

## Minutes

# Board meeting of the SSAI Gothenburg, Feb 1-2 2019

**Present:** Tom Silfvast (secretary SSAI, FIN), Per Nellgård (treasurer SSAI; SWE), Sören Pischke (Dir Acta Foundation; NOR), Michael Haney (EiC, chair RC; SWE), Joachim Hoffman-Petersen (president DASAIM; DEN), Anette Nyberg (SFAI representative; SWE), Gunnar Bentsen (NAF representative; NOR), Merja Vakkala (president SAY; FIN), Eija Junttila (SAY representative; FIN), Kari Hreinsson (president Icelandic society; ISL)(Fri), Lars Rasmussen (congress president SSAI2019, DK), Tor Inge Tønnesen (future congress president SSAI2021; NOR), Morten Hylander Møller (chair CPC; DK), Cecilia Escher (chair EdCom; SWE), Mikael Bodelsson (past congress president; SWE)(from lunch Fri).  
**Excused:** Klaus Olkkola (SSAI President; FIN), Mette Hyllested (DASAIM representative), Siri Tau Ursin (president NAF; NOR), Ivar Gunnarsson (Islandic society representative, ISL), Johan Thunberg (president SFAI; SWE), Mads Astvad (webmaster; DEN)

### Friday, Feb 1.

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

Per Nellgård greeted the participants welcome to Gothenburg.  
Tom Silfvast opened the meeting. As Secr Gen he was leading the meeting in the absence of Klaus Olkkola, who was on sudden sickleave  
The meeting agenda was approved.  
The Board members presented themselves.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes from the Board meeting in Copenhagen, June 15-16, 2018

The minutes were approved.

#### 3. Schedule for next Board and Officers' meetings

The Board decided:

- Board meeting in Copenhagen on August 27, 2019 with the Officers' and Acta Foundation board meeting on August 26.
- Officers' Skype meeting on November 4, 2019.
- Board meeting in Helsinki on January 24-25, 2020 with the Officers' and Acta Foundation board meeting on Jan 23.

#### 4. Organizational structure of the SSAI - Søren Pischke presented.

Issue at hand: what SSAI could do to better support the AEPs ?

There is agreement within the Board that there is a need for harmonization among the AEPs. At the last Board meeting it was suggested that registration of SSAI as a non-profit organization, and establishment of a secretarial function, could be the way to move forward.

a. Registration as a non-profit organization.

Deloitte has evaluated the consequences of registration of SSAI as a society in the different Nordic countries.

Decision: SSAI will register as a non-profit organization in Denmark (responsibility: President).

b. Establishing a SSAI secretariat.

The Board discussed the topic and want to take the opportunity to look at the AEP structure as a whole.

Decision: A working group of 3 SSAI Board members (Joachim Hoffman-Petersen, Tom Silfvast and Per Nellgård) + 2 EdCom members/AEP directors (chosen by EdCom) was formed.

Tasks:

- design uniform layout for the AEPs (principles for costs, fees etc)
- specify the level of help needed by the AEPs
- specify the level of help the SSAI can offer
- propose solutions for financial and secretarial administration

The group will present their conclusions at the next Board meeting in Aug 2019

## 5. Updates from the SSAI committees

### The Clinical practice committee (CPC) – Morten presented

- SSAI clinical practice guidelines. Aim at 1-2 per year. Developed according to GRADE principles. CPC has acquired Covidence software. In 2018, one guideline was issued: Scandinavian clinical practice guideline on choice of inotropic agent for patients with acute circulatory failure (Morten Hylander Møller).  
On-going: Acute pain management (Geir Niemi), Prehospital pain management (Marius Rehn).  
Planned: Emergency anaesthesia (Martin Kryspin), Perioperative invasive procedures in patients with disturbed hemostasis (chair TBD)
- Endorsement of non-SSAI guidelines. CPC has reviewed how to do this and published this process document in AAS (PMID: 30511469). One endorsement has been done (PMID: 30656651); this will appear at the SSAI website along with the other published SSAI guidelines.  
Aim at 2 endorsements per year, published in AAS.
- It was decided that Klaus Olkkola can continue to be part of the endorsement documents (a strong signal)

A plan for Board sanctioning of guidelines is discussed.

Decision: before publication of a guideline, the manuscript will be distributed to the SSAI Board members via Basecamp for sanctioning. Response time is set to 2 weeks. NO response is considered as a YES.

- MAGICapp. Per Olav Vandvik by teleconference.  
A presentation of the MAGICapp was given by Vandvik. As of now, two of the SSAI guidelines ishas been published in MAGICapp. The software is of help in using guidelines and disseminating them to the SSAI members, and of substantial help to the CPC in the guideline work.

MAGICapp is a non-profit organization based in Oslo. 17 organizations are using the platform, including WHO, BMJ and GRADE. For a continued collaboration, MAGIC needs a licence agreement with SSAI. The price is EUR 20.000 per year.

Decision: SSAI will seek a licence agreement for 3 years with the option for 2 more years (founded by the ACTA Foundation). Morten will negotiate with MAGIC and present a contract suggestion to the Board on Basecamp.

The Officers will appoint a group to draft an evaluation plan including milestones for the use of the MAGICapp.

- CPC is exploring the possibility of supervising a PhD in clinical guideline development. This could also be included in the MAGICapp collaboration.
- Pre-congress workshop on guideline development planned for Oslo 2021.
- Budget proposal for 2019 presented. Total DKK 377.000 (incl. MAGICapp DKK 150.000).  
(Presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

### **The Educational committee (EdCom) – Cecilia presented**

- 2018. All SSAI advanced educational programs (AEPs) are running. EdCom met with the AEPs in the spring. One separate EdCom meeting. Three teleconferences.  
Web survey for the AEPs has been created. Participants will answer after completing the program. The format will be piloted by the Board members before being sent out.  
Discussions on curriculum, especially the projects. Maybe focus more on quality improvement projects and guideline implementation than on aiming for scientific projects, although decisions will be made on the participants' individual basis
- Budget proposal for 2019 presented. Total DKK 120.000.

### **The critical emergency medicine (CREM) program selection process – Tom presented**

One candidate not accepted to the last program has complained about the admission process, claiming that it was non-transparent and flawed. The issue has already been looked into by Klaus and representatives of the CrEM AEP steering group, but based on new information the matter is once more brought to the Board.

Decision: two independent persons from the Board (Klaus Olkkola and Kari Hreinson) will gather information, hearing both sides (the candidate and the CREM steering committee). They will aim at completing the task by March 2019.

## **The Research committee (RC) – Michael presented**

- No physical meetings.
- Research methodology course held in April 2018. New course in April this year. Great interest. Plan for 2 courses a year from 2019. Discussion on development of course curriculum, possibly adding systematic reviews and guideline methodology. Likely scenario would be rotating topics over 2-3 years, and also rotating Nordic host cities..
- Budget proposal for 2019 presented. Total DKK 240.000 (2 courses).

- 6. Report from Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica – Michael H presented.** Informed briefly about the current status. Financial situation good. Publish about 220 articles per year. Continue to provide support for Nordic research groups. Challenges: to find new editors, to find skilled peer-reviewers, retractions, fabrication, attracting stronger research, and improve frequency of citations (impact factor).

### **Plan S (open publishing initiative) – Søren presented**

Initiative to make all publications Open Access (OA). 13 national European research funding organisations (cOALition S) are behind the initiative, with EU support. Researchers funded by these, must publish in exclusively OA journals (Gold OA) only, from 2020. Web: <https://www.coalition-s.org>

AAS is not a Gold OA journal. AAS is a so-called hybrid journal (income both from OA and subscription). Today only 3,4% of AAS publications are funded by cOALition S organisations. For the time being, the development is monitored closely, with no strategy changes implemented as of now. (presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

### **7. The treasurer's report – Per presented**

The current financial status of the SSAI is good, but we suffered value loss of investments in 2018.

Total funds have increased from MDKK 7,65 in 2013 to 10,32 in 2018.

There are arguments to make changes in the investments. Danske Bank's service is poor and it might be unwise to have all recourses in DKK having a lot of expenses in SEK. Further, there is agreement to reduce the amount of shares and increase bonds.

Decision (made on Saturday): transfer half of stocks and bonds currently in Danske Bank to Carnegie Investment Bank in Sweden (MSEK 3). 60% in bonds. In one year we have to decide either to increase to MSEK 5 in Carnegie or sell.

### **8. Update from the Acta Foundation – Søren presented**

Søren gave an overview of the Foundation's aims and functions.

2018 economy report will be finalized and reported in Aug. Investments: loss of approx.. DKK 350.000 in 2018, investments 13,3 MDKK.

The Foundation finds the risk on the investments is currently too high. Decided to take measures to decrease risk, reduce shares, increase bonds.

Grants for 2019 presented. The national societies are reminded to apply for yearly grant of DKK 10.000 from the Foundation.

(presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

## 9. Budget for 2019

All in DKK	Budget	Covered by AF	To be covered by SSAI
CPC	377 000	200 000	177 000
EC	120 000	100 000	20 000
RC	240 000	200 000	40 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>737 000</b>	<b>500 000</b>	<b><u>237 000</u></b>

Decision: budgets approved

- 10. SSAI congress in Copenhagen Aug 2019** – Lars presented  
 Venue: Tivoli Congress Centre. Dates: Aug 28-30, 2019  
 The pre-congress meetings and workshops were mentioned. The congress program published on the congress website was presented in detail. The program is very close to being finalized.  
 Faculty: 62 (40% women). Abstract submission open until March 15.  
 Sponsors: more than DKK 1 mill secured.  
 Registration fee DKK 4.700 (incl food, VAT etc). Several discounts.  
 Budget (based on 1000 paying participants):  
 Expenses: MDKK 4,44. Income: MDKK 4,2.

Decision: the program and the budget were approved

## 11. SSAI 2019 congress planning and FOAM cooperation

– Søren presented

Plan for pre-congress promotion (SSAIy).  
 Activities during congress: social media wall, recaps on twitter/FB  
 Post congress activities: provide "Lectures in a can" (SSAItalks). This will be 10 selected 7 mins lectures that all delegates can access and use in their hospitals.  
 Future plans: start promotion of 2021 congress right after the 2019 congress.  
 2021 congress – extend SSAItalks.

Non-congress FOAM/SSAI cooperation: Blogposts from students in the AEPs?  
 Stimulate others to write blogposts.  
 (presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

## 12. SSAI congress in Oslo 2021

– Tor Inge presented  
 Dates: June 16-18, 2021. Venue: Clarion Hotel The Hub (opens 2019).  
 The outline of the venue was shown. Main congress hall: 900 m2 (seating 1150), big exhibition area and several smaller lecture and meeting rooms.  
 Sketches of program structure being made.  
 Gala dinner at the opera house. Welcome reception at the city hall.  
 Kongress & Kultur is the chosen professional congress organiser (PCO).

*The meeting was adjourned at 16.30.*

## **Saturday, January 13**

Tom conveys regards from Klaus.

### **13. SSAI administrative issues – Tom**

#### **- Election / succession process of president – Mikael B**

General assembly Aug 2019

President sitting

Secretary General and Treasurer to be elected

The nomination committee presented:

Mikael Bodelsson, Martin Holmer, Karsten Tollund, Reidar Kvåle, Tarja Randell, Sigurbergur Karason

#### **- Election issues at the GA in August 2019 – Tom**

During the last Board meeting this was discussed, and Klaus presented the idea of President Elect – President – Immediate Past President. This to secure better transition of knowledge and experience.

There are however problems with this: it would be a quite complex system, long commitment of the elected persons, the charter would need to be changed (no longer possible to extend presidential period).

Decision: The Board instructs the Officers to prepare changes in the bylaws in order to allow for an Immediate Past President for a period of one year. The concept of President Elect is discarded.

#### **- Changes in structure of assets – Per**

Continued discussion on point 7 on the agenda, and decision (see point 7).

#### **- Congress expenses split**

## SSAI and local organizer congress expenses split (approved January 2019)

The general rule is that the local organizer covers all costs. SSAI covers travel costs for board members regardless if they are faculty or not; the rest is covered by local organizer regardless if SSAI board members are faculty or not. Acta Foundation covers all costs for Acta Editorial board members, regardless if Acta Editorial Board members are faculty or not. Acta Foundation Board members who are also SSAI board members are paid for by Acta Foundation.

The local organizer decides on rules for local faculty/local lecturers.

Social activities are not paid for and need to be covered by the individual.

Red: paid by local organizer

Blue: paid by SSAI

Green: Acta Foundation pays

	Travel	Congress Fee	Accommodation (nights)	Banquet	Other
Faculty (i.e. person with a function at the congress)	Yes (economy)	Yes	All nights	Yes	
Lecturer	Yes (economy)	Yes	All nights (double room)	Yes	
Lecturer's accompanying person	No	No	Included	Yes	
Honorary member	No	Yes	All nights	Yes	
SSAI board member	Yes	Yes	All nights	Yes	
Acta Editors and Acta Foundation Board member	Yes	Yes	All nights	Yes	
Acta Editors accompanying person	No	No	Included	Yes	
Subcommittee members	No	No	No	No	

### - Ad-on to agenda point 10

Lars explored in more detail expected income and expenses for the Copenhagen congress.

## 14. Updates from the national societies

- Iceland – Kari: not present
- Finland – Merja: Simplifying membership structure – all members automatically also members of the SSAI unless declined. Lowering fees.  
Health care reform still awaiting Parliament approval, but new election in April and time is running out, influencing government elections.
- Sweden – Anette: National program areas. Anaesthesia and intensive care placed in the area Emergency care. An area called Perioperative might be formed. Ongoing work.  
Upcoming issue: Check list 2.0  
Continuing issues: Anaesthesia vs Emergency care, recruiting sponsors for meetings.
- Norway – Gunnar (Siri not present): Much effort going in to the reform in specialist education.
- Denmark – Joachim: New health care reform planned, removing regions. Might be stopped after parliament elections this spring. Big problems with implementation of EPIC in CPH and Zealand. Circumcision: statement on proper execution issued. Ongoing work on problems related to doctors being sued.

## 15. Cooperation with the young Nordic anaesthesiologists

The Acta Foundation has allocated DKK 100.000 for 2019 to cover expenses in connection with meetings, related activities and attendance of

representative to SSAI Board meetings.

Decision: the Board suggest to establish Young Nordic Anaesthesiologists as a sub-committee in SSAI. The head of the committee participate at SSAI Board Meetings. The required change in SSAI bylaws will be prepared by the secretary and circulated via Basecamp, with the aim to be presented at the next General assembly.

#### **16. Organizing paediatric ICU's on the Nordic countries**

DASAIM wanted to consult the Board on issues arising in conjunction with the building of the new PICU in CPH.

First, Rigshospitalet in CPH wants to establish a 3-year paediatric intensive care education in Denmark. DASAIM has referred to the SSAI AEP in Paediatric anaesthesia and intensive care as the relevant educational program in Scandinavia. Supported by the Board.

Secondly, Joachim asked for information about how PICUs are organized in other Nordic countries, as background for local discussions about how to organize the new PICU at Rigshospitalet.

#### **17. Other business**

No other business.

#### **18. End of meeting**

Sum up by Tom. The Board thanks Per for great arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

*minutes by Gunnar*