

Minutes SSG board meeting (TC) Tuesday 29 May, 2018, Time 16.00-17.20

Participants: Jukka Kanerva, Fredrik Mertens, Hans Kristian Haugland, Mikael Eriksson, Kirsten Sundby Hall and Eva-Mari Olofsson.

Apologies: Thomas Baad-Hansen

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2. Economy

Fredrik Mertens presented a review of SSG economy showing decreasing funds:

- expenses
 - Regular expenses include mainly salary (secretariat), web hotel and office rent, ca 600,000 SEK/year.
 - SSG XXII: reimbursement to centers for patient enrolment, central costs.
 - Other trials: meetings, statistical analysis.
- income
 - SSG trials and possibly Swedish Cancerfonden
 - Mikael Erikson will continue discussions with Novartis regarding for "pass-through costs" (= what expenses can be billed monthly in SSG XXII).
 - Extra grant is needed for closing of XVIII. ME will ask Novartis.
 - Increasing SSG XXII recruitment would be helpful.
- The economic situation will be reviewed monthly by the board members.

3. Policy regarding economic support in relation to SSG meetings

- Only SSG administrative coordinator and honorary chairman may attend meeting without paying the registration fee.

4. New SSG project: SSG XXVI : "Inflammation serum biomarkers as prognostic of survival and predictive of response to therapy in high grade sarcomas: Validation studies" Denmark, Norway and Sweden will participate:

- Interested centers should contact Aarhus (PI=Akmal Safwat) directly.
- SSG gives funding for ethics committee charges in Sweden.
- The protocol will be put on SSG homepage shortly.

5. Visiting fellow-program for young MD – update

- Board supports the plan.
- Will be discussed in detail at next meeting in September 2018.

6. Pathology/Morphology subcommittee – report from the meeting in Lund 15-16 March, 2018. March 2018 meeting successful with 11 participants and 40cases of epithelioid sarcoma were discussed:

- Plans for molecular analyses.
- New chair elected: Pehr Rissler from Lund.
- Next meeting in Gothenburg September 2018.
- Full report available on SSG website (Members page).

7. Plenary meeting in Bergen 2019, update

- Preparation work is on schedule.
- Planning of economy good.
- Industry representatives has to pay the registration fee.
- No upper limit for individuals from each company.

8. Preparation for the next WGM in December 3-4, 2018

- Three new board members will be elected at the General assembly on December 3rd. The General assembly will elect a new SSG chairman. The treasurer- and secretary positions will be determined within the board.

9. Next plenary meeting

- Possibly in Turku 2021. Further discussions on WGM in Dec 2018.

10. SSG homepage – change of domain

- Change to a Swedish domain company in August 2018.

11. Next TC board meeting

- The next TC board meeting will be held in September 2018. A Doodle will be circulated to decide the suitable date.

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