflicts. The paper is suggested to end with strategic plans, summary and suggestions. The intention is that a Board approval could be reached in January 2009 and hopefully an approval of the General Assembly in June 2009.

6. Status report of Educational Committee was given by chairman Per Kristian Hyldmo.

The committee now consists of the following persons Torsten Gordh (S), Einar Ørn Einarson (I) - secretary, Leila Niemi-Murola (SF) - PR, web responsible, Helle Thy Østergaard (DK) - educational expert, Per Kristian Hyldmo (N) - chairman, Eldar Søreide (Board representative). Each member has been assigned as contact persons / liaisons between the EC and the different Post Graduate Programs: ICU : Einar Ørn E, Pain: Torsten G, Paediatric: Leila N-M, AEM: Per Kristian H, Obstetric: Helle Thy Ø.

Activities held during 2007 were a meeting in January 2007, a support meeting with Steering Committee Intensive Care and Steering Committee Paediatric Anaesthesia and there were a kick off for the working group for the Obstetric program

Future plans

The Committee plans to strengthen the relationship to the post graduate program chairs in the constitute countries, develop modules in a "master program" for the generalists, develop educational courses and the roll as facilitator for the anaesthesiology trainee. There will be a seminar in Odense on "course development". The Committee also plans to Collaborate with Clinical Practice Committee on Guidelines and with the research committee to increase educational research and quality of projects. The use of the Webpage will increase.

Discussion

The future strategies were discussed, especially the Master class for the "generalist". Some thought that this is a good way to start a network and spread knowledge between the countries; other thought that this kind of courses should be held on a national level.

7. Status report of Clinical Practice Committee was given by chair Minna Niskanen.

The committee now consists of the following persons Guðmundur Klemenzson, Eva Ranklev, Ann Möller, Jon Henrik Laake and in the coming year from the Board Sigga Kalman. Activities planned during 2008 are a meeting in Copenhagen 2 April where the work with the Clinical Practice Guidelines will continue and a survey about quality systems will be planned (anaesthesia, ICU, emergency medicine and pain) in the Nordic countries. A session about the guidelines will be held in the next SSAI congress in Odense 2009. An anaesthesia database is discussed in the Committee, and a survey will be held in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Norway.

Task and status of the work that has been started are as follows:

Anaphylaxis- diagnosis, management and follow-up. Facilitator: Eva Ranklev. The article is published in Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica;

Massive bleeding. Facilitator: Eldar Søreide. On the web (www.scantem.org) and "in press" in Scand J Surgery;

Prehospital airway management. Facilitator: Per Kristian Hyldmo. The draft is submitted to Acta after revisions.

Anticoagulation and regional anaesthesia. Facilitator: Seppo Alahuhta. The draft is ready.

Therapeutic hypothermia. Facilitator: Minna Niskanen. The draft will soon be presented to the SSAI board.

Task forces to be started:

Acute pain management. Facilitator: Girish Hirlekar. Members: To be announced

Perioperative fluid management. Facilitator: To be announced:

Anaesthesia for emergency situations. Facilitator: Anders Gaadegard Jensen: Invitation and 3 reminders have been sent out to the national societies regarding this subject. Names from Finland and Denmark have been received. No names from Norway, Iceland or Sweden.

Sedation of children outside the operating room. Facilitator: Tom G Hansen.

Sedation outside the operating room. Facilitator: To be announced.

Difficult airway. Facilitator:?

Minna gave a talk on "Future challenges in clinical anaesthesiology":

The population is aging, number and age of patients will increase as will the need for emergency service. The anaesthesia manpower is changing with a different attitude to work (part-time, free-time) with shortage of personnel in specialized health care. We may need to reallocate tasks and there is a growing proportion of medical care in the private sector. An increasing migration is seen from other countries. There is an urgent need to improve productivity in perioperative services and operating room efficiency. There is a changing role for anaesthesiologists in Scandinavia.

Anaesthesiologists are leaders and organizers of daily management of operating rooms, operative services and the 4 pillars (columns) of our speciality. Anaesthesiologist are experts in defining measures of resources used in the operating rooms and with the triage of emergency surgery ("traffic lights") minimizing the amount of night-time operations.

8. Status report from the Research Committee was given by Sigbergur Kárason.

The Research Committee (RC) took an active part in the preparation and planning of the 29th Congress of the SSAI. The RC reviewed all abstracts selected for the prize competitions and voted in the final decision following the oral presentations. In addition, the RC, together with the SCCTG (Scandinavian Critical Care Trials Group), organised the "hot topic" session that included presentations on ABO-neutral blood transfusions, a review of vasopressin in septic shock as well as a preliminary report from the Finnish intensive care network regarding sepsis (Finnsepsis) and acute lung injury. The collaboration with ExpertMaker was further developed to provide a

platform for Internet-based surveys, CRFs, and audits. The FLUID survey, designed to assess Scandinavian practice on colloid usage, was successfully completed and data capture closed in early May. The FLUID initiative confirmed the versatility of using ExpertMaker that enabled access to the questionnaire, distribution of data, governance of progress and on-line statistical evaluation based on a common platform. The RC is hopeful that the potential of ExpertMaker will be utilised in future endorsed SSAI initiatives.

Plans and Ongoing activities:

The RC takes an active part in the preparation of the Position Paper outlined by the SSAI president where RC focuses on relevant academic and research issues.

The RC continues its support and collaboration with networks such as the SCCTG and the ANZICS (Australian New Zealand). The FLUID study, networking with SAFE TRIPS (Saline vs. Albumin Fluid Evaluation Translation into Practice Study). Applications for research funding have been handled.

Future strategies

The RC will need to advertise its work in the areas outside intensive care in order to reach its declared ambitions. ANRC workshop will be organised late spring 2008 to formalise a strategy. Finally, a survey of the Scandinavian work force in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care has been suggested by the SSAI board and the RC will provide logistic support.

Discussion

How the research funding should be handled was discussed along lines as "Should we demand that the work is sent to Acta? What effects have a small funding on a large project? Do we need to have a budget from the researcher to understand the size of the project?" The suggested research funding from the RC was agreed upon.

The need to have an itemised budget was stressed.

9. Timetable for report and funding of committees and activities

In mid-May each year the following should be sent to the Treasurer

- a. a report on how previous money has been used
- b. proposal for activities with a budget that is itemised when it comes to how the money is going to be used should be sent to the treasurer
- c. a decision on next years budget for the committees and activities is taken at the June-meeting

10. Status report of Acta Foundation

Report was given by Ivar Göthgen. Result and capital for 2006

Resultatopgørelse for 2006

Income statement for 2006

	Note	2006	2005
	Notes	DKK	DKK'000
Rettighedsindtægter	1	1.645.316	1.629
<i>Income from rights</i>			
Administration, bladvirksomhed	2	(1.064.942)	(1.606)
<i>Administration of editorial activities</i>			
Resultat af bladvirksomhed		580.374	23
<i>Operating profit from editorial business</i>			
Administration i øvrigt	3	0	0
<i>Other administrative expenses</i>			
Driftsresultat		580.374	23
<i>Operating profit/loss</i>			
Finansielle indtægter		542.303	556
<i>Financial income</i>			
Finansielle omkostninger		(5.524)	(73)
<i>Financial expenses</i>			
Resultat før fondatsmæssige udgifter og skat		1.117.153	506
<i>Profit before costs relating to trust deed and tax</i>			
Resultat før skat		1.117.153	506
<i>Profit before tax</i>			
Skat af årets resultat	4	(65.329)	0
<i>Tax on profit for the year</i>			
Årets resultat		1.051.824	506
<i>Net profit for the year</i>			
Forslag til resultatdisponering			
<i>Proposed distribution of profit</i>			
Vedtægtsmæssige henlæggelser		262.956	127
<i>Allocations in accordance with Deed of Foundation</i>			
Overført til legater		1.122.195	929
<i>Transferred to grants</i>			
Overført fra disponibel kapital		(333.327)	(550)
<i>Transferred from available capital</i>			
		1.051.824	506

Egenkapitalopgørelse for 2006

Statement of changes in equity for 2006

	Grund- kapital <i>Contributed capital DKK</i>	Henlæggelse ifølge vedtægter <i>Allocation according to Deed of Foundation DKK</i>	Henlagt til legater <i>Allocated to grants DKK</i>	Disponibel kapital <i>Available capital DKK</i>	I alt <i>Total DKK</i>
Egenkapital 01.01.2006 <i>Equity 1 January 2006</i>	5.500.000	1.935.283	4.496.539	828.056	12.759.878
Overført af årets resultat <i>Transferred from profit for the year</i>	0	262.956	1.122.195	(333.327)	1.051.824
Nettoregulering af obligationsbeholdning <i>Net adjustment of bond portfolio</i>	0	0	0	(315.181)	(315.181)
Anvendt af tidligere års henlæggelser <i>Used of allocations from previous years</i>	0	0	(547.908)	0	(547.908)
Beskattet henlæggelse fra 2001 ikke anvendt i 2006 <i>Taxed allocation from 2001, not used in 2006</i>	0		(228.723)	228.723	0
Egenkapital 31.12.2006 <i>Equity 31 December 2006</i>	5.500.000	2.198.239	4.842.103	408.271	12.948.613

Grants given by Acta-Foundation is as follows 1995-2006

Acta-Foundation Grants (1995-2006)		
status	at	DKK
	31.12.2006	
In red prognosis for Year 2007		
SSAI congresses	200.140	1.492.965
SSAI winter meetings	70.687	400.757
ACTA promotion	51.363	319.105
Homepage	19.919	28.537
EC activities	181.235 +222.000	1.685.264
CPC activities	183.423	132.382
RC activities	39.755	0
SCCTG (2003-2006)		380.000
Baltic free subscriptions (1995-2003)		73.160
postgraduate acta issue (1995 Per Rosenberg)		146.980
Remaining Grants (to be used within the 5 years limits)	3.873.5001	4.842.103
Total		9.501.253

11.

Status report from the Editor in chief of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica, Sven-Eric Gisvold.

The journal is doing well with a solid 5th place in citation index. We need to nominate a new Editor-in-chief to Acta as Sven-Eric is planning to retire in about a year's time. Sven-Eric proposed Lars Rasmussen as a possible new Editor. The position is now open for nominations and the representatives from the Scandinavian countries are asked to make this known. Nominations are needed during spring and the plan is that the SSAI board suggests a candidate to the Acta Board in June 2008.

12. Final report of the 29th SSAI Congress in Gothenburg.

The congress was very successful and friendly. The web place hade 22 503 unique visitors and there were 1270 visitors at the congress.

Total	1270
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SSAI Member	224
SSAI Non-member	94
Nurse/Student	36
SSAI Member, late fee	85
SSAI Non-member, late fee	71
Nurse/Student, late fee	24
One day fee	210
Exhibitor (additional) excl. VAT	29
Exhibitor (additional) incl. VAT	105
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Invited Speaker/LOC	216
Invited Sponsor	65
Exhibitor (included in package)	81
Accompanying person(s)	65
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Welcome Reception, 5 Sept, Yes please	737
Congress Banquet, 7 Sept, Dinner & show	284
Congress Banquet, 7 Sept, Invited	151
Congress Banquet, 7 Sept, Only dinner	25
One day invited, 6/9	33
One day invited, 7/9	22
One day invited, 5/9	7

The final accounting for the 29th SSAI congress and the SFAI congress 2007

Revenue		Skr/ea	ea
Income from delegates (see specification)	2 643 620		
Partners and exhibition (see specification)	3 045 600		
SFAI Kvast and SFAI board	33 779		
SFAI Verk-chefer and SFAI intensivårdsregister	80 250		
Pre-payment from SFAI and Amstsygehuset	100 000		
Extra invoice Linde GAS + Gambro	9 486		
Third party expences for the pre-meeting	44 189		
Expences for third party costs (SSAI)	223392		
Other support (via VGR)	371 320		
Total revenue	6 551 636		
Costs			
Costs for Inspiros project management	110 000		
Venue and technical equipment	1 247 152		
Printed material	361 322		
Distribution	57 608		
Invited speakers and committee	1 198 681		
Exhibition	469 340		
Abstract and posters	231 590		
Hosts/hostesses	86 128		
Arrangements	734 704		
Other costs	986 566		
Total costs	5 483 091		
Result	1 068 545		

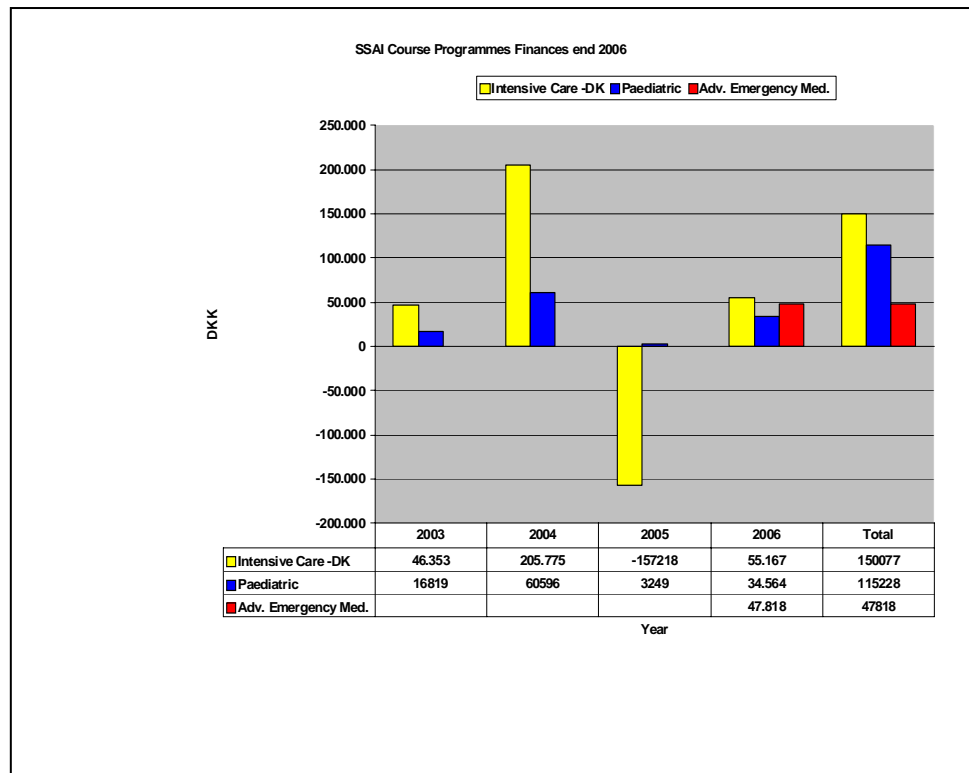
13. Present situation of the 30th SSAI Congress

The congress will be held 10-13 of June 2009. Four parallel sessions which focus on ICU, Anaesthesia, Pain and Emergency Medicine.

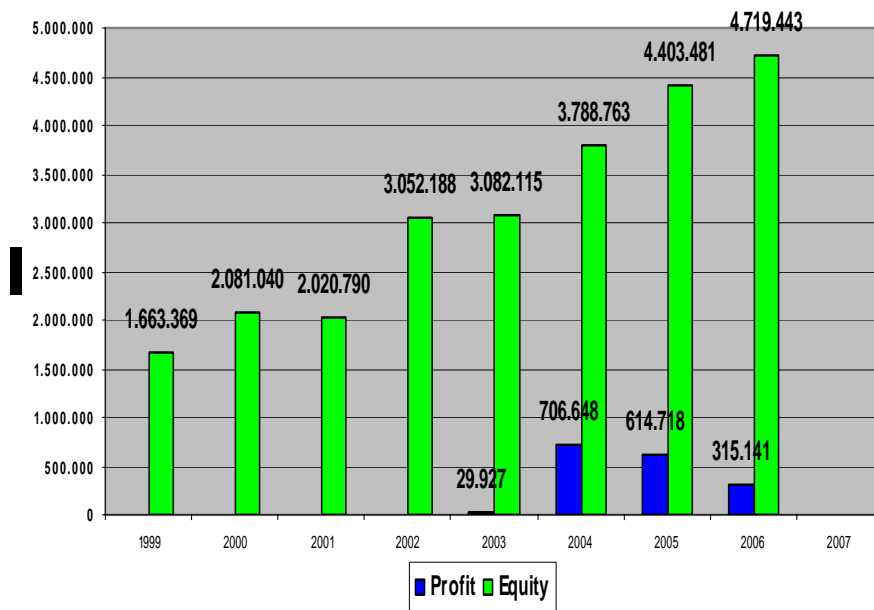
Some advises for a successful congress was given from the Gothenburg Team: Most important is to have an interesting program. Don't finalise the program to early, leave place for breaking news. Remember that people register late and you need to have early contact with the industry. Try to keep the visitors at the venue by serving lunch on the venue. These are a few examples of advises given.

The importance of a reasonable balance in gender when it comes to invited speakers was stressed by the board.

14. Status report of the Treasurer Freddy Lippert.
 Status report from the finances of the SSAI course program.



SSAI Profit and Equity per Year



15. SSAI homepage
Anne-Berit Guttormsen gave a brief report. The home page has developed impressively and it is possible to have information both with and without password. The homepage could be used to information in the different educational programs. The homepage is very useful for information about SSAI as well as coming events.
16. Collaboration with other international anaesthesia societies was not discussed.
17. Any other business
 - CoBaTrice gives specific intensive care training support. We discussed whether we should have a SSAI -representative in the group. It was decided that we should have a representative and that the educational committee should handle the question.
 - Jannicke Mellin reported from a meeting with representatives from the Baltic countries. The Baltic countries are interested to collaborate with SSAI . The Board will be invited to a summer meeting next year.
 - WFSA. Jannicke Melin will run for chair to Educational Committee, Hans Kirkegaard will run for a position in the execute committee. Support for these is needed from at least 3 countries. We decided to suggest the national societies to support these candidacies.
 - The SSAI by-laws as suggested by the board, discussed and partly approved on by the General Assembly in Gothenburg 2007 will be presented on the web-page. The by-laws will be put for the General Assembly 2009.
18. Closing

Meetings

2 of April 2008, Clinical Practice Committee, place and time to be announced
Spring 2008, Research Committee Workshop, place and time to be announced
10th of June 2008, Board meeting in Odense, time to be announced
9th of June 2008, Officers meeting in Odense, time to be announced
9th of June 2008, Acta Board meeting in Odense, time to be announced
January 2009, Board meeting in Copenhagen, time to be announced
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