

SSAI General Assembly

Venue: Clarion Hotel The Hub, Oslo, Central Park A

Time: 09 June 2022, 17:00-17:45

Minutes

- 1. Election of a chairperson of the meeting**
Klaus Olkkola opened the meeting.
Hans Flaatten was suggested and elected chair of the meeting.
- 2. Report by The Board on matters and activities since the last general assembly and on plans for the future - SSAI President Klaus Olkkola**

Matters and activities since the last general assembly

Major part of SSAI activities are done by the committees and in the journal Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica

- Educational committee
- Clinical practice committee
- Research committee
- Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists' Committee

SSAI policy in regard to COVID-19 epidemic

On 7 March 2020, as a result of the situation regarding the COVID-19- pandemic, the SSAI Board decided to cancel all the activities of the SSAI requiring travelling abroad until the end of August 2020. The cancellation of activities was later extended. As a consequence of this, the SSAI Congress was postponed for one year, an extension of running AEP's with one year was implemented, and start-up of new AEP's was postponed.

Other important topics:

- Registration of SSAI as non-profit organisation in Denmark
- Agreement between SSAI and Danish Medical Association regarding administrative assistance for educational courses was terminated. Replaced by SVPortal run by Swedish Society of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine and Malmö Kongress Byrå
- Purchase of MAGICapp – software for developing, publishing and updating guidelines
- A policy for diversity, equity, inclusion and antiracism in the SSAI was published

Plans for the future

Aims of SSAI

- To promote safe, modern and effective care of our patients
- To safeguard the professional interests of the medical speciality anaesthesiology and intensive care medicine including also perioperative medicine, pain medicine, emergency critical care and prehospital medicine
- Define the position of SSAI in comparison to national societies, big European/global societies and specialist societies
- Secure the position of the SSAI in the changing world!

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

The Journals situation is stable.

More and more submissions from Asia – most have to be rejected

Most publications are Nordic

Challenges; Open access/Plan S still unclear, the state of Nordic clinical research and academic personnel development in our field is challenged

New editors are needed

4. **Report by The Educational Committee on matters, activities and plans concerning education and training** - Cecilia Escher

EdCom has representation from all countries

All 7 AEPs are running and/or starting up new rounds.

Aim – to take formal responsibility of the SSAI advanced educational programs through:

- Supporting and keeping in touch with all programs through joint meetings
- To find a suitable way to help programs with secretarial tasks and keeping track of economy
- Ensure transparency to enforce credibility
- Work for increased visibility of the programs at the SSAI congresses

5. **Report by The Clinical Practice Committee on matters, activities and plans concerning quality standards, recommendations and clinical guidelines** – Klaus Olkkola on behalf of Morten Hylander Møller

All countries represented in the steering group.

Two SSAI guidelines under preparation

Several endorsements of non-SSAI guidelines

Nordic Quality Registry – new publication under preparation

The MAGICapp initiative is ongoing

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

New member from Norway needed

Annual Research Methods courses continued (next in Nov 2022)

Two SSAI Clinical Post-doc scholarships launched this year (2-year scholarship, total 1 MDKK each)

7. **Report by The Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists** – Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen

Newest committee, celebrating three years.

Goals: networking, promoting SSAI to younger colleagues.

SSAI has allocated six grants of 10.000 DKK for an Exchange Program, starting fall 2022.

NYA has attended the national meetings.

NYA session during SSAI 2022 Congress.

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

Status

- Managing Director S. Pischke appointed 01/2018 for 4 years, 01/2021 extended with 2 years
- Operating Procedures standardized
- Decisions taken:
 - Publishing agreement with Wiley prolonged (2018-2027)
 - Investment strategy revised
 - Grants accrued will be used for SSAI activities, not for building up the Foundations capital

Annual reports 2020 and 2021

- Deloitte had no specific comments

[\(https://ssai.info/acta/acta-foundation/acta-documents/\)](https://ssai.info/acta/acta-foundation/acta-documents/)

Provision for distribution (grants): 2021: 1,55 MDKK and 2020: 0,91 MDKK

Comment from the AF board

- The financial situation of the Acta Foundation is good:
- Income from Royalty is sufficient for publishing AAS
- Sufficient Assets for publishing AAS
- Financial losses are tolerated as long as the board reacts

Challenges:

- Assets will decrease because grants are released
- Net profit is much more dependent on income from financial investments
- Grants allocated will change from year to year (unpredictable for supporting SSAI)
- Director and board need to be more active in regard to investments

9. **Submission of the annual audited accounts for the last three financial years for approval?** – Per Nellgård

Net capital at end of 2021; 15,1 MDKK

The accounts were approved by Deloitte

10. **Relief of responsibility of the board for the reviewed financial years**

Granted

11. **Submission of a budget for the next two years for approval** - Per Nellgård

The budgets for 2023 and 2024 were presented, balances well.

The economic situation for SSAI is good

The GA expressed thanks to Per Nellgård for his exceptional effort over seven years as Treasurer

12. **Decision on membership fee based on the recommendation of The Board**

In accordance with the recommendation, the GA decided to keep the Membership fee unchanged for 2023-24 (DKK 275,- + GBP 16 for the journal)

13. **Election of members of the Board**- Klaus on behalf of Lars Rasmussen

President

Klaus Olkkola was re-elected for 2 years

Secretary General

Gunnar Bentsen has been in office for 3 years and election of a new secretary general/re-election is not necessary. Since there is no general assembly next year, the Election committee suggested that because of unforeseen circumstances Gunnar's term is extended by 1 year so that the next election can take place in 2024 in Oulu.

This was approved by the GA.

Treasurer

The committee suggest the election of Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen.

Elected by acclamation

14. **Election of auditor** – Per Nellgård

Deloitte re-elected.

15. **Amendment of the articles of the SSAI** – none proposed

16. **Any other business**

None.

17. Closing of the General Assembly at 17:45

Minutes by Gunnar Bentsen