

SSG WORK GROUP MEETING 30/11-2/12, 2008
Morphology and Tumor Biology Group

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Notes from the meeting:

1. Bodil Bjerkehagen presented the preliminary results of a histopathology review of SSG angiosarcoma cases in the Morphology group.
2. Tom Böhling is the Scandinavian reference pathologist in EURAMOS and has so far reviewed 61 osteosarcomas included in the protocol from SSG. The TB group does not participate in this project.
3. The Tumor Biology group will remain within the Morphology group in the SSG. The leader of the Morphology group is the member in the board in SSG (now Bodil Bjerkehagen). The SSG will have Bertha Brodin as contact person for the TB group.

We want to encourage that tumor biologic aspects are considered when applications for new clinical trials are written. Before finalizing an application, the tumor biology section could be contacted for input. We should consider acknowledging SSG in scientific publications. This might help SSG when applying for funding.

A postgraduate course in biology of mesenchymal tumors was discussed and planned. "*Postgraduate course: The Biology of mesenchymal tumors and clinical implications*".

- Approved by SSG to be held 6/5-2009 in connection with SSG meeting in Oslo. The course will be accredited by Karolinska Institutet (accepted)
- Funds: Karolinska Institutet (40 000 sek)
- EUROBONET (awaiting)
- Unrestricted Educational Grant from Pharma (awaiting)
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