Board Meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI)  
January 15 – 16, 2016 Hotel Krali, Tuusula; FINLAND  

Present:  
Sigridur Kalman (SK; president SSAI), Tom Silfvast (TS; secretary general SSAI), Per Nelligård (PN; treasurer), Anne Berit Gutormsen (ABG; past secretary general), Leila Niemi-Murola (L N-M; past EdCom chair), Jon-Henrik Laake (J-HL; CPC chair), Søren Pischke (SP; webmaster), Klaus Olkkola (KO; president Finnish society), Susanne Wammen (SW; DASAIM president), Håkon Trønnes (HT), Michael Haney (MHa; Acta editor-in-chief), Annette Ulrich (DASAIM repr), Martin Holmer (MHo; SFAI president), Gunnar Bentsen (GB; NAF repr), Reidar Kvåle (RK; NAF president), Annukka Vahtera (AV; EdCom chair)  

Excused:  
Anna Oscarsson – Tibblin (SVAI repr), Kari Hreinsson (president Iceland society), Ivar Gunnarsson (repr Iceland society), Lars Rasmussen (past ACTA editor-in-chief), Ivar Heijde Gøthgen (ACTA Foundation), Mikael Bodelsson (upcoming congress president), Lasse Raatiniemi (repr Finnish society), Alma Møller (past congress president)  

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<td>Opening, election of chair, approval of agenda.</td>
<td>SK opened the SSAI board meeting at 13.15 and she was elected as the meeting chairman. The agenda for the present meeting was approved.</td>
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| **2** | Upcoming meetings | SK | a. Spring meeting to be held at next congress location – Malmö/Lund – proposed to be held in June.  
   b. Winter meeting rotating between member countries - Reykjavik January 2017. |
| **3** | Minutes from last meeting | SK | The minutes from the SSAI board spring meeting in Reykjavik were approved |
| **4** | Presentation of the SSAI and Status report by the President | SK MH SP | SK presented the general organisation and activities of the SSAI  
   MH presented the journal ACTA  
   SP presented the ACTA foundation |
| **5** | Report from the 33rd SSAI congress Island 10-12th June 2015 | AM | AM gave an update on the result of the 33rd congress. There were 1012 participants, 400 of them from countries outside Scandinavia. Delegates came from 35 countries, among them 50 from Australia. There were 195 submitted free papers, 170 accepted. The congress abstracts were published on the AAS webpage. There was one main sponsor (GE) and 22 exhibitors. A faculty of approx. 150 people. Finances: income ISK 78.268.000,-, expenses ISK 66.138.788 → profit ISK 12.129.212,- = EUR 86.637,-  
   The board expressed its warmest thanks to the congress president and her organising crew. The memory of dr Gudmundur Klementzon who suddenly had passed away was honoured. |
| **6** | Update on the 34th SSAI congress Malmö 2017 | MB via mobile phone | The 34th Congress will be held in Malmö at Malmö Mässan 6th – 8th of September 2017. The venue location is central; 7 minutes from central Malmö, 22 minutes by train from Lund, 10 min by train from Copenhagen airport. The congress will be arranged in collaboration with SFAI. The budget is based on a break-even result of 600 paying participants. Estimated profit EUR 40.000,-. See powerpoint for further details. |
| **7** | Update on the 35th Congress | SW | The Danish society has continued to prepare for the 35th SSAI congress. It will take place in CPH with Jacob Trier Møller as congress president. Suggested dates are 12th -14th of June |
Denmark 2019

2019, depending on when ESA is going to have their congress in 2019.

| 8  | Logo finding       | SP  
|    |                    | SW  
|    |                    | MH  

The background for the process was introduced by SP, who then presented powerpoints with examples provided by three Norwegian and one Finnish company. SW did the same for a Danish company and MHo for a Swedish company. The timeline is to present the new logo at the SSAI conference in Malmö in two years. A working group with SP, SK, AU, KO and MHo was formed.

| 9  | Report from the committees | RC: MHa  
|    | CPC: J-H L  
|    | EC: LNM and AV  

RC: 

**CPC:** Members Pirjo Ranta (FIN), Morten Hylander (D), Kristinn Örn Svennison (IS), Anna Oscarsson-Tibblin (SWE), Jon Henrik Laake (chairman). In the coming years CPC will focus on developing new guidelines (lead Morten Hylander) and will also engage further in quality and patient safety issues (lead Anna Oscarsson). Three guideline updates are close to finalisation and three guidelines are scheduled.

**EC:** Leila Niemi-Murola (chair 2007 – 2015) has stepped down and has been succeeded by AV, who in 2016 will have a special competence in medical education besides her work as a clinical teacher at the university of Tampere. There was an extensive discussion about the relationship between the individual AEPs, the SSAI and the EdCom. The ICU program has cancelled the next program because of lack of applicants without notifying neither the EdCom nor the SSAI board. The ECC program has previously been scheduled to start its 3rd round next autumn, but there is no formal steering committee. AV will approach the national societies with a request to urgently appoint new national members to form a steering committee. There is a large interest for this program since several potential applicants have asked for further information and the board grades this program as necessary and important in light of the establishment of the new specialty of emergency medicine in
several member countries. Also, in the subsequent discussion it was brought up that there is a need for harmonisation between the AEP:s with regards to eg. administration issues and financial issues, which should be further discussed.

|   | Report from the treasurer | TS | The financial situation is solid. Per 31.12 2015 the cash account showed DKK 1,9M, and the value of fixed assets per 31.12.2014 was DKK 6.023.245. An investment in bonds of DKK 800 000,- was done in March 2015. | PPT attached |
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| 11 | Report from the Acta Foundation | MHa TS | The main goal of the ACTA Foundation is to create the financial basis for the continuous publication of ACTA. The Foundation is economically totally separated from the finances of SSAI and runs a budget of its own. The economy of the foundation is solid. Over the last 15 years the foundation has supported the society with DKK > 15 M. It was decided to request full reimbursement from the Foundation to the SSAI for all eligible costs, totalling approx. DKK 700 000,- for 2015. | PDF attached |
| 12 | Report from the Editor in chief of AAS | MHa | The AAS earns money for the Society. AAS publishes about 25% of submitted articles, approx. 200 articles a year. The focus is on publishing original clinical research and reviews and less case reports. The financial situation of the journal has improved over the past 6 years. Most subscribers do not receive a printed copy. Online Open is established and AAS is well esteemed. There is a need to expand the editorial board, but it is difficult to attract editors. | PPT attached |
|   | The report from the national societies | The presidents | Denmark (SW) | The tight economic situation has somewhat improved. The scientific activity is good measured by the number of submitted abstracts to the annual meeting. A strategy paper of the Society is being worked on. The surgeons would like to have the specialty of EM introduced to take care of the front-line work at the 21 hospitals with 24/7 service in the country.  
Finland (KO): The auditing process of the training and education in our specialty in central hospitals is in good progress.  
Iceland: No report since no representatives were present.  
Norway (HT): NAF is a growing society, there are 1350 members. The government would like to shorten the period of specialization, NAF opposes. Implementation of a new specialty, emergency medicine, is in progress and will probably be established. Status as main or subspecialty status is unclear. The borders towards anaesthesiology are being discussed.  
Sweden (MH0): Focus is put on quality issues and safety. Efforts to a standardisation of documentation and nomenclature between Swedish hospitals are in progress, with a wish to be expanded also to the other Nordic countries. |   |
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| 13 | Group work | Main conclusion from the group work  
Close cooperation between national webmasters and the SSAI webmaster, SP.  
Members do not know their benefits of membership. We also need input from societies and members, the webpage is quite static.  
All national meetings could have a short SSAI session (plenary)  
- info about work in the committees - education, CPC, research |   |
|   |   | - info about congress - dates for abstract submission  
|   |   | - info about grants  
| 15 | International affaires | No reports were given  
| 16 | Closing of the meeting | SK  
|   | SK | The meeting was closed by the President at 14.15 on January 16. SK thanked everybody for a fruitful meeting with vivid discussions, and wished a safe journey home.  |