

Minutes SSG General Assembly, Malmö 3rd December 2018 08.30-10.00

- SSG chair Kirsten Sundby Hall welcomed participants. 87 attendants had registered to the meeting.
- Chair of the election committee (Emelie Styring) for new board members explained the nomination process and presented the nominated candidates, replacing Kirsten Sundby Hall (KSH), Mikael Eriksson (ME), and Fredrik Mertens (FM):
 - Akmal Safwat (AS), Aarhus, nominated for chair position
 - Lotta Våde (LV), Oslo
 - Panagiotis Tsagkozis (PT), Stockholm

In the closed ballot only three votes for other candidates were given. Thus, the General Assembly elected AS, LV and PT as new board members and AS as the new SSG chair.

- The new board will start its term 1st January 2019.
- Thomas Baad-Hansen, Hans Kristian Haugland and Jukka Kanerva will continue in the board.
- Emelie Styring thanked KSH, ME, and FM for their work for SSG.
- The 39th Plenary Meeting (40-year jubilee meeting) will be held in Bergen, 8-10 May 2019
- The Next working group meeting will be held 2-3 December 2019 in Malmö
- The location for the Plenary meeting 2021 has not yet been decided. According to rotation, Finland should be hosting the meeting. The new board will soon decide the location.
- The treasurer (FM) presented the SSG economy.
 - Income is mostly based on SSG studies.
 - The Aarhus plenary meeting ended with a balanced budget.
 - The organizers of the Plenary Meeting in Bergen have presented a well balanced budget.
 - Expenses: secretary salary, office, web-hotel, SSG trials and rEECur trial
 - New sources of income needed
- SSG: Plans for the future? Discussion.
 - SSG has many unique strengths. It is a truly multidisciplinary sarcoma group, has a valuable registry, runs clinical trials, and produces guidelines.
 - Problems: When ongoing trials are completed, a major source of income ends and new sources are needed.
 - Translational studies should be promoted.
 - Subcommittee work is very important, but could be even more active.
- Visiting fellow-program for young medical doctors – Update. (T. Baad-Hansen, Aarhus)
 - A traveling fellowship for 1-2 weeks site visits at other Nordic sarcoma centers was proposed.
 - National sarcoma groups/sarcoma centers should nominate candidates
 - For a start, SSG could sponsor (up to 10.000 SEK) one fellowship per year
 - It should be open to MDs from all specialties involved in sarcoma management. If successful, the program could later be opened also for nurses and physiotherapists

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