

Minutes

Meeting No.: 79
Time: 9-10 May, 2017
Venue: Hilton hotel Helsinki airport
Lentajankuja 1, Vantaa airport, Helsinki , Finland

Participants: The board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN: Bo-Göran Ericzon, Stockholm
SWEDEN: Lars Wennberg, Stockholm
FINLAND: Arno Nordin, Helsinki
NORWAY: Pål-Dag Line, Oslo
ICELAND: Runolfur Palsson, Reykjavik
DENMARK: Finn Gustafsson, Copenhagen

Director of Scandiatransplant:
DENMARK: Kaj Anker Jørgensen, Aarhus

Leader of meeting: Bo-Göran Ericzon (BGE)

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen (KAJ)

1. Welcome:

Bo-Göran Ericzon welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes last Board meeting (Aarhus March 1st & 2nd):

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-board/MinutesBoardNo78Aarhus12March2017.pdf>

The minutes were approved.

3. Status at the Office:

KAJ gave a report on the status of the personnel at the office. The work load at the office is critical at the moment due to sick leave from important people at the office. The board discussed the situation in short term and long term perspectives. KAJ was to give a new status on the office in August.

The board had received a mail from Lithuania asking for the possibilities to become associate member of Scandiatransplant mainly due to cooperation in islet transplantation and in the Stamp program. This was discussed and BGE together with KAJ will formulate an answer. If Estonia is accepted as an associate member at the council meeting tomorrow, the main theme of the answer is that Scandiatransplant wants to see how the cooperation with Estonia works out before we can start discussions about expanding Scandiatransplant further.

4. Update on Data Processor Agreements, STEP, & Deceased Donors Death Causes:

A: Data processor agreements: we now have agreements with Helsinki, Aarhus, Odense, Reykjavik and Copenhagen. It seems likely that we will soon have an agreement with Gothenburg and this may sort of pave the way for getting agreements with the rest of the Swedish hospitals. Pål-Dag still takes responsibility for getting agreement with Oslo even if he will no longer be on the board.

B. Step: KAJ has written to the NKG which has responded and they have now made a steering executive committee for the Scandiatransplant involvement in this program. The immunological matching is being translated from Swedish to English, and when this is done, the office will present the questions to the immunologists in the steering

committee of how the match making of the immunology is to be. After that the programming can begin. Due to the current condition of the staff in the office, the programming may be delayed in relation to what was earlier expected.

C: Deceased donor's death causes. The working group led by Runolfur Palsson has made a very good work and presented a suggestion with explanations which will be presented to the council tomorrow, who will hopefully accept it.

5. EU CA meeting in Brussels Apr. 5th & 6th 2017; SAE/SAR

BGE reported from the meeting in Brussels. He feels that transplantation is in a unique position in EU, since they hold these meetings on this subject and show great interest. BGE had given a presentation of the proposed Scandiatransplant SAE/SAR reporting tool and the Nordic authorities were very glad for this initiative.

6. Register patients transplanted outside Scandiatransplant:

This was discussed because the problem of transplant trafficking has a very extensive attention at the EU meetings. The conclusion was that the board thinks this is not a responsibility for Scandiatransplant for the time being. If the question is raised by the Competent Authorities it will be up to the hospitals to answer the questions.

7. What to do, if Tartu associate membership is accepted:

- A. It will be necessary to educate people in Tartu. People from the office will have to go to Tartu and this should be before the summer if possible.
- B. The necessary programming in Yaswa should have the highest priority. It may have to be done in two steps.
- C. All recipients have to be registered in Scandiatransplant before they can become active.
- D. A final date has to be set when transplantation of all organs in Estonia will be within Scandiatransplant. All organs transplanted before this date will be transplanted outside Scandiatransplant.
- E. We need to request Tartu of contact persons for all the main organ groups, the coordinator group and the tissue typer group, so that they can be invited to the groups' meetings.
- F. Donors should not be registered in Scandiatransplant before the date when Tartu becomes active.
- G. Tartu should be invited to all board meetings and the council meeting as observers. They should participate in all the other groups as full members.

8. Council meeting May 10th 2017:

- a. The board went through the agenda and decided on who was to speak on the different points at the council meeting.
- b. How to vote. Alternatives were discussed. First the Council would be asked, if there was anybody against a proposition. Thereafter it would be asked, how many were for the suggestion.
- c. Go through the agenda with suggested chairman of the Council meeting.
At the last hour of the meeting the board's suggestion for leader of the council meeting, Krister Höckerstedt, participated, and one more time the Board went through the agenda of the council meeting with him to be well prepared.

9. Next Board Meeting (Oct. 3rd & 4th, 2017, Helsinki before NTC meeting/extra meeting in Tartu late August?):

This will be on October 2nd 2017 in Helsinki. The meeting should start around noon and go until the evening. The next day there will be NTC meeting in the morning.