SSAI General Assembly 2026

Venue: Kaldalón, Harpa, Reykjavik,

Time: 11 June 2026, *16:30*

Minutes

1. **Election of a chairperson of the meeting – *Kári Hreinsson***
   Klaus Olkkola was suggested and accepted.
2. **Report by The Board on matters and activities since the last general assembly and on plans for the future – *Kári Hreinsson***

   Mostly business as usual.
   Kari went through the objectives of the Society. The AEPs are very important in fulfilling the society's objectives.

   Application from the Estonian society to become a member society. The Articles are open for offering Associate Membership. The Bord has decided to offer Associate Membership for the Estonian society. Their members will have access to applying for the AEPs.
   The GA sanctioned that the Estonian Society can be offered Associate Membership in SSAI.

   Continuous Professional Development - CPD
   Work in progress, Doris Östergaard has played a central role, and a separate committee is being formed.

3. **Report by The ACTA Editor-in-chief on matters, activities and plans concerning the editing, publishing and managing of ACTA – *Michael Haney***

   The journal continues to go well!
   It is consistently meeting publishing targets and contractual obligations. There is continued author interest with adequate content. However, there is steadily increasing competition for attracting authors and strong research.

   The workload for the editors has increased since the bylaws of AF was written, stating there should 18 editors. The number needed today is perhaps the double, so EiC is continuously working to recruit new.

   Mission: publishing trustworthy science in our field, supporting the Acta/SSAI mission.
   Prognosis: continued success, despite changing environment for scientific publishing
   Recommendation:
   - Consider: systematically more AF/SSAI/journal presence at the national society meetings
   - Consider: Increase in the numbers of handling editors

4. **Report by The Educational Committee on matters, activities and plans concerning education and training - *Ebbe Hvidberg Bessmann***

   The timeline and milestones in the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) work was presented. A separate CPD group has been established.

POMM has financial problems. This dates many years back, but they still struggle. Worst case we look at a negative balance of TDKK 500. They now have strong focus on reducing costs. They will also increase income by increasing course fee.

Azets is getting better, and some of the AEPs now manage their economics well together with Azets.

The Estonian Society as Associate Members has been discussed with all AEP chairs, and they are all positive to admitting Estonian colleagues.

5. **Report by The Clinical Practice Committee on matters, activities and plans concerning quality standards, recommendations and clinical guidelines – *Maija-Liisa Kalliomaki***

Purpose: to develop, endorse and publish clinical practice guidelines.
The CPC search international collaboration, and continuous the collaboration with the Canadian and Saudi Critical Care Societies.
There are plans for further endorsements of several guidelines.
The CPC has a plan for a Scandinavian guideline on perioperative anaesthetic adverse events.
The CPC and the Board has decided to discontinue the support of the MagicApp after 2027.

6. **Report by The Research committee on matters, activities and plans concerning grants, and incentives to increase collaborative research within the Scandinavian countries – *Michael Haney***

The RC arranges annual Research Methods courses (1-2/year)
Acta Foundation 2024-25 post-doc grant is completed; Martin Flores Bjurström, Uppsala, is presenting at the 2026 Reykjavik congress.
The fourth post doc grant, 2026-27 has gone out to Iben Strøm Darfelt.

7. **Report by The Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists – *Lauri Husa***

10 members in the committee. Kathrine Berggrav is taking over as chair.

Main activity is giving out grants for exchange programs for 6 residents to visit hospitals abroad. The grants are next year being increased from DKK 10.000 to 20.000.
NYA is active during the congresses – organizing sessions and social activities.

8. **Report by The ACTA Foundation on matters, activities and economic affairs within the scope of authority determined by the charter of The Foundation – *Christian Wamberg***

Managing Director Christian Wamberg was appointed from 01/2026 for 4 years
Operational procedures are updated continuously.
The economy was presented, and the financial situation of AF is stable.
Revenue from Wiley has increased a bit over the last two years.

The grants given out was presented.
AF and SSAI plan to streamline grants via SSAI RC in the future (both for funds coming

from AF and SSAI).

9. **Submission of the annual audited accounts for the last three financial years for approval - *Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen***
The legal background for changes in bookkeeping systems and therefore introducing Azets was presented.

Profits in 2024 was TDKK 412 and in 2025 it was TDKK 1.800.
Assets now is MDKK 17,5 including funds belonging to the AEPs.

10. **Relief of responsibility of the board for the reviewed financial years - *Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen***
Granted by the GA
11. **Submission of a budget for the next two years for approval. - *Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen***
Small changes for 2026, but we see increase in cost for travel/accommodation. Grants are also increased. Budgeted expenses TDKK 1900. Income TDKK 1200
For 2027 some increase in income to TDKK 1476 due to planned increase in membership fee. Expenses TDKK 2035 (all of this before investments input).
Investment strategy revised. Still conservative, but lower cost.

The question of how much funds the Society should have was debated. It was suggested a cap around MDKK 15. No formal decision was made, but the general sense is that this is reasonable.

The GA approved the budget for 2026 and 2027.

12. **Decision on membership fee based on the recommendation of The Board - *Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen***

The fee has been unchanged for many years.

Suggestion: Increase from 275 DKK/annually to 300 DKK pr. specialist member in 2027.
Furter increase to 325 DKK from 2028
This was seconded by the GA.

13. **Election of members of the Board – *Kari Hreinsson***

Secretary General: Anne Brynolf was elected.
The Treasurer has asked to step down, and Gunnar Bentsen was elected as Treasurer.
President: not up for election

14. **Election of auditor – *Kári Hreinsson***

Deloitte was elected.

15. **Amendment of the articles of the SSAI – *Gunnar Bentsen***

There are three major changes suggested.

- §10: Proxy votes are removed
- §13 : a new officer: The Communication Officer
- §15: a new committee: The Congress Committee

The changes were endorsed for the second time and will now be implemented. The Articles will be revised accordingly.

The Board was granted permission to elect a Communication Officer as soon as a suitable candidate is found.

16. **Any other business**
    None
17. **Closing of the General Assembly**
    29 members were present.
    The GA closed at 18:00

Minutes by G Bentsen

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