

## Minutes

### SSAI Board meeting

Zoom, Jan 22. 2021

#### **Present:**

Klaus Olkkola	(President SSAI; FIN),
Gunnar Bentsen	(Secretary General SSAI; NOR),
Per Nellgård	(Treasurer SSAI; SWE),
Michael Haney	(EiC, chair RC; SWE),
Sören Pischke	(Dir Acta Foundation; NOR),
Joachim Hoffman-Petersen	(president DASAİM; DEN),
Mette Hyllested	(representative DASAİM, DEN),
Eija Junttila	(president SAY; FIN),
Matti Reinikainen	(representative, vice-president SAY; FIN)
Kristian Strand	(representative NAF; NOR)
Katrin Thormar	(president Icelandic society; ISL)
Annette Nyberg	(president SFAI; SWE),
Cecilia Escher	(chair EdCom; SWE),
Morten Hylander Møller	(chair CPC; DEN)
Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen	(chair NYA; DEN)
Tor Inge Tønnesen	(congress president SSAI2021; NOR),
Lars Rasmussen	(past congress president SSAI2019, DEN),
Mads Astvad	(webmaster; DEN)

#### **Excused:**

Jon Henrik Laake	(president NAF; NOR),
Gunnar Thorarensen	(representative Icelandic society, ISL)
Claes Frostell	(representative SFAI; SWE)

**Friday 22th, CET 09:00**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Klaus Olkkola opened the meeting and greeted the participants welcome to the second meeting on Zoom.

#### **2. Approval of the minutes from the Board meeting on 25. Sept. 2020**

The minutes were approved.

#### ***Matters arising from previous minutes***

- Advancing women in academic medicine, SSAI policy – Jon Laake  
Jon was unable to attend this meeting. Postponed for next meeting.
- Continuing professional development and the SSAI – Joachim Hoffman-Petersen  
There has not been any progress the last year. This process must be reactivated unless the Board decides not to continue with this initiative.

- **Update of SSAI white paper – Jon Laake**

There has not been any progress the last year. (information from Jon on mail)

**SSAI position paper on CREM vs EM – Klaus Olkkola**

Klaus will again contact Nanna Kruse, and suggest they form a writing group with participants from all countries.

### **3. Approval of the meeting agenda.**

The agenda was approved.

### **4. Upcoming meetings**

Board summer meeting and General Assembly via Zoom on 16. June 2021

**GA will be announced within a few weeks.**

Winter Board meeting in Oslo on January 28.-29. 2022 (Officers meeting and AF Board meeting on 27<sup>th</sup>). Venue: The Hub, Oslo.

### **5. Updates from the SSAI committees**

**Clinical practice committee** – Morten (presentation uploaded on Basecamp).

Some upgrades performed on the SSAI webpage.

The use of the MAGIC app almost nil.

CPC is shifting focus from creating to endorsing guidelines. One on GI bleeding prophylaxis endorsed in 2020.

Covid-guidelines compiled on the web-page.

No new guidelines planned. Currently one for endorsement on spinal stabilisation. The CPC will further discuss endorsement of the Surviving Sepsis Guidelines for children, and also the upcoming new one for adults.

Nordic Quality Registry: this is finding its form, two projects now planned

Research methodology courses temporarily paused due to Covid-19.

Discussion:

Klaus; difficulty finding people for guideline work is very worrying. Suggest activating the national societies in this.

Søren; suggest scholarship support from AF for guideline work.

Morten would like to see sponsoring of a PhD candidate.

**Action:** CPC will discuss these issues in their next meeting.

**Educational committee** – Cecilia (presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

Online meetings with AEPs during fall. The new Guideline has been the main topic. Please also refer to point 9 in the agenda.

**Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists** – Steffen

Most planned 2020 activities cancelled due to Covid-19. Still difficult to plan activities for 2021.

Planning to introduce trainee program in 2022, for candidates to visit abroad for 2 weeks (work in progress).

**Research committee** – Michael

2020 an inactive year. Lack a member from Sweden.

Research methodology courses in person is important for networking and stimulation of activity.

Suggestion on reopening research grants again, in a new form.

**Action:** Klaus and Søren support the committee looking into this, coming up with a suggestion on the size of the grant.

**The Board decided:** All committee budgets approved.

**6. Update from the Acta Foundation** – Søren

(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

A short AF Board meeting was embedded.

The economy for 2020 has been stable.

2021 budget: the EiC compensation has increased. Approved by the AF Board.

In 2021 we need to use DKK 1,2 mill and in 2022 0,9 mill for grants in order to avoid taxes.

**Action:**

Suggestions on sums needed, to be presented to AF before Feb meeting

**Responsibility:** AEP web platform - Cecilia, Mads and Gunnar

CPC - Cecilia and Morten

RC - Michael

**7. Update from the Journal** – Michael

(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

Almost 1000 new submissions last year, accept ratio is only about 25%.

Increasingly difficult to get good external reviewers.

Detecting a lack of growth in Nordic research within our field.

**8. SSAI financial issues/report from the treasurer** – Per

(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

SSAI assets is now approx. DKK 14 mill.

The postponed congress from 2021 to 2022 has negative impact on the budget for 2021.

**The Board approved** the SSAI budget for 2021 with a negative balance of DKK 150.000.

The profits from Danske Bank Custody is low, and has been so for years. Per suggest transfer of the DB Custody to Søderberg & Partner

**The Board decided:** Per will give a recommendation to the Board on Basecamp in March. The Board will decide based on input on Basecamp.

**9. Secretarial support from the Danish Medical Association** – Per & Cecilia (presentation and drafted guidelines uploaded on Basecamp)

Cecilia and Per has discussed and drafted guidelines for the AEPs use of administrative support at DMA. EdCom and the SSAI Board recognizes that the AEP guideline process has been a bit too hasty, and more time and effort is needed to reach the goal of bringing all the current AEPs "on board".

**Action:** The Board grant EdCom the whole of 2021 to work on refining the guidelines and present these for the Board at the winter meeting 2022.

All AEPs wants exposure at the congress. Tor-Inge outlined the plan for this.

**10. Administration of the Advanced Educational Programs** – Cecilia & Klaus

This was covered in the previous point.

**11. Update from the webmaster** – Mads

Mainly minor updates during the year.

Work in progress on congress domain etc.

The web page is time consuming to maintain. We might have to change the platform in upcoming years, possible integrating this with web platform for the AEPs.

**The Board decided:** Mads will look into this and present a suggestion to the Board at the June meeting.

**12. SSAI congress in Oslo in 2022** – Tor Inge  
(presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

The dates are 8.-10. June 2022.

The program is to be finalized by summer 2021.

Plan to start Tuesday afternoon with dinner for all AEPs

[www.ssai2022.com](http://www.ssai2022.com)

Budget: with 900 participants, an expected surplus of NOK 1,5 mill.

Planned Covid-19, 3-hour webinar on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**13. Updates from the National Societies**

**DEN** - Joachim

2020 dominated by Covid-19. High demand on ICU-beds, but no major crises.

Annual meeting with good experience on the use of video.

Male, ritual circumcision heavily debated. Final white paper on the subject published – the surgery should be pain-free performed under GA.

**FIN - Eija**

Covid-19 healthcare-wise quite ok. 450 ICU-patients so far, average stay 12 days.

Discussions on on-call regulations, with focus on better conditions for the doctors. Maximum length reduced, now max 13 hours, which then causes problems with day-time presence.

**ISL – Katrin**

Consider themselves lucky concerning Covid-19. ICU doctors and nurses brought it to Island, and quickly recognized what it was..

The work of the society almost paused in 2020, except for a few web-meetings.

**NOR – Kristian**

Norwegian healthcare moderately challenged by Covid-19. Discussions on rehabilitation after Covid-19 and discussions on vaccine policy.

**SWE – Annette**

Major focus on and burden of Covid-19. Good national structure including maintenance of guidelines. At the most during spring, 540 Covid ICU-patients at one point (max total capacity just over 600). Major effect on planned activity during spring and now.

Training of residents delayed.

**14. Any other business not on the agenda – Klaus**

Klaus presented Communications from the European Society (ESICM) to Nordic society leaders seeking responses on the initiative to have ICM taken into Annex V (meaning that ICM can be recognized as a separate basic speciality, separated from anaesthesiology or other basic specialities).

Klaus and Matti presented the Finnish response. This and other related documents are uploaded to Basecamp after the meeting.

The Board did not have information on responses from other national societies than the Finnish. Neither was the Board sufficiently informed on the matter to have an informed discussion on the topic.

**15. Closing of meeting – Klaus**

The meeting was adjourned at 14:10

*Minutes by Gunnar*