

## Minutes SSG General Assembly, Malmö 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

- SSG chair Christina Linder Stragliotto welcomed the participants. 85 attendants from all the Nordic countries had registered to the meeting.
- Chair of the election committee (Emelie Styring) for new board members explained the nomination process and presented the nominated candidate, replacing Lotta Våde (LV) Oslo:
  - Stine Kirchhoff Christensen Denmark.  
Stine was elected by the other members of SSG to replace Lotta Våde.
  - The other members (Panagiotis Tsagkosis (PT), Christina Berger, Kathrin Pulverer and Kaisa Sunela) will continue their work in the SSG board.
- The 41<sup>st</sup> SSG Congress will be held 24-26 May 2024 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The local committee will visit suitable venues and plan the program for the meeting.
- The location for the Plenary meeting 2026 has not yet been decided. According to rotation, Island should be hosting the meeting.
- The treasurer (PT) presented the SSG economy.
  - Income is mostly based on SSG studies.
  - The congress in Tampere ended with a balanced budget.
  - The organizers of the congress in Gothenburg will soon present a budget proposal for the meeting 2024.
  - Expenses for SSG: secretary salary, office, web-hotel, SSG trials.
  - New sources of income needed.
  - Money will still come in according the payment schedule/milestones in the SSG XXII and ALT-GIST studies.
  - Eva-Mari will work 40% with the Cancer Prevention Project financed by Svetlana Lagercrantz in 2023 (supported by RCC Stockholm-Gotland).
- SSG-plans for future work:
  - Closer collaboration with other sarcoma centers within the SSG organization.
  - Deeper collaboration with international centers for instance on future planning and inclusion in studies, as well as participation in common research projects.
  - Include more patients in well selected studies.
  - Support research within the SSG organization and the use of registries to evaluate given treatments.
  - AYA-group, development of wards, more support to this group.
  - Membership fee was discussed but will not be implemented.
  - Scientific Secretary responsible for continuous updates on literature on the home page is needed.
  - Travelling fellowships for new doctors, nurses and physiotherapists was discussed.
  - Collaboration between patient organizations should be encouraged.
- Two invited speakers, Dr Martin McCabe from Manchester and Dr Svetlana Lagercrantz from Stockholm, gave two appreciated lectures about the rEECur study and hereditary aspects of sarcoma which was very much appreciated.
- Dr Stefan Lindskog from Gothenburg will be the new chairman of the abdominal working group.
- The Next working group meeting will be held 4-5 December 2023 in Malmö.