

## ***SSG Board meeting, February 2, 2014***

Attendance: Thor Alvegård, Henrik Bauer, Bodil Bjerkehagen, Otte Brosjö, Mikael Eriksson, Toto Hølmebakk, Nina Jebsen, Halldór Jónsson Jr, Anders Krarup-Hansen, Eva-Mari Olofsson, Anders Rydholm, Mikael Skorpil, Kirsten Sundby Hall, Fredrik Vult von Steyern, Charlotta Våde, Jan Åhlén

Excuse: Jacob Engellau, Paula Lindholm, Fredrik Mertens

1. ***The Minutes*** from the last board meeting in Helsinki, October 8, 2013 were approved without further comments.

2. ***Managing and economy for SSG***

Thor Alvegård made some reflections about the history of SSG Working Group meetings, starting in 1994, and their venues over the years. The present meeting was the 19<sup>th</sup> one. Further, he reminded of the present practical organization, where the SSG secretariat is situated at the office of the Regional Cancer Center for southern Sweden, whereas the economy is formally organized within the Department of Cancer Epidemiology at Lund University. Presently, we have six different accounts with a total amount slightly over 3 millions SEK. Some of these accounts are closely related to clinical trials with support from the pharmaceutical industry, and large amounts of the money will therefore be used for trial management.

3. ***SSG board organization***

Kirsten Sundby Hall explained the background for a suggested committee to oversee the organization and work of the SSG board, today consisting of many persons, most of whom are representatives for the different working groups or countries, but where the actual work between meetings are done by too few persons. Furthermore, it is of utmost importance to get new younger persons into the real active work to secure a good succession for the future well-being of SSG. Therefore, a request has been sent to a sample of SSG members representing different disciplines and countries, and among them the following eight persons have accepted to participate: Bodil Bjerkehagen, Tom Böhling, Nina Jebsen, Elisabet Lidbrink, Ole Jacob Norum, Akmal Safwat, Emelie Styring, Johan Westerdahl. Following a discussion, the idea of a committee with the task described above was approved by the board. The group will also be suggested as a primary election committee. The board will thus make the suggestion of such a committee to the members to decide at the up-coming members meeting (where it also was approved February 3). The first report from the group is expected during the autumn of 2014.

*Addendum:* After the meeting, the working committee was completed with Halldor Jonsson Jr.

4. ***37<sup>th</sup> SSG Plenary meeting in Stockholm May 20-22, 2015***

The venue for the next plenary meeting will be Clarion Sign Hotel situated in the center of Stockholm. The following members were appointed as a program committee: Otte Brosjö, Henrik Bauer, Mikael Eriksson, Elisabet Lidbrink, Kirsten Sundby Hall, Lotta Våde, Jan Åhlén. Some nurse and/or physiotherapist, e.g., from Stockholm, may be added. A local committee dealing with the social program will be led by Jan Åhlén. Some possible subjects for the program were also discussed, among them the following: GIST and other abdominal sarcomas, gynecological sarcomas, desmoid tumors, and radiation induced angiosarcomas.

*Addendum:* After the meeting it was decided that Bertha Brodin also will be a member of the program committee.

5. ***“Osteosarkom i Danmark”, project plan***

Henrik Schrøder (HS) from Aarhus presented statistics from Denmark and the other Nordic countries on treatment and outcome for osteosarcomas during the last several decades. The presentation, which had been sent to the board members ahead of the meeting, gives indications on a worse outcome in Denmark, and HS wants to look The idea for the presentation was mainly to get access to the SSG Registry, but the discussion that followed the presentations made it highly likely that the data in the SSG Registry would be insufficient for these analyses, and that it would be better to approach the Swedish Children Cancer Registry and the NOPHO Registry. However, HS will be welcome back later on if there will be some additional data needed that may be achieved in the SSG Registry. The board, however, approved the idea of this investigation, that may be important.

6. ***Short reports from the different subcommittees that had any relevant news***

This time, because of lack of time, the traditional comprehensive reports of all working groups was shortened to a minimum. The pathology group is planning a new review meeting to be held this spring. Both the radiology group and the radiotherapy group are working with new guidelines. The oncology group is planning some new studies, which will be presented at the up-coming meeting.

7. ***Up-coming meetings***

Kirsten Sundby Hall reminded of EMSOS in Vienna in May 2014, CTOS in Berlin in October 2014, and of the next SSG events: Plenary meeting as discussed (see point 4!), and the next Working Group Meeting in Malmö, November 29-December 1, 2015. There may be a need for a specific study-related meeting for the oncology group in Lund, December 5, 2014, but that is not yet decided.

8. ***Other matters***

Otte Brosjö brought up the question of potential co-authors for a work on superficial soft tissue sarcomas based on the SSG Registry but only performed at the Section of Orthopedics at Karolinska Hospital by Panagiotis Tsagozis, Henrik Bauer and Otte Brosjö. After some discussion it was decided that it would be reasonable to make the

author list short but also representing the larger reporting SSG centers adding data to the registry, Oslo, Bergen and Lund.

9. *Next board meeting* was not decided, but may be necessary to arrange earlier than at the next SSG event in more than a year from now.

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