



*The Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology  
and Intensive Care Medicine*

The General Assembly of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI) was held at the SSAI Congress in Odense, Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 17.00 to 18.30 in K3 at Hotel Radisson SAS

**AGENDA**

Opening of the General Assembly

1. Election of a chairman of the Meeting
2. Report of the Board
3. Report of of the Committees
  - a) The Acta Committee
  - b) Educational Committee
  - c) Clinical Practice Committee
  - d) Research Committee
4. Report of the Acta Foundation
5. Report of the Congress President
6. Financial report of SSAI
  - a) Submission of audited annual account for the last two years for approval
  - b) Submission of a budget for the next two years for approval
7. Relief of responsibility of the Board
8. Decision on membership fee based on the recommendation of the Board
9. Election of
  - a) Auditors
  - b) President
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) Chair of Committees
10. Articles for the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine with changes approved 2007. New approval 2009?
11. The SSAI homepage
12. Proposals
13. Future plans for the 31<sup>th</sup> SSAI Congress in Bergen
14. Future plans for the 32<sup>th</sup> SSAI Congress
15. Any other business
16. Closing

Eldar Søreide  
President

Sigrídur Kalman  
Secretary General

1. Gisli H. Sigurdsson was **elected chairman** of the meeting
2. A short **report from the Board** was given by President Eldar Søreide. He mentioned specially the surplus of the Congress in Gothenburg, the good work of the Committees, the improvement that has been made to the website the web-survey on how Scandinavian Anaesthesiologist perceive the future development of the speciality and the progress of the work with the position paper on the future of Scandinavian anaesthesiology.
3. Report of the Committees
  - a. The **Acta Committee report** was given for the last time by Editor in Chief Sven-Erik Gisvold. He gave an overview on how the journal had developed during the last 16 years, 2003 - 2009, which is the period that Sven-Erik has held the position as Editor in Chief. Annual submissions have raised from 293 to 950, the rejection rate increased from 30 % to 70 % , and circulation from 4500 to > 10 000! The office has gone from licking envelopes and copying to electronic manuscript handling. The number of membership subscriptions is seen in the table below:

	2006	2007	2008
Denmark	1110	1124	1182
Norway	733	714	989
Sweden	731	785	850
Finland	755	783	843
Iceland	50	52	52
Total	3379	3485	3916

Acta is an international recognised journal with submissions from 55 countries and subscribers in 60 countries. It holds a solid 5<sup>th</sup> place in ranking among the anaesthesiology journals of the world. Sven-Erik's farewell words were "The main challenge in the future is to get hold of the best articles!" The new Editor in Chief is Lars Rasmussen, Copenhagen.

- b. The **Educational Committee report** was given by Chair Per Kristian Hyldmo. Advanced Training Programmes are now 5 two-year Programmes; Intensive Care Medicine, Pediatric Anaesthesia, Pain Management, Advanced Emergency Medicine and Obstetric Anaesthesia. The Intensive Care Medicine

programme that started in 1998 and has had more than 300 participants is the pioneer of the programmes. The 10th Anniversary was celebrated with a Symposium in the autumn of 2008. The present focus of the Educational Committee is to safeguard and consolidate the Advanced Training Programmes and to bring all the Steering Committees together to facilitate further development and strengthen the existing programmes. Questions in the pipeline are whether the existing programmes need to be expanded, if more programmes are needed and then particularly if a Generalist programme (Master Classes?) is desirable.

- c. The **report of the Clinical Practice Committee** was given by chair Minnalisa Niskanen. Two symposia will be held at the Congress in Odense; Presentation of a survey of patient databases in anaesthetic practice in the Scandinavian countries and a presentation of the ongoing work with Clinical Practice guidelines and then especially Sedation outside the operating theatre, Anaesthesia for emergency situations, Acute pain management and Anticoagulation and regional anaesthesia. Already published guidelines are Prehospital fasting, Anaphylaxis - diagnosis, management and follow-up, Massive bleeding, Prehospital airway management and Therapeutic hypothermia. As new chair Ann Möller, Denmark, is suggested as Minna Niskanen is stepping down.
- d. The **report of the Research Committee** was given by chair Anders Åneman. The Research Committee (RC) facilitates multicentre research with current examples being therapeutic hypothermia and fluid resuscitation. RC provides www-support including eCRF using Expertmaker™ as contracted partner, supports research through grants (245000 DK so far), reviews scientific data with examples like SSAI conference and external review of the LINC study. Recently collaboration has been formed with the SCCTG where meetings and projects are planned. As part of the preparation for writing a position paper on the future of Scandinavian Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine a survey have been performed with the help of Expertmaker™. Questions on current and expected working patterns, views on restriction and preferred organization have

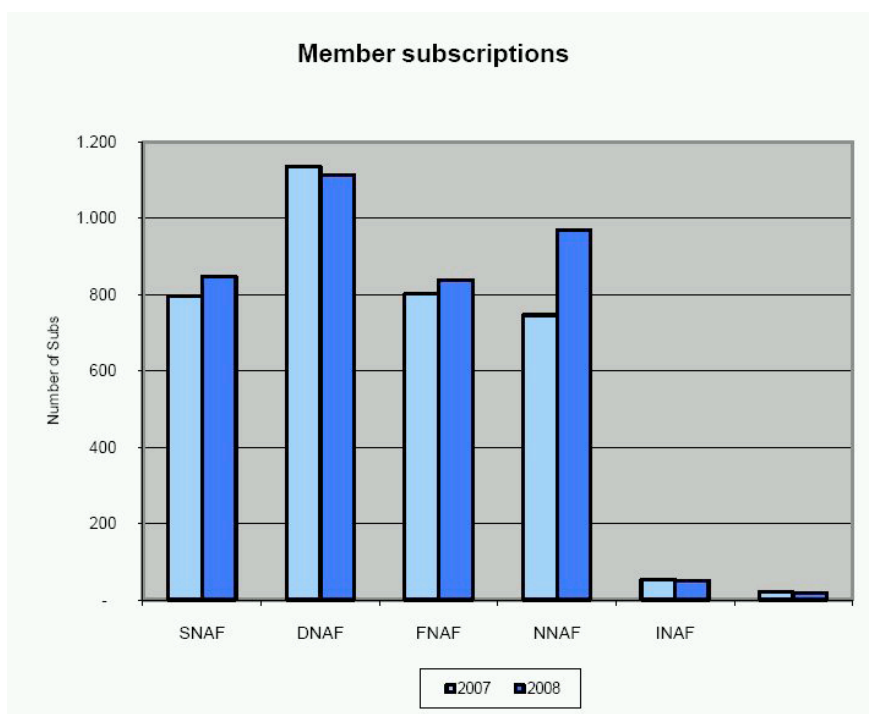
been put forward. 1699 answered the survey and the number of SSAI members is 3844.

**4. Report of the Acta Foundation** was given by the Director of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica Foundation Ivar Hejde Göthgen. The income is profit from Wiley-Blackwell-Munksgaard plus interest from Bonds. The expenses are Acta Editorial activity minus tax (until 2006 zero tax). The surplus of the Acta Foundation is used as Acta Grant Money. There are some special conditions stated in the Charter of Acta Foundation: The board of the Acta-foundation manages the funds of the foundation, i.e. the grants (\$16) and the grants may only be used as stated in the Charter of the foundation (\$4). The Danish Law and taxation rules are also involved as the grants must be used legally (i.e. tax authorities must be able to follow the money) and the grants is a gift, i.e. without VAT. The grants is tax free (for the foundation) if used within a 5 years limit

<b>Resultatopgørelse for 2008</b>			
<i>Income statement for 2008</i>			
	Note	2008	2007
	Notes	DKK	DKK'000
Rettighedsindtægter <i>Income from rights</i>	1	1.333.843	1.428
Administration, bladvirksomhed <i>Administration of editorial activities</i>	2	(1.376.836)	(1.550)
<b>Resultat af bladvirksomhed</b> <i>Operating profit/loss from editorial business</i>		<b>(42.993)</b>	<b>(122)</b>
Administration i øvrigt <i>Other administrative expenses</i>	3	0	0
<b>Driftsresultat</b> <i>Operating profit/loss</i>		<b>(42.993)</b>	<b>(122)</b>
Finansielle indtægter <i>Financial income</i>		543.676	583
Finansielle omkostninger <i>Financial expenses</i>		(74.942)	(49)
<b>Resultat før skat</b> <i>Profit before costs relating to trust deed and tax</i>		<b>425.741</b>	<b>412</b>
Skat af årets resultat <i>Tax on profit for the year</i>	4	0	(21)
<b>Årets resultat</b> <i>Net profit for the year</i>		<b>425.741</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>Forslag til resultatdisponering</b> <i>Proposed distribution of profit</i>			
Vedtægtsmæssige henlæggelser <i>Allocations in accordance with Deed of Foundation</i>		106.435	98
Overført til legater <i>Transferred to grants</i>		218.739	191
Overført til disponibel kapital <i>Transferred to available capital</i>		100.567	102
		<b>425.741</b>	<b>391</b>

**Egenkapitalopgørelse for 2008**  
*Statement of changes in equity for 2008*

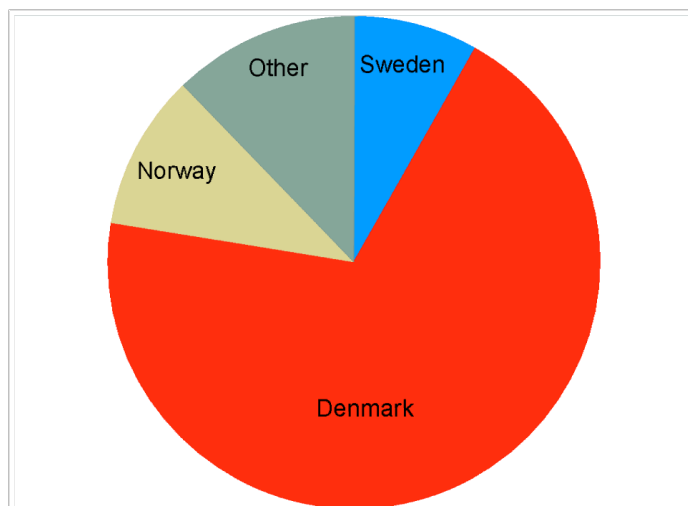
	<b>Grund- kapital</b> <i>Contributed capital</i> <b>DKK</b>	<b>Henlæggelse ifølge vedtægter</b> <i>Allocation according to Deed of Foundation</i> <b>DKK</b>	<b>Henlagt til legater</b> <i>Allocated to grants</i> <b>DKK</b>	<b>Disponibel kapital</b> <i>Available capital</i> <b>DKK</b>	<b>I alt</b> <i>Total</i> <b>DKK</b>
Egenkapital 01.01.2008 <i>Equity 1 January 2008</i>	5.500.000	2.295.866	4.038.752	111.875	11.946.493
Overført af årets resultat <i>Transferred from profit for the year</i>	0	106.435	218.739	100.567	425.741
Nettoregulering af obligationsbeholdning <i>Net adjustment of bond portfolio</i>	0	0	0	310.346	310.346
Anvendt af tidligere års henlæggelser <i>Used of allocations from previous years</i>	0	0	(975.877)	0	(975.877)
<b>Egenkapital 31.12.2008</b> <i>Equity 31 December 2008</i>	<b>5.500.000</b>	<b>2.402.301</b>	<b>3.281.614</b>	<b>522.788</b>	<b>11.706.703</b>



The profit until 31/12 2008 was DKK 9.910.555. We do not know if the Acta Grant money will continue in the future. The answer depends among many factors on the interest rate, the decrease in profit from publishing ACTA, an anticipated decrease in income when going from paper to www and if the editors will go on working without fee. Editor-in-chief is part-time paid. The annual Grant (=amount of Acta money) will most probably decrease. A meeting will be held with the Acta

Foundation Board in October 2009 to discuss strategic/resuscitation plans for the Acta Foundation.

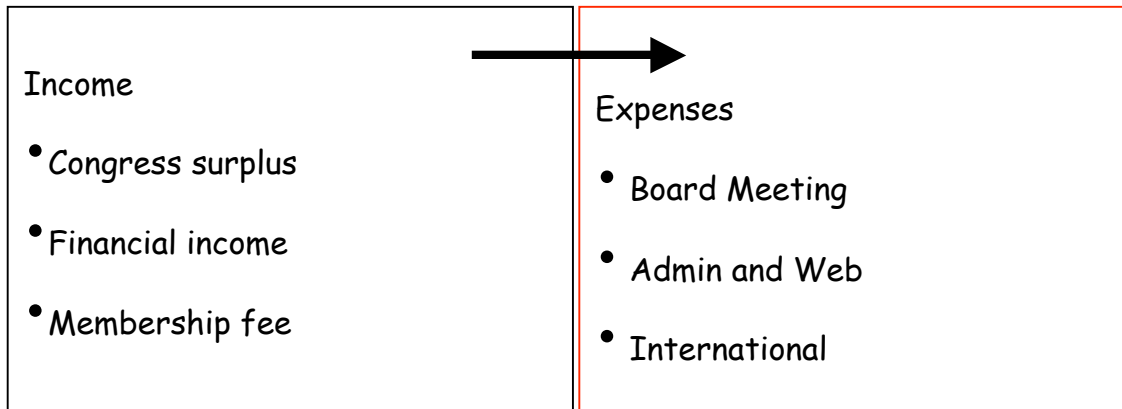
4. **Report of the Congress in Odense** was given by Congress President Palle Toft. There is a large industry exhibition with main partners, supporting partners and donations. There are nearly 900 participants with about 650 being medical doctors, more than 100 in-training and 200 from the industry. The Congress could not be allowed to have more participants as the Congress facilities does not hold more persons. The finances are in a good state. About 60% of the delegates come from Denmark. The proportion of scientific abstracts presented from different countries



5. **Financial report of SSAI** was given by Freddy Lippert, Honorary Treasurer.

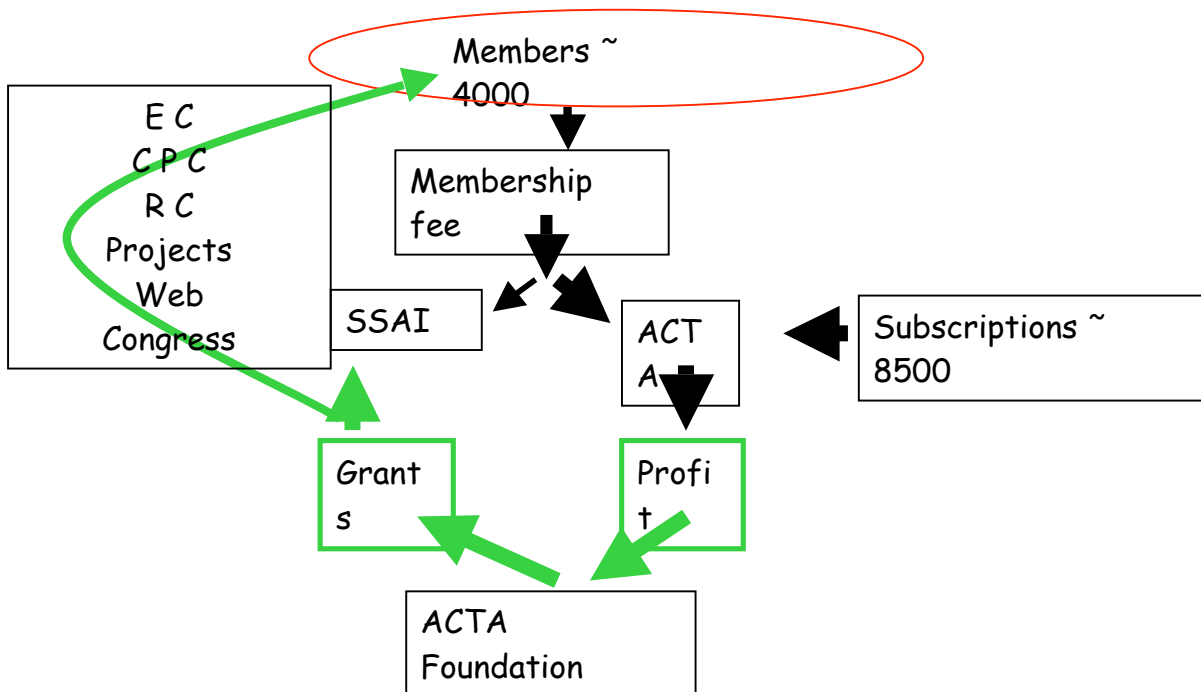
- a. The Foundation of SSAI is a strong and united scientific society with a common mission and vision. A solid financial basis based on Membership fees, the Scandinavian Congresses and the ACTA Foundation as shown in figure below followed by a figure a figure presenting the money flow.

### SSSAI INCOME AND COSTS



- ACTA Grants received = ACTA Grants given
- Courses income = Course expenses

Where does the money come from?



- b. **Submission of audited annual account** for the last two years for approval. Financial annual report for 2007 and 2008 can only be given as provisional financial figures as final version and approval awaits the independent auditor's report. Preliminary approval of financial report by the GA is dependent on a finally approval by the SSAI-board after the independent auditor's report.
- c. **Statement of accounts - Equity overview**

YEAR: Profit	Equity
2006: + 28.000	4.633.000 DKK
2007: + 8.932	4.642.444 DKK
2008: + 42.122	

d. **Proposal for Budget for 2010 and 2011**



	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>		<b>BUDGET 2011</b>	
<b>Ordinary operations</b>				
<i>Income from ordinary operations:</i>				
Membership fees		80 000		80 000
Surplus SSAI Congresses		0		0
Other revenue (including courses)		450 000		450 000
<b>Income from ordinary operations total</b>		<b>530 000</b>		<b>530 000</b>
<i>Expenses of ordinary operations:</i>				
Travel expenses	200 000		200 000	
Other external expenses (including courses)	450 000		450 000	
<b>Expenses of ordinary operations total</b>	<b>650 000</b>	<b>650 000</b>	<b>650 000</b>	<b>650 000</b>
<b>Profit/loss before financial items</b>		<b>(120 000)</b>		<b>(120 000)</b>
<b>Financial items</b>				
<i>Financial income:</i>				
Dividend on bonds and stocks		180 000		180 000
Gain on value of stocks/bonds		0		0
Interest on bank account		600		600
<b>Financial income total</b>		<b>180 600</b>		<b>180 600</b>
<i>Financial costs:</i>				
Loss on value of stocks/bonds	0		0	
Brokerage on stock-buying	0		0	
Fee etc. on bank account/deposit	8 000		8 000	
<b>Financial costs total</b>	<b>8 000</b>	<b>8 000</b>	<b>8 000</b>	<b>8 000</b>
<b>Financial items total</b>		<b>172 600</b>		<b>172 600</b>
<b>Profit/loss for the year</b>		<b>52 600</b>		<b>52 600</b>

6. **Proposal Membership fee, Freddy Lippert.** The fee is paid as part of and together with the membership fee to The National Societies  
In 2004-2007 the fee was 500 DKK

In 2008-2009 the fee was 550 DKK

The fee includes:

- Subscription fee for Acta = 350 DKK and Postage 100 DKK
- Membership fee 100 DKK
- In retired members and members in training received a discount of 100 DKK

Proposal by the SSAI Board for Budget 2010 and 2011 is no change in membership fee.

7. **Relief of responsibility of the Board** was approved.
8. **Membership fee** was decided to 550 DDK for 2010 and 2011.
9. **Election of**
  - a. **Auditors.**
  - b. **President.** Eldar Søreide was elected as President for two years (re-election after a four year period)
  - c. **Honorary treasurer.** Tom Silfvast, Finland was elected as Honorary Treasure for four years
  - d. **Chair of Committees.** Per Kristian Hyldmo was elected Chair of Educational Committee, Anders Åneman was elected Chair of Resarch Committee, and Ann Möller was elected Chair of Clinical Practice Committee.
10. **Articles for the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine** with changes approved 2007 were put forward for a second decision as any change in the articles needs two consecutive General Assemblies to be valid. A new approval was given by the 2009 General Assembly in Odense. The new articles can be read and downloaded from [www.ssai.info](http://www.ssai.info)
11. The **SSAI homepage.** Anne Berit Guttormsen gave a report and is planning some changes. She calls for information from all members and membership countries.
12. Proposals. There were no proposals.
13. Future plans for the **31<sup>st</sup> SSAI Congress in Bergen.** The Congress will be held from the 15 - 17<sup>th</sup> June in Bergen. An overview of the Congress was presented by Anne Berit

Guttormsen. Congress president will be Hans Flaatten. The focus of the Congress will be the future with the slogan "Patient Safety through Audit and Simulation". There will be seven parallel session during three days, Wednesday to Friday. Congress venue and hotels are booked and more information can be found on [www.ssai2011.com](http://www.ssai2011.com).

14. Future plans for the **32<sup>th</sup> SSAI Congress** was presented by Riikka Takala. 2013 Congress will be held in **Turku/Åbo** in Finland. This year there is a World Congress of Surgeons in Helsinki during the end of August. Congress President and date of meeting is to be presented later.

15. Any other business. No other business was put forward

16. Closing