

Hanasaari, January 2010

Minutes

From the Board Meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI) on Hanasaari/Hanaholmen , Finland, 15th to 16th of January, 2010.

Present:

Ivar Göthgen, Per Kristian Hyldmo, Sigga Kalman, Per Meinich, Hans Kirkegaard, Pertti Pere , Hans Flaatten, Ann Møller, Eldar Søreide, Riikka Takala, Tom Silfvast , Jan Wernerman, Lars Wiklund, Ole Nørregaard, Anders Åneman, Lars Rasmussen, Anne Berit Guttormsen, Jannicke Mellin-Olsen

	Heading	Presenting	Information/Discussion	Follow-up/ decision When, what, how, who
1	Opening, election of chair, approving the agenda and minutes from	Eldar Søreide	The SSAI Board Meeting was opened by the President and he was also elected as the chairman for the meeting. Agenda and minutes from the June meeting in Odense was approved	Minutes to be placed on the home page.

	last meeting,			
2	Time and place for next meeting 2010	Eldar Søreide	Time and place for May meetings in Bergen 2010 SSAI Board meeting 28 th to 29 th of May 2010, lunch to lunch. SSAI Officers meeting 27 th of May, starting 5pm and ending 11 am the 28 th Acta Board meeting 28 th of May, 11 am to noon	Facilities are provided by Congress Committee in Bergen.
3	Time and place for meetings 2011	Eldar Søreide	A. 2011 Winter meetings in Stockholm January SSAI Board meeting 14 th to 15 th from lunch to lunch. SSAI Officers meeting, 5pm the 13 th to 11.00 am the 14 th Acta Board meeting the 14 th 11.00 am to noon B. Bergen meeting 2011 SSAI Board meeting June 2010 14 th between 9am and 6 pm. SSAI Officers meeting June the 13 th between 3pm and 6 pm Acta Board meeting June 13 th 6pm to 7 pm General assembly 16 th pm	A. Secretary General books facilities B. Facilities are provided by Congress Committee in Bergen.
4	Status report of the President	Eldar Søreide	A. There has been a high level of activity during the fall 1. A workforce meeting for the position paper in September in Stockholm 2. Strategic economic meeting in October in Copenhagen 3. Joint meeting for the different educational programs SSAI was held in Copenhagen B. By next General assembly the term for the president and Secretary General will end. The president could not according to the by-laws be re-elected (4 + 2 years	B. Election committee

			<p>already). General Secretary could be re-elected for 2 years. Past congress president and past national president is in the election committee. A suggestion should be announced at the latest in February 2011</p> <p>C. We are missing our Board members from Iceland. We need to meet to discuss what can be done to facilitate the Icelandic participation in the SSAI work</p>	<p>needs to start discussions</p> <p>C. Sigga will contact the Icelandic president</p>
5	Present status of the 31 st SSAI Congress in Bergen, a joint congress with the Norwegian national society, NAF	Hans Flaatten	<p>A. Promotion through flyers, poster and Power-point presentations to be sent out to head of departments in all the Scandinavian countries to inform about the Congress in Bergen. Colleague to colleague) method is also important. Information is found on www.ssai2011.info</p> <p>B. The program is planned in sections of 90 min with 3 parallel sessions and 3 simulator sessions. The Congress president welcomes input and suggestions from all to the program</p> <p>C. Budget. The congress needs 5-600 delegates to have a balance between income and expenses. It was suggested that the exhibition need to take a higher proportion of the costs</p> <p>D. A poster handling program has been bought for the congress. Anders Åneman will continue to look in to a development of a poster program for SSAI.</p> <p>E. A web work place (Base Camp) was demonstrated that has facilitated the work for the congress committee. It was suggested that the Board of SSAI and the Educational committee should be invited to work in the programme.</p>	<p>D. Anders Å will report May 2010</p> <p>E. Sigga and Per Kristian contacts</p>

				Hans F to be invited and start the process
6	Discussion "Action plan Congress from strategic Economic Meeting in October 2009"	Eldar Søreide, Sigga Kalman	<p>A. We discussed the suggested plan for Work on trademark / promote branding -</p> <p>Fantastic! Friendly Active learning Networking TrAnslating ScienTific knowledge to clinical practice Informal setting Congress in spring</p> <p>The Board agreed on 5 of the 6 aspects except congress in Spring. Different views were held on the appropriate time for the congress. The workforce had suggested late May with deadline separated from ESA. A problem is that ESA has the congress within a 6 week timeframe. The best time point for the Finnish Society for the congress in Turku would be late August 2013, between the 25th and 29th. This is a meeting in close vicinity to the Swedish Societies national meeting which could cause problems.</p>	A. Faculty committees will in the future be informed about the trademark. The discussion about timing of the congress will continue.

			<p>B. SWOT analysis congress</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="631 327 1328 384">Strengths</td> <td data-bbox="1328 327 1912 384">Opportunities</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="631 384 1328 715"> Friendly Steady income Educational programme Clinical Practice programme </td> <td data-bbox="1328 384 1912 715"> More junior doctors in program committee Nurses invited Scandinavian way - interactive, forum Of value for Head of Departments Teacher - instead of scientist Acta session track Pre-congress courses Hot topics </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="631 715 1328 772">Weakness</td> <td data-bbox="1328 715 1912 772">Threats</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="631 772 1328 954"> Single country domination Mimic European meetings (less foreign giants) Scandinavian hospitality (faculty) </td> <td data-bbox="1328 772 1912 954"> Competition for exhibition Over establishment of congresses Date (June) Shorter stays </td> </tr> </table> <p>The SWOT analysis was discussed and it was suggested that Geography is both an opportunity and a threat. The point on inviting nurses was discussed. Pros and cons were listed. It was pointed out that the academic leadership of a congress is most important for how a congress will develop.</p> <p>C. The action plan also suggests an Organisational continuity. The main reason for this is that the exhibition is so important and it takes a lot of work to have contact with the industry. Most companies these days are international. The Swedish president could report from good experience from the</p>	Strengths	Opportunities	Friendly Steady income Educational programme Clinical Practice programme	More junior doctors in program committee Nurses invited Scandinavian way - interactive, forum Of value for Head of Departments Teacher - instead of scientist Acta session track Pre-congress courses Hot topics	Weakness	Threats	Single country domination Mimic European meetings (less foreign giants) Scandinavian hospitality (faculty)	Competition for exhibition Over establishment of congresses Date (June) Shorter stays	<p>C. The Committee for the 32nd Congress will look into</p>
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			<p>SSAI congress in Gothenburg and the SFAI congress in Umeå</p> <p>D. National awareness All agreed that this is important</p> <p>E. Reimbursements Be aware of not having a too big faculty and using experts more than once during the congress. The Gothenburg Congress had a faculty of about 100. This is in relation to number of participants almost 10 times more than the ESA congresses have!</p>	<p>this</p> <p>E. Keep faculty small and busy!</p>
7	Report from the 32 nd SSAI Congress in Turkku 2013 a joint meeting with the Finish society	Rikka Takkala	Venue is presently discussed. Suggested dates are 25 th to 29 th of August as there is a World Congress in Surgery in Helsinki at that time. Would make it easier to close operating theatres. The time will be a problem as the Swedish society national meeting is held at that time.	The time will be further discussed
8	Status report from the going Honorary Treasure	Freddy Lippert, Tom Silfvast	It was planed that the final account should be presented to the Board as they were not finalised to the General Assembly in June 2009 in Odense. Unfortunately Freddy could not make it to the Helsinki meeting. Tom Silfvast will meet Freddy Lippert and Ivar Gøthgen in Copenhagen. It seems that the membership fee has not been invoiced from the Scandinavian Societies 2008 and 2009. The Societies have been invoiced from the publisher of Acta concerning the part of the fee that covers the subscription of Acta.	The final accounts will be presented and discussed at the spring meeting

9	Committees report and proposals, Educational Committee	Per Kristian Hyldmo	<p>A. Activities during 2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seminar on Education during the Odense Congress 2. The first Joint SSAI Educational Meeting was held in Copenhagen Nov 2009. A very important activity as it consolidates the interaction with exchange of experiences and discussion about pedagogy between the programs. Cost for a 2 day meeting with 27 participants was DKR 166.700 3. A budget has been proposed the 15th of November and sent to the Board 2 weeks before the January meeting 4. A report of expenses during 2009 was presented <p>B. Activities planed for 2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A yearly Joint Educational Meeting with the aim to pool resources, consolidate and develop the Advanced Educational Programmes. 2. Steering Committees and the Educational Committee also need separate meetings. 3. Common web solution for all Programmes, with Log-in through ssai.info and with three levels: Open, Students, Faculty and developers of new Programmes. On such a web place pooling of resources to help all Programmes could be achieved 4. Pilot course: Guideline Methodology in cooperation with CPC. With the aim to make SSAI guidelines evidence based. <p>C. The activities and achievement of the Educational Committee was acknowledged by the Board. The educational programmes are highly appreciated by the members of SSAI.</p>	<p>B.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings is held during the SSAI congresses? 3. The "Base camp" web work place will be tried <p>C. All established program needs to</p>

			<p>The proposed budget was discussed.</p> <p>In view of the declining surplus from the Acta Foundation it is obvious that only new programs can receive support. All established program needs to become self sustained. It is important that the programmes include developmental costs in the fees.</p>	<p>become self sustained!</p> <p>Developmental costs included in course fee</p>
10	Committees report and proposals, Clinical Practice Committee	Ann Möller	<p>A. Activities 2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Odense congress two symposiums were held, patient databases in anaesthetic practice and clinical practice guidelines 2. Three taskforces are working: Acute pain management with chair, Sedation outside the operation theatres with chair, and Emergency anaesthesia with chair Anders Gadegaard Jensen. The last has proposed a guideline that will be discussed during this meeting 3. A budget has been proposed the 15th of November and sent to the Board 2 weeks before the January meeting 4. A report of expenses during 2009 was presented <p>B. Planned activities 2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In February a meeting with the new Clinical Practice Committee will be held. New initiatives will be discussed 2. A proposal for budget was presented <p>C. The guidelines are among the articles in Acta that are most read. There is substantial work needed to accomplish these guidelines. We need to continue this work as it is highly appreciated. There are some difficulties to find the workforce to these groups. Most work is done through the web and the expenses so far have not been high. Some groups may need to meet a couple of times to facilitate the</p>	<p>C. The guidelines proposed by the Emergency Anaesthesia</p>

			work.	group was approved
11	Committees report and proposals, Research Committee	Anders Åneman	<p>A. Activities 2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitates multicenter research: therapeutic hypothermia, fluid resuscitation Provides www-support including eCRF using Expertmaker™ as contracted partner 2. Supports research through grants (245000 DK) 3. Reviews scientific data: SSAI conference, external review LINC study 4. A collaboration has been formed with the SCCTG (meetings, projects) 5. No proposal for budget has been sent <p>B. Activities planned 2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to facilitate multicenter research through web-support <p>C. The activities of the Research Committee are supported. As there has been few high quality applications for the research grants no further grants are presently suggested.</p>	
12	The Boards suggestion to the Acta Bord on the Committees budget	Eldar Söreide	<p>The budget for the Educational Committee was decreased from 400 000 to 250 000</p> <p>The budget for the Clinical Practice Committee was suggested to be 50 000</p> <p>The budget for the Research Committee was suggested to be 0, all in DKR</p>	The Acta Board will be informed
13	Status report of the Editor in chief of Acta Anaesthesiologica	Lars Rasmussen	<p>Acta has almost 4000 subscribers and 750 institutional subscribers</p> <p>1000 articles are submitted each year but Acta only has capacity to publish 250 articles per year. The Performance is satisfactory with an impact factor of 1.95.</p>	

	Scandinavica	<p>According to Editor in chief Impact Factor could easily be raised to 2.5 (i.e. among the top) by measures as less case reports and more reviews and more exposure to ICU and emergency medicine and maybe to go to open access.</p> <p>Costs of production and editing have increased. Measures to decrease expenses are to publish Electronic Only. Then we will have no printing costs, no distribution costs but still expenses related to manuscript handling (office, editors, etc) and copy editing, corrections etc. Electronic publication may attract new individual subscriptions (maybe especially from Sweden) but at the same time maybe make advertising less attractive. Other ways to increase income could be to have more advertisings, more off prints (income) and more subscriptions - (electronic only?).</p> <p>Registration of trials are required from the 1 of January 2010 for studies that are to be published in Acta.</p> <p>The registration of all interventional trials is a scientific, ethical and moral responsibility. This is relevant for interventional trials that assign human participants to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcome. Trials beginning patient enrolment after January 1, 2010 must be registered in a public trials registry that can be assessed by the editors, the reviewers, and the readers.</p> <p>http://www.controlled-trials.com/ http://clinicaltrials.gov/</p> <p>Open access - Acta OnlineOpen is a pay-to-publish service from Wiley Blackwell that</p>	<p>Should Acta go electronic?</p> <p>Registration of trials are required from the 1 of January 2010 for studies that are to be published in Acta.</p>
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14	News from the home page	Anne Berit Guttormsen	Webmaster calls for more material to be put on the web-page. Addresses and Committees will be updated.	Send information to Webmaster
15	Letter from ESA inviting collaboration	Eldar Söreide	Collaboration with ESA is wanted. The ESA have been invited to participate in some sessions on the Congress in Bergen 2011	Eldar answers the letter
16	The Position paper of Scandinavian Anaesthesiology	Eldar Söreide	<p>The Positionpaper workforce has meet in Stockholm in September 2009. A new manuscript was sent to the board before the meeting and was discussed thoroughly. Some points were made especially concerning the need for a consistent terminology. Following terms were suggested</p> <p>Anaesthesiology Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine • Intensive Care Medicine • Pain Medicine • Critical Emergency Medicine (CREM) <p>It was emphasised that in CREM pre-hospital medicine is included</p> <p>It is of importance that the position paper is supported by the National Societies.</p>	<p>The position paper will be sent to the national societies by the 1st of Mars 2010.</p> <p>Comments and suggestions back to the workforce by the 1st of</p>

			<p>The hope is that the paper will be discussed on the Societies annual meetings. The paper is of visionary character and some discussions are expected.</p> <p>Planned submission to Acta May 2010</p>	April 2010
17	Any other business		No other business was announced	
18	Closing of the meeting		Tom Silfvast and Finland were thanked for arranging the venue, good boarding and nice company! The meeting was closed.	