

## Minutes SSG board meeting 2019-12-01 (17.00 – 19.30)

Present: Akmal Safwat, Lotta Våde, Panos Tsagkozis, Jukka Kanerva, Eva-Mari Olofsson.

Invited not present: Kaisa Sunela (Tampere, representative for the SSG Congress in Tampere, April 2021).

Excused: Hans Kristian Haugland.

### 1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting and

### 2. Follow-up on agreements and tasks discussed in previous meetings.

Previous minutes were briefly reviewed and approved. Follow-up on agreements and tasks discussed in previous meetings was done in parallel.

### 3. Economy

- On the last board meeting the final budget of the plenary meeting in Bergen was reported to be in balance. All invoices was not received at that point and the will probably bring a surplus. The final result will be presented at the next board meeting.
- There were no major alterations regarding the other SSG projects.
- The need to seek funding in order to cover the needs in the medium and long-term is still imperative.

### 4. Funding activities

- No efforts have been done to seek new grants yet.
- Funding possibilities were discussed. A document with various links to funding agencies was presented from Panos. This document is very useful and will be posted on the website under "Links".

### 5. Meeting events

- The next Working Group meeting in Malmö was discussed.  
**Decision:** The next year meeting was decided to November 30 – December 1 at WTC/ParkInn, Malmö. The board meeting will be on Sunday November 29, 17.00 – 19.00.
- The preliminary program for the upcoming 40th SSG congress in Tampere, April 21-23 2021 was presented. We invited the local committee to join this meeting but they could not attend. The topics/sessions for the meeting has been decided and a couple of Finnish speakers has already accepted to give their talk.
  - Scandic and Tornio hotels were are still the best options as conference venue, with final decision to be taken after the inspection from Eva-Mari together with Kaisa Sunela which is planned to take place in coming spring.
  - Regarding the social program, there is need to find a place which can accommodate at least 100 persons.

- The local committee is now established (7 person).
- Kaisa Sunela has now sent a sponsorletter to many companys applying for money for the Tempere meeting. Some answers has been received and a reminder is to be sent out in the beginning of next year.
- The work with the budget for the meeting will soon start.

- Other meetings/events where discussed. It is very important that SSG keep their contact with other sarcoma groups by attending other meetings. Since Akmal does not have time to attend all of them he asked the board of help with this. This will also be presented to the members tomorrow at the general assembly.

## 6. Trials (status of the old) Any new?

- SSGXXII has randomized 141 patients. Next milestone for payment is when the number of 180 randomized patients been reached.
- Akmal presented a synopsis of a new study that is a collaboration between the Spanish sarcoma group and the pharmaceutical company Monopar. The bard was entusiaststic about the study and agreed to present the synopsis to the members the next day.
- A quality of life study by EORTC was briefly discussed. The study is work intensive and has no financial support. The general impression was that it is not a study that members will be intereseted to participate in.

## 7. Education

- New guidelines/recommendations on «Radical treatment of metastatic disease was discussed. The idea is interesting. The problem is to find resources to dedicate effort for the task.

## 8. Other tasks

- SSG travelling fellowship – We recieved application from two candidates, Åse Hjelle, Bergen and Shamineh Mansoori, Uppsala.  
**Decision:** After a short discussion and voting we choosed to give the first travelling fellowship grant to Sharmineth Mansoori. This will be announced at the meeting tomorrow at the general assembly.
- SSG is now on both Instagram and on Facebook – thank you, Lotta!!
- Discussion wether Lotta Våde can remain as a board member since she has left the Radiumhospitalet as a clinical nurse.  
**Decision:** The board decides that this has no bearing on her position in the board and that she stays in the board.
- Discussion of the possibility of making SSG a legal entity. A need for legal advise from a legal department in a university hospital is needed.