

Minutes

Meeting No.: 85
Time: 4-5th March, 2019
Venue: Clarion hotel Copenhagen airport

Participants: The board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN: Bo-Göran Ericzon, Stockholm
SWEDEN: Amir Sedigh, Uppsala (Absent)
FINLAND: Arno Nordin, Helsinki (Absent on 4th March)
NORWAY: Morten Hagness, Oslo
ICELAND: Runolfur Palsson, Reykjavik
DENMARK: Finn Gustafsson, Copenhagen (Absent on 4th March)

Invited associate member representative:
ESTONIA: Virge Pall, Tartu

Director of Scandiatransplant:
DENMARK: Kaj Anker Jørgensen, Aarhus

Leader of meeting: Bo-Göran Ericzon

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen

Agenda

March 4th: Meeting Room BOR, 17.00 – 20.00

1) Welcome:

Bo-Göran Ericzon bid everybody welcome.

2) Scandiatransplant 50 year jubilee:

a. Status on registration:

There are 140 people registrated to the jubilee. There was a big discussion on what to do. It was decided to send out a new invitation to all YASWA users. All board members should go home and see who is not on the list, who should be invited and send the name and the e-mail address to KAJ within this week so they can receive a new invitation.

b. Problems that have come up:

There has been a problem that the City Hall of Aarhus cannot take congresses but only receptions. This problem has been solved. It was decided to leave the registration open until we have 200 participants, and then it will be closed. In the letter to new participants it should be stated that there are still vacancies for participation, but the registration will be closed when we reach 200 participants.

Tommy Ivarsson is coming and will give his speech, he has given permission to record his speech. How to pay him and if we need a contract is still a matter, which has not been solved, but we hope it will be solved.

Signý Sæmundsdóttir has agreed to sing and will bring a pianist. KAJ will send an e-mail to Signý Sæmundsdóttir in Iceland asking for what she wants for a contract and also a fee for her or her pianist, and this should be sent cc to Runolfur Pálsson. The AV facilities at Aarhus City Hall are still unclear, but we will ask KomgresKompagniet and Click Film to make sure that this is very good. It may be needed to rent facilities from outside the City Hall.

c. Presentations during the ceremony (names):

The final programme was decided. It will start with a welcome by a representative from the Council of Aarhus and then a very short welcome by KAJ. Then there is the video presentation of Scandiatransplant. After that Erik Thorsby will have his talk presented by KAJ. Then Morten Hagness will shortly introduce the patient videos. After that the patient videos (5) will be shown. Then there will be a talk by Tommy Ivarsson, he will be presented by Bo-Göran Ericzon. Then the mother of the son who became a donor will shortly present the video of her, which was taken in Iceland. This will be followed by the opera singer Signý Sæmundsdóttir from Iceland, who will be presented by RP after her first song. The session will end with closing remarks by Bo-Göran Ericzon.

d. Presentation video and Erik Thorsby:

The presentation video was shown and accepted. Erik Thorsby should emphasize that other countries than Denmark and Norway were involved from the start

e. Final program for ceremony (see above)

f. Dinner at ARoS incl. talks (speakers?):

There will be a three course dinner at museum ARoS from 18:00 to 22:00. It was decided to ask Per Pfeffer to be toast master of the dinner. It was decided to ask Krister Höckerstedt and Søren Schwartz Sørensen, if they would make a speech at the dinner. After that there will be room for one to three speeches and Ingela Fehrman has already volunteered to make one of these speeches.

KAJ is to send an e-mail with a poster to be shown in the departments, it is to be sent to Morten Hagness, Bo-Göran Ericzon, Per Lindner, Amir Sedigh, Johan Nilsson, Arno Nordin, Virge Pall and Alireza Biglarnia.

March 5th: Meeting Room Pegasus in Terminal 3 of the Airport: 8.30 – 16.00.

3) Status at the Office:

KAJ told them, that we now have signed Data Processor Agreement with Karolinska, but that the situation with Oslo is very difficult.

KAJ explained that Region Midtjylland is our host and therefore we have to obey their rules. This means that there are restrictions of how much money we use on different things, and if we use more than "Moderniseringsstyrelsen" says, we have to get acceptance from the Medical director of Aarhus University Hospital beforehand. This also means that the staff is employed by Region Midtjylland and we therefore have to use their rules in cases with personnel.

Lorraine continues at the office, she had a one year position, but now we make it a permanent position. The student programmer Poul Kruse-Hansen has shown to be very good. KAJ would like him to stay when he graduates, but we cannot compete with

payments in the private sector.

KAJ told about the meeting he has participated in in Tartu, where they had their 50 year jubilee for kidney transplantation, 20 years for liver and 10 years for lungs.

He has also been to the meeting with the EU commission.

4) Accounts and Budget:

The revision reports had been sent out beforehand. They were signed. There was a negative balance of 457,332.- DKK, but we had used about 400,000.- DKK less than the budget that was given for 2018. KAJ is going to ask for a budget of 6 mio. DKK for 2019, and 6.2 mio. DKK for 2020. It was discussed if we should raise the price for transplantation from 2,600 DKK to 2,800 DKK, but it was concluded that we should not do this for 2019, but tell the council that we plan to increase it for 2020.

5) Use of YASWA for Cornea Transplantation (Pernille Bundgaard Koefoed-Nielsen):

Pernille Bundgaard Koefoed-Nielsen participated and gave a presentation of the facts behind this scientifically, and also how they would like a little reprogramming in YASWA so they can use this for finding the correct donors for their recipients. The board discussed this after she had left the room and decided that this should be done, primarily as a pilot project in Denmark, but hopefully later be usable in more countries.

6) The Board after June 2019:

a. DK: Finn will leave the Board:

Finn Gustafsson will leave as a board member and the suggestion from Denmark will be that Allan Rasmussen replaces him. Allan Rasmussen will leave as a substitute and it is suggested that he is replaced by Michael Perch .

b. S: Amir is only a substitute: Does he want to be elected? If so we need a new substitute. Bo-Göran is up for election, can continue 3 more years:

The situation in Sweden, where the people in Uppsala are too busy to be able to take of this task, must be clarified before May.

Bo-Göran Ericzon, Arno Nordin are up for election, and they are willing to continue three more years

c. IS: Runolfur is up for election, can continue 3 more years:

Runolfur will find out before May if he is to continue or if he is to be replaced.

KAJ brought up the discussion of the unclear text in Article eight. Actually the wording does not correspond to what is done in real life. Bo-Göran Ericzon will come with a suggestion for wording so that this article represents what is really happening. We can then suggest a change in the articles at the council meeting in May.

7) Travel and Research Grants:

Travel grants:

The board accepted the application from Pia Fernberg and granted the 35,500 SEK corresponding to 25,300 DKK.

The application from Ilkka Helanterä was also accepted and she was granted 25,000 DKK.

The application from Christina Andreasson was also accepted, and she was granted 30,000 SEK corresponding to 21,400 DKK.

The application from Per Arne Bakkan was also accepted and he was granted 16,200 NOK corresponding to 12,331 DKK.

The application from Andreas Arendsen Rostved was accepted, and he was granted 45,000 DKK.

The application from Rikke Martha Marie Christensen was also accepted, and she was granted 25,200 DKK.

Research grants:

The application from Geir Mjøen was accepted and he was granted 200,000 DKK.

The application from Hans Eiskjær was also accepted, and he was granted 330,000 DKK

8) Any other business:

Runolfur told the board about attempts to make a register in Iceland in order to comply with the EU directive 2010/53. He asked, if they could use Scandiatransplant instead. The board was a little surprised since other countries use Scandiatransplant for this purpose and Scandiatransplant's IT-system was constructed so that we fulfill the criteria in the EU directive. Runolfur will go to the authorities in Iceland and say that they also want to use Scandiatransplant like other countries. If the authorities have more questions, he can ask the Scandiatransplant office.

Bo-Göran Ericzon is going to a meeting in Riga very soon. It is a meeting on health care in the Baltic states and one of the points is exchange of organs between the states. Virge Pall will go to the same meeting. The position of Scandiatransplant for cooperation with Lithuania and Latvia was discussed so that Bo-Göran Ericzon will be prepared for the meeting.

Finally KAJ asked the Board of how they think that Scandiatransplant should be run when he can not any longer be Medical Director. It was unanimous in the position of the Board, that they wanted to stay in Aarhus, and the first priority would be to try to find a "overlæge" in Aarhus, who would be willing and able to take this task. If this cannot be find, it was discussed to upgrade Ilse Weinreich and have a Medical Director from another place visiting the Office quite often. The primary priority is to find someone, who is engaged and enthusiastic about Scandiatransplant.

9) Next Board meeting Aarhus May 8th, 2019, 13.00:

Will be in Aarhus on May 8th starting at 13.00. There will be a council meeting the next day, and it was agreed that this council meeting should be done in two hours. We would ask the groups to send out their reports beforehand to the council and come to the council to answer questions if there are some, but not let each group present the report. It was stressed that this should be a one time experience and it is due to the short time we have because of the jubilee in the afternoon.