

*The 35th Meeting of the
Scandinavian Sarcoma Group
Malmö May 4-6, 2011*

In total 185 participants registered for the 35th plenary meeting of SSG held in Malmö Börshus. There were 91 participants from Sweden, 51 from Norway, 24 from Denmark, 4 from Finland, and 15 from non-Nordic countries. Several international guests contributed to a varied and interesting program, e.g., Paolo Casali, who gave the opening lecture on non-GIST indications for imatinib, and Peter Hohenberger, who gave an overview of the treatment of retroperitoneal sarcoma. In a special session on lung metastases in osteosarcoma, four international experts gave their view on different aspects of the problem; Daniel Vanel, Simon Jordan, Hans Gelderblom and Dorothe Carrle. In total 47 abstracts were accepted and these may be found at the SSG homepage (www.ssg-org.net, under Plenary meetings – 35th meeting – abstracts). Several sessions with various presentations in oral (n=46) and poster (n=13) form attended much interest, not least the final joint session between physicians, nurses and physiotherapists, which included some very touching and useful lectures. Three poster prizes were awarded; to E.Smeland et al, Tromsø, KB:Nyquist et al, Oslo, and K.Boye, Oslo. As last year, a pre-meeting symposium on “The Biology of Mesenchymal Tumors” was arranged with many Scandinavian and international lectures of high international standard. Anders Rydholm, Lund, and Gunnar Follerås, Oslo, both orthopaedic surgeons, became honorary members of SSG.

SSG matters

In this special session, chairman Kirsten Sundby Hall, gave a thorough report from the board meeting held at May 4 (see special minutes!). In relation to the report on the SSG economy, a small discussion took place regarding future possibilities to further strengthen the economy, since present income sources may be uncertain in the long run. At present, however, there is no need for a member fee or other specific measures motivated by the economical situation. As last year, there will be a moderate fee for participating in the working group meeting in November 2011. Finally, it was discussed whether to arrange a combined plenary and working group meeting every or every other year replacing the present meetings, but no decision was taken.

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