

# **The 40<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group**

The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Scandinavian Sarcoma Group for  
Nurses & Physiotherapists

April 26-28, 2022  
Tampere



**Preliminary Program  
Version March 30, 2022**

## Conference venue

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### Solo Sokos Hotel Tornii Tampere



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# Preface

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We all have been waiting eagerly for a time in which a sense of normality is restored, and we could meet each other again face to face. We are grateful that this time has finally come, and we wish all members of the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group (SSG) and external guests welcome to our 40<sup>th</sup> Congress in Tampere, Finland, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. We are excited to announce the participation of several excellent invited speakers from various European countries.

The meeting will begin with a workshop on desmoid tumors arranged by SSG together with EURACAN. The participants will get the opportunity to hear about the various diagnostic and therapeutic challenges of this disease and discuss some difficult cases.

Basic research, diagnostics, and treatment of bone- and soft tissue sarcoma will be extensively covered throughout the meeting.

A session will be dedicated to immunotherapy, with a focus on why it has not been as effective in sarcomas as in other cancers and how to learn from that when designing new immunotherapy trials in sarcomas.

There will also be a dedicated session on the management of benign soft tissue and bone tumors.

As a new feature, we will dedicate a session to give young Nordic PhD students from all disciplines to present their PhD projects. The idea is not (only) to present completed and finished projects but also projects in the process of being written to create discussions, generate ideas and help the young researchers liaise with other researchers and may be expand their projects and create future collaborations.

Another new feature is inviting representatives from patient advocacy groups in Scandinavia to register and attend the events of the congress and meet members and board members.

Additionally, we will pay attention to pediatric sarcomas with a dedicated lecture about fusion sarcomas in the pediatric group and two radiotherapy lectures describing both external beam and brachytherapy in the pediatric group.

The nurses- and physiotherapists program will focus on next generation communication and holistic approach in managing sarcoma patients.

Many of the sessions will be joint sessions between physicians, scientists, nurses, and physiotherapists. A collaboration between these groups is important for the development of new treatment strategies for sarcoma patients.

All of this could not have been possible without the support from the various sponsors and the efforts of organizing committee. We wish to thank them all and hope that you will find the conference inspiring and take the opportunity to meet, network and discuss future collaborative work.

We wish you an enjoyable and memorable stay in Tampere!

Akmal Safwat  
Chairman for the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group

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### **Next SSG meetings:**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting of the SSG, December 5-6, 2022, Malmö.  
41<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the SSG will be determined.

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# SSG/EURACAN workshop on desmoid tumors

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## Tuesday April 26

- 07.30-08.00      Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3&4)
- 08.15-14.30**      Place: Conference room 1&2  
Chairmen: *K. Boye, Oslo, J. Kiiski, Tampere*
- 08.15              Introduction and practical information.
- 08.30      L      Pathological aspects.  
*P. Rissler, Lund*
- 09.00      L      Radiological challenges.  
*A. Lücke, Aarhus*
- 09.30      L      When to operate?  
*J. Kiiski, Tampere*
- 10.00-10.30      Coffee break*
- 10.30      L      Role of radiotherapy.  
*K. Santti, Helsinki*
- 11.00      L      Role of high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU).  
*R. Blanco, Turku*
- 11.30      L      The dilemma of medical treatment.  
*A. Krarup-Hansen, Herlev*
- 12.00–13.00      Lunch*
- 13.00      L      Desmoid tumors in association with FAP.  
*S. Stacchiotti, Milan, Italy*
- 13.30              Cases to be discussed.
- 14.25              Closing remarks.

# SSG Plenary Meeting

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## Tuesday April 26

14.15-15.30      Advocacy Group Meeting (with invitation only)  
Place: Conference room 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

15.00-15.45      Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations  
(Conference room 3&4, 1<sup>st</sup> floor))

### Joint session with physicians, scientists, nurses, and physiotherapists

16.00-16.10      Welcome and introduction by Akmal Safwat,  
chairman of SSG.  
Place: Conference room 1&2 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**16.10-18.00      Session I: Fusion sarcomas**  
Chairman: *J. Kanerva, Helsinki, A. Safwat, Aarhus*

16.10            L    Pathology of fusion sarcomas.  
*M. Miettinen, NIH, USA*

16.30            L    Using neomorphic features of fusion oncogenes in  
pediatric sarcomas for target therapy and diagnostics.  
*T. Grünewald, Heidelberg, Germany*

17.00-18.00      General assembly  
SSG members only

19.00            Social program, (see separate section on page 18).  
**The bus will leave at 18.30**

# SSG Plenary Meeting

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## Wednesday April 27

- 07.30-08.30      Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3&4,  
1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- 08.30-18.00**      **Session with doctors and scientists**  
Place: Conference room 1&2
- 08.30–10.30**      **Session II: Immunotherapy in sarcoma: is it working?**  
Chairmen: *A. Papakonstantinou, Stockholm, N. Junker,*  
*Herlev*
- 08.30      L      The history and concepts of immunotherapy.  
*N. Junker, Herlev*
- 09.05      L      Sarcoma immunotherapy: recent clinical results.  
*K. Boye, Oslo*
- 09.30      L      Tumor microenvironment as predictive of  
immunotherapy.  
*M. Ehnman, Stockholm*
- 10.05              Closing remarks.
- 10.30-11.00*      *Coffee break*

**11.00-13.00**

**Session III: Sarcoma radiotherapy**

Chairmen: *C. Linder-Stragliotto, Stockholm,*  
*P. Lindholm, Turku*

- 11.00 L Brachytherapy of bladder sarcomas.  
*J. Stenman, Stockholm*
- 11.30 L Radiotherapy of pediatric sarcomas.  
*H. Mandeville, London, The UK*
- 12.00 L Late complications of radiotherapy.  
*P. Lindholm, Turku*
- 12.30 L Proton therapy.  
*A. Safwat, Aarhus*

*13.00-14.00 Lunch*

**14.00-16.00**

**Session IV: Benign soft tissue and bone lesions**

Chairmen: *O-J. Norum, Oslo, A. Safwat, Aarhus*

- 14.00 Introduction and problem formulation.  
*O-J. Norum, Oslo*
- 14.10 L Role of surgery.  
*P. Tsagkosis, Stockholm*
- 14.40 L Role of radiotherapy.  
*D. Goplen, Bergen*
- 15.10 L Role of medical treatments.  
*S. Stacchiotti, Milan, Italy*
- 15.30 Coffe break*

- 15.50–17.30**      **Session V: Sarcoma related research Scandinavia**  
**Oral presentations of PhD protocol ± preliminary results.**  
 Chairmen: *T. Baad-Hansen, Aarhus, K. Francis Andersen, Copenhagen*
- 15.50      L      Improving the treatment of soft tissue sarcomas of the extremities and trunk wall.  
*A. Arentze Pohly Thorn, Copenhagen*
- 16.10      L      Hip joint stability after total hip arthroplasty – which type of artificial hip joint and postoperative regimen should be selected for the individual patient?  
*A. Iljazi, Copenhagen*
- 16.30      L      Measuring functional outcome in upper extremity soft tissue sarcoma: Validation of the Toronto Extremity Salvage Score and the QuickDASH patient reported outcome instruments.  
*J. Repo, Tampere*
- 16.50      L      A national prospective observational study of Circulating tumor DNA and Quality of life in Sarcomas - CIRQUESARC  
*J. Vitfell-Rasmussen, Herlev*
- 15.50      L      Personalized Surgery – introducing medical 3D print technology in orthopedic oncology.  
*A. Bertoli Borgognoni, Aarhus*
- 19.00      Social program – (see separate section on page 18).  
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# SSG Plenary Meeting

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**Thursday April 28**

Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3&4)

**08.30–15.35**     **Joint session with physicians, scientists, nurses,  
and physiotherapists**

Place: Conference room 1&2

**08.30-10.30**     **Session VI: New techniques and innovations in  
orthopedic oncology.**

Chairmen: *J. Nieminen, Tampere, M. Mørk Petersen,  
Copenhagen*

08.30            L     Navigation improves oncological outcome of pelvic  
sarcomas?  
*M. Laitinen, Helsinki*

08.50            L     How can AI help orthopedic oncologists in the  
future?  
*J. Nieminen, Tampere*

09.10            L     Robotics in arthroplasty.  
*M. Junnila, Tampere*

09.30            L     3-D print in orthopedic oncology.  
*T. Baad-Hansen, Aarhus*

09.50            L     Evaluation of tumor-prostheses over time.  
Complications, functional outcome, and comparative  
statistical analysis after resection and reconstruction  
in orthopedic oncologic conditions on the lower  
extremities.  
*C. Holm, Copenhagen*

*10.30-11.00*     *Coffee break*

**11.00-13.00**      **Session VII: Registration and management of acute and late complications of cancer treatment**

Chairmen: *K. Sunela, Tampere, S. Næss, Oslo*

- 11.00      L      Survival care plan.  
*A. Auranen, Tampere*
- 11.20      L      Geriatric assessment in elderly sarcoma patients.  
*K. Lehtomäki, Tampere*
- 11.40      L      Late complications of anthracycline therapy.  
*T. Meinander, Tampere*
- 12.00      L      Maintaining wellbeing and decreasing side effects during chemotherapy treatment.  
*M. Savic, P. Elmström, Lund*
- 12.20      L      Late complications and survival of soft tissue sarcoma patients after adjuvant treatments- a single tertiary centre experience.  
*A. Koivisto, K. Sunela, Tampere*

*12.40–13.30*      *Lunch*

**13.30-15.00**      **Session VIII: GIST**

Chairmen: *T. Hølmekbakk, Oslo, M. Eriksson, Lund*

- 13.30      L      Adjuvant therapy of GIST.  
*H. Joensuu, Helsinki*
- 14.00      L      Therapy of metastatic disease & new drugs.  
*M. Eriksson, Lund*
- 14.30      L      Surgery of metastatic disease.  
*J. Åhlen, Stockholm*

**15.00-15.10**      **Closing remarks**

*SSG chair*

## SSG Nurses

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### Wednesday April 27

- 07.45-08.20      Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3&4)
- 08.20–16.30      Nurses session**  
Room: Conference room 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 08.20              Welcome and logistics!  
*S. Næss, Oslo*
- 08.30–10.30      Session I – Next generation communication**  
Chairmen: *A. Pettersson, Umeå, S. Næss, Oslo*
- 08.30      L      How nurses can communicate through social media.  
*L. Våde, Kreftkompasset, Oslo*
- 09.00      L      The PRO Sarcoma project – Use of patient reported  
outcomes in routine daily practice at Sarcoma Units in  
Denmark.  
*H. Mortensen, S. K. Christensen, Herlev*
- 09.30      L      The Norwegian Sarcoma Patient Organization and our work  
*C. M. Nilsen, Patient Organization Sarkomer, Oslo*
- 10.00      L      The importance of social network for adolescents diagnosed  
with cancer – how can the nurse meet the needs?  
*H. Bøgseth, Oslo*
- 10.30-11.00      Coffee break*
- 11.00–16.30      Joint session with physiotherapists**  
Room: Conference room 6&7 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**11.00-13.00****Session II – Rotationplasty**Chairmen: *S. Næss, Oslo, H. Mortensen, Herlev*

- 11.00 L Rotationplasty as an alternative, how to give information –  
A case report  
*H.Bøgseth, I. T. Eidsaae, Oslo*
- 11.30 L Rotationplasty: Treatment indications, surgical technique,  
and preparation of the surgical team.  
*O-J. Norum, Oslo*
- 12.00 L Rehabilitation after rotationplasty.  
*S. Ludvigsen, Oslo*

*12.30-14.00 Lunch*

**14.00-15.30****Session III – Recurrence, a holistic approach**Chairmen: *M. Savic, Lund, S. Ludvigsen, Oslo*

- 14.00 L Sarcoma recurrences: To treat or not to treat – that is the  
question  
*M. Eriksson, Lund*
- 14.30 L Do we overtreat our patients?  
*A. Pettersson, Umeå*
- 15.00 L My story – Living with GIST  
*A. Jahr, Patient Organization Sarkomer, Oslo*

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## SSG Physiotherapists

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Exhibition stand & Poster exhibition (Conference room 3&4)

**08.20–16.30      Physiotherapist’s session**  
Room: Conference room 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

08.20              Welcome!  
*S. Ludvigsen, Oslo*

**08.30–10.30      Physiotherapist’s session**  
Chairman: *S. Ludvigsen, Oslo*

08.30      L      Children with sarcoma - Case  
*E. Frisk, Stockholm*

08.50      L      Pelvic sarcoma – What are the options?  
*J. Thorkildsen, Oslo*

09.30      L      TBA

09.50      L      Case.  
*TBA*

10.15              Discussion.

*10.30-11.00      Coffee break*

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# Social program

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## Tuesday April 26

- 18.30 Departure from conference hotel (with bus)  
19.00 Dinner at restaurant Näsinneula



## Wednesday April 27

- 18.30 Departure from conference hotel (walking distance)  
19.00 “Get together evening” at Town Hall













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