

Minutes

For the Board Meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI) which was held at Radisson SAS H.C. Andersen Hotel, Claus Bergs Gade 7, Odense C on Tuesday, June 10th, 2008 starting 8.00 and closing 16.00

Present:

Poul Klint Andersen, member of the organising committee at the Congress in Odense
Sven Erik Gisvold, Editor in Chief, Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica
Ivar Göthgen, Director of Acta Foundation
Mogens Hutte, member of the organising committee at the Congress in Odense
Helle Ty, representing the Educational Committee
Sigga Kalman, Secretary General
Hans Kirkegaard, President of the Danish Society
Jannicke Mellin-Olsen, delegate of the Norwegian Society
Minna Niskanen, chairman of the Clinical Practise Committee
Pertti Pere, President of Finnish Society
Eldar Søreide, President
Riikka Takala, delegate of the Finnish Society
Palle Toft, Congress President
Jan Wernerman, President of the Swedish Society
Lars Wiklund, delegate of the Swedish Society
Anders Åneman chairman of the Research Committee

Not attending

Anne Berit Guttormsen, SSAI web-master
Per Kristian Hyldmo, chairman of the Educational Committee
Sigbergur Kárason, delegate of the Icelandic Society
Per Meinich, President of the Norwegian Society,
Freddy Lippert, Treasurer
Kári Hreinsson, President of the Icelandic Society

1. The SSAI Board Meeting was opened by the President and he was elected the chairman for the meeting
2. The agenda was slightly changed and approved
3. The Minutes of the last Board Meeting wa approved
4. **Next meeting will be at the 15-16th of January** at the Scheffengaarden in Copenhagen. I t will be arranged by Freddy Lippert. Attendance and need for housing is reported to Sigga
5. **The present situation of the 30th SSAI Congress, SSAI 2009 was presented by Palle Toft**

We discussed how to forward the congress.

A preliminary program for 10-13 of June 2009 was presented and discussed. The last day of the congress will focus the future of our speciality, organisation, breaking news and hot topics. Workshop will be held every day with ultrasound guided techniques. It will be possible to attend a Carl Nielsen concert the evening before the congress starts. The second announcement will come in September.

Acta foundation grants a first prize of 30 000DKr and four prize on 15 000 DKr to Acta Award competition

The need for a blueprint (a master plan with dates and examples of contracts and so on) on how to make the SSAI congress is needed

Congress contract between the national society and SSAI have been checked by DeLoitte. Freddy will inform us of the result on the January meeting 2009

6. Status report of the President and position paper
Eldar presented a "blue print" of a position paper which was discussed.

We need to define the "core business"
Anaesthesia and Intensive care are strongly linked in Scandinavia. Pain medicine and emergency medicine or rather emergency critical care and medicine is also a part of the competence of Scandinavian anaesthesiologists

A specialist training is the basic level of all four pillars and the SSAI provide several advanced programs for different areas of competence. We should focus on content of the speciality and the competence in the speciality but not on who is practicing it. We should build fellowships at

the clinical level containing what goes on after basic training to become a specialist in anaesthesia and intensive care.

Jannicke and Anders will in a survey try to find out what people in the speciality think about the speciality.

Different matters were discussed as "We already have subspecialities containing pain medicine and emergency medicine" and "the way to organize the clinical work is another business". "Professionalism is the major goal"

The future of anaesthesiology, where do we go from here will be part of the last day of the Congress in Odense.

We decided to have a meeting close to Arlanda, Sweden 17-19th of September 2009. We will meet the 17th in the evening and then work on through Thursday and half Friday and closing with lunch. Sigga will arrange the facilities. All SSAI board and the previous work force are invited to attend. The goal is to finish a position paper for Scandinavian Anaesthesiology.

7. SSAI Congress 2011 will be held in Bergen, Norway. Congress president will be Hans Flaatten.

The importance of timing of the congress was discussed. It was strongly suggested to hold the congress in June and to make it a joint venture between the national Society and SSAI. The congress in Bergen will be in June - week 24 or possibly 25.

8. **The Committees proposal for budget 2009:**

Timetable for report and funding of committees and activities was reminded on

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

- a. a report on how previous money has been used
- b. a 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. the proposal for activities and budget should be distributed to the board in good time before the June meeting for revision

The SSAI board gives a recommendation of next years budget for the committees and a decision is taken by the Acta Foundation Board at the June-meeting

- Educational Committee

Helle Ty presented the proposed a budget for Steering committee meetings and educational program meeting of 360 000 DKr. A total sum of 250 000 DKr was suggested by SSAI Board and approved by the Acta Foundation Board. It was suggested not to support a joint meeting between Research Committee and the Educational Committee, neither to start a Master Class program

- Clinical Practice Committee

Minna Niskannen presented the proposed budget for 2009. 5 guidelines have been accomplished. There are three ongoing taskforces Anaesthesia for emergency surgery, sedation by a non-anaesthesiologist, and acute pain. A budget of 125 000 was suggested by SSAI Board and approved by the Acta Foundation Board.

- Research Committee

A proposal to change the grants to a biannual grant (same year as congress) was presented by Anders Åneman. Application is possible every other year and the grant will then be given for two years. Three grants will be given. A budget for the RC and the grants amounting to 300 000 biannual was suggested by SSAI Board and approved by the Acta Foundation Board.

The persons that get the grant should be part of the hot topic session with a 20 min presentation of the concept of the study. An important merit for the grant will be that the research is clinical, and multicentred including more than one Scandinavian country.

9. **Status report of the Treasurer** was not given as Freddy Lippert was not able to attend the meeting
10. **Status report of Acta Foundation** was given by Ivar Göthgen. Acta foundation has so far given about 10 milj Dkr as grants to forward Scandinavian Anaesthesiology. Left to use the coming 5 years is 4.8 million Dkr. Last year only 190 000 Dkr could be set aside to coming grants. This is about 500 000 Dkr less than usual. This is due to reduced income from Blackwell-Munksgaard and the increased cost of editing the Acta (this includes substantial expenses for editors attending the congress in Gothenburg). Ivar will present it more in detail at the January meeting. If this decrease in income will continue the Acta foundation's ability to give grants will substantially decrease.

Acta foundation informed the Board that they will support the congress book with 200 000 Dkr, and give 90 000 Dkr as award in the Acta Award competition on the joint congress between DAI SAM and SSAI in Odense as well as DKK 100.000 to reduce the congress fee for young doctors in the same way as Acta foundation supports the congress in Gothenburg.

11. **Status report of the Editor in chief of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica.** Planning for a new Editor in Chief

A. Lars Rasmussen has been appointed as the new Editor in chief for Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica by the Acta Foundation Board.

Prof. Gisvold will continue for approximately 12 months and the future editor-in-chief (EIC) will be working from 1 July 2008 as assistant EIC. During that time period he will gradually take over the work as EIC.

This work will require one full day of work per week and 20% of the current salary as a consultant will be covered by the Acta foundation. Secretarial and administrative assistance up to 5 hours per week will also be covered. As a compensation for additional activities outside normal working hours a fee of 8% of the current salary will be added. Documented additional costs related to relevant travel and meetings will be covered but these expenses must be accepted by the current EIC.

B. Policy document for how to select an Editor in Chief

Background

SSAI has entrusted the publication of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica to the Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica Foundation on specified terms and the financial power lies within the Acta Foundation (AF). AF is ruled by its Charter and SSAI is ruled by its articles. According to SSAI a new Editor in Chief is elected according to §14 in the bylaws and so the General assembly should elect an Editor in Chief for a period of 6 years. The Editor in Chief can be re-elected. According to AF Charter the Editor should be elected by the Acta Board! At the same time consensus is sought for when states / societies / neighbours choose to work together. A policy document helps us to reach a consensus

A policy document describing the process leading to the election of Editor in Chief was accepted and follows below. The policy document will be found at the homepage!

1. SSAI Board should start search for a candidate preferably 2 years before a known withdrawal from the post
2. A call for candidates should be announced broadly
3. Proposals could be done by the national societies or any member of SSAI
4. The SSAI Board elects one Candidate and presents it to the Acta Foundation Board
5. Consensus is sought between Acta and SSAI boards
6. The Acta Foundation Board elects the new Editor in Chief for a period of 6 year with a possibility for 2 more years

We need to revise the SSAI articles § 14

12. News from the homepage - www.ssai.info. The homepage always need new information. Please submit!
13. Any other business.
Hans Kirkegaard will now step down as President for the Danish Society. We all thanked him and wished him good luck in other future challenges

Policies when between SSAI and other societies as ESA was briefly discussed

14. The meeting was closed in time!

Coming meetings

January 2009

Board meeting in Copenhagen, 15th -16th, start 15th at noon with lunch and ends at lunch the 16th

Officers meeting in Copenhagen, 15th, start 8 am

Acta Board meeting in Copenhagen, 15th, start 11 am

June 2009

Board meeting in Odense, 9th, start 12 am, ends 10th at noon

Officers meeting in Odense, 9th, 8 am

Acta Board meeting in Odense, 9th, 11 am

General assembly in Odense 12th, 5 -6.15 pm

Eldar Söreide
President

Sigga Kalman
Secretary General