

The 40th Congress of the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group

The 12th meeting of the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group
for Nurses & Physiotherapists



April 26–28, 2022
Tampere

Conference venue



Solo Sokos Hotel Tornio Tampere

Preface

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 40th Congress in Tampere, Finland, 26th-28th 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

Program responsible

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Akmal Safwat, Thomas Baad-Hansen, Jukka Kanerva, Lotta Våde, Hans Kristian Haugland, Panagiotis Tsagkozis and Eva-Mari Olofsson.

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Next SSG meetings:

The 27th Working Group Meeting of the SSG, December 5–6, 2022, Malmö.
41st Plenary Meeting of the SSG will be determined.

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SSG/EURACAN workshop on desmoid tumors

Tuesday April 26

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

SSG Plenary meeting

Tuesday April 26

- 14.15–15.30 Advocacy Group Meeting (with invitation only)
Place: Conference room 7 (2nd floor)
- 15.00–15.45 Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1st floor)
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations
(Conference room 3&4, 1st 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 (1st floor)

16.10–18.00 Session I: Fusion sarcomas

Chairman: *J. Kanerva, Helsinki, A. Safwat, Aarhus*

- 16.10 R Pathology of fusion sarcomas.
M. Miettinen, NIH, USA
- 16.30 R Using neomorphic features of fusion oncogenes in pediatric sarcomas
for target therapy and diagnostics.
T. Grünewald, Heidelberg, Germany
- 16.50 CIC-rearranged sarcoma and diagnostic challenges. Proffered paper.
J. Tuominen, Turku
- 17.00–18.00 General assembly
SSG members only
- 19.00 Social program (see separate section on page 20)

The bus will leave at 18.30

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SSG Plenary meeting

Wednesday April 27

07.30–08.30 Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1st floor)
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations
(Conference room 3&4, 1st floor)

08.30–18.00 Session with doctors and scientists

Place: Conference room 1&2 (1st floor)

08.30–10.00 Session II: Immunotherapy in sarcoma: is it working?

Chairmen: *A. Papakonstantinou, Stockholm, N. Junker, Herlev*

08.30 The history and concepts of immunotherapy.
N. Junker, Herlev

09.00 Sarcoma immunotherapy: recent clinical results.
K. Boye, Oslo

09.30 Tumor microenvironment as predictive of immunotherapy.
M. Ehnman, Stockholm

10.00–10.30 Coffee break

10.30–12.30 Session III: Sarcoma radiotherapy

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

10.30 Brachytherapy of bladder sarcomas.
J. Stenman, Stockholm

11.00 Radiotherapy of pediatric sarcomas.
H. Mandeville, London, The UK

11.30 Late complications of radiotherapy.
P. Lindholm, Turku

12.00 Proton therapy.
A. Safwat, Aarhus

12.30–13.30 Lunch

13.30–15.00 Session IV: Benign soft tissue and bone lesions

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

13.30 Introduction and problem formulation.
O-J. Norum, Oslo

13.40 Role of surgery.
P. Tsagkosis, Stockholm



14.00 Role of radiotherapy.
D. Goplen, Bergen

14.20 Role of medical treatments.
S. Stacchiotti, Milan, Italy

14.50 Sclerotherapy of aneurysmal bone cysts with poliodocanol.
Proffered paper.
K. Weber, Copenhagen

15.00 Coffee break

15.30–17.00 Session V: Sarcoma related research Scandinavia

Oral presentations of PhD protocol ± preliminary results.

Chairmen: *T. Baad-Hansen, Aarhus, K. Francis Andersen, Copenhagen*

15.30 Improving the treatment of soft tissue sarcomas of the extremities and trunk wall.
A. Arentze Pohly Thorn, Copenhagen

15.40 Hip joint stability after total hip arthroplasty – which type of artificial hip joint and postoperative regimen should be selected for the individual patients?
A. Iljazi, Copenhagen

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SSG Plenary meeting

Wednesday April 27

- 15.50 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
- 16.00 A national prospective observational study of Circulating tumor DNA and Quality of life in Sarcomas- CIRQUESARC.
J. Vitfell-Rasmussen, Herlev
- 16.10 Personalized Surgery – introducing medical 3D print technology in orthopedic oncology.
A. Bertoli Borgognoni, Aarhus
- 16.20 Dual LAG-3 and PD-1 Blockade in Combination with Neoadjuvant Radiotherapy in Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma: A Prospective Phase 2 Trial.
F. Sundbye, Copenhagen
- 16.30 Chordoma: Treatment Pattern and Survival – Population-Based Analysis of Rare tumor.
F. Sundbye, Copenhagen
- 16.40 Translation, validation, and comparison of Patient-Reported outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) in a clinical sarcoma setting.
S. S. Freund, Aarhus
- 16.50 Closing remarks
- 19.00 Social program (see separate section page 20)

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SSG Plenary meeting

Thursday April 28

Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3 & 4, 1st floor)

08.30–15.10 Joint session with physicians, scientists, nurses and physiotherapists
Place: Conference room 1 & 2 (1st floor)

08.30–10.30 Session VI: New techniques and innovations in orthopedic oncology.
Chairmen: *J. Nieminen, Tampere, M. Mørk Petersen, Copenhagen*

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

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

09.10 Robotics in arthroplasty.
M. Junnila, Tampere

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

09.50 Periprosthetic infections after mega prosthesis reconstruction result in high risk of amputation and persistent infection. Proffered paper.
C. Berger, Gothenburg

10.00 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. Proffered paper.
C. Holm, Copenhagen

10.10 Low rates of local relapse after surgery of high-grade soft tissue sarcoma operated with generous wide margins without radiotherapy: A 30-year follow-up study of a treatment protocol based on anatomy and metric surgical margins from the sarcoma group of Helsinki university Hospital. Proffered paper.
J. Lemma, Helsinki

10.20 A retrospective study of 64 patients with angiosarcoma treated at Sahlgrenska University Hospital during 2000–2020 analysing epidemiology, treatment and outcome. Proffered paper.
S.K. Kjartansdottir, Gothenburg

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 Survival care plan.
A. Auranen, Tampere

11.20 Geriatric assessment in elderly sarcoma patients.
K. Lehtomäki, Tampere

11.40 R Late complications of anthracycline therapy.
T. Meinander, Tampere

12.00 Late complications and survival of soft tissue sarcoma patients after adjuvant treatments – a single tertiary centre experience. Proffered paper.
A. Koivisto, K. Sunela, Tampere

12.10 Genetic complexity and relevance of DNA repair in malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors. Proffered paper.
M. Høiland, Oslo

12.20 Closing remarks

12.30–13.30 Lunch

14.00–15.30 Session VIII: GIST
Chairmen: *T. Hølmebakk, Oslo, M. Eriksson, Lund*

13.30 R Adjuvant therapy of GIST.
H. Joensuu, Helsinki

14.00 Therapy of metastatic disease & new drugs.
M. Eriksson, Lund

14.30 Surgery of metastatic disease.
J. Åhlen, Stockholm

15.00–15.10 Closing remarks
SSG chair

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SSG Nurses

Wednesday April 27

07.45–8.20 Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1st floor)
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3&4, 1st floor)

08.30–16.30 Nurses session

Place: Conference room 6 (2nd 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 How nurses can communicate through social media.
L. Våde, Kreftkompasset, Oslo

09.00 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 The Norwegian Sarcoma Patient Organization and our work.
C. M. Nilsen, Patient Organization Sarkomer, Oslo

10.00 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

Place: Conference room 6&7 (2nd floor)

11.00–13.00 Session II – Rotationplasty

Chairmen: *S. Næss, Oslo, H. Mortensen, Herlev*

11.00 Rotationplasty as an alternative, how to give information – A case report.
H. Bøgseth, I. T. Eidsaae, Oslo

11.30 Rotationplasty: Treatment indications, surgical technique and preparation of the surgical team.
O-J. Norum, Oslo

12.00 Rehabilitation from a prosthetist's perspective.
T. Snare, Oslo

12.30–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.30 Session III – Recurrence, a holistic approach

Chairmen: *S. Næss, Oslo, S. Ludvigsen, Oslo*

14.00 Sarcoma recurrences: To treat or not to treat – that is the question.
M. Eriksson, Lund

14.30 Do we overtreat our patients?
A. Pettersson, Umeå

15.00 My story – Living with GIST.
A. Jahr, Patient Organization Sarkomer, Oslo

15.30–16.00 Annual meeting

19.00 Social program – see separate section (page 20)

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SSG Physiotherapists

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08.00–08.30 Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1st floor)
Exhibition stand & Poster exhibition (Conference room 3&4, 1st floor)

08.20–16.30 Physiotherapists session

Room: Conference room 7 (2nd floor)

08.20 Welcome!
S. Ludvigsen, Oslo

08.30–10.30 Physiotherapist's session

Chairman: *S. Ludvigsen, Oslo*

08.30 Children with sarcoma – Case
E. Frisk, Stockholm

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

09.30 Cases/Discussion

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10.15 Cases/Discussion

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–16.30 Joint session with nurses

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O-J. Norum, Oslo

12.00 Rehabilitation after rotationplasty.
S. Ludvigsen, Oslo

12.30–14.00 Lunch



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Social program

Tuesday April 26

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

Wednesday April 27

- 18.40 Departure from conference hotel (walking distance)
- 19.00 "Get together evening" at City Town Hall

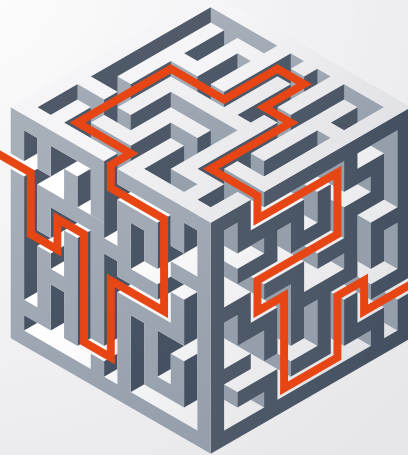


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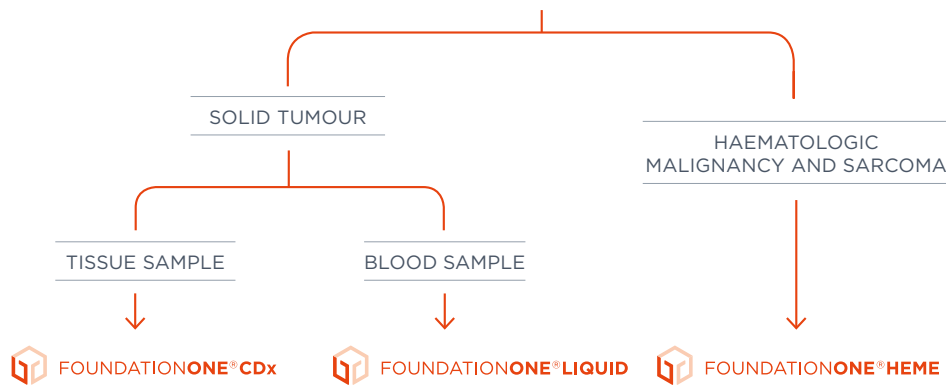


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