

The 40th Congress of the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group

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

April 26-28, 2022
Tampere



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Conference venue

Solo Sokos Hotel Tornii Tampere



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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

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Program committee for Nurses and Physiotherapists: Stine Næss, Annica Pettersson, Helene Jochims Mortensen, Merethe Lia Johansen and Lotta Våde.

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)
- 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 18).
The bus will leave at 18.30

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. Tsagkozis, Stockholm

14.00

Role of radiotherapy.
D. Goplen, Bergen

14.20

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

14.50

Closing remarks.

15.00

Coffe break

- 15.30–17.00** **Session V: Sarcoma related researchScandinavia**
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
- 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 on page 18).
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SSG Plenary Meeting

Thursday April 28

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

- 08.30–15.00** **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 3-D 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.
- 10.30-11.00 Coffe 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 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
- 12.00 Genetic complexity and relevance of DNA repair in malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors. Proffered paper.
M. Høland, Oslo
- 12.20 Closing remarks
- 12.30–13.30* *Lunch*
- 13.30-15.00** **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

SSG Nurses

Wednesday April 27

- 07.45-08.20 Registration (outside the conference rooms, 1st floor)
Exhibition stand & Coffee stations (Conference room 3&4)
- 08.20–16.30 Nurses session**
Room: 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**
Room: 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 after rotationplasty.
S. Ludvigsen, 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

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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 (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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Social program

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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