

Minutes

Meeting No.: 95
Time: 27th Jan. 2022
ZOOM meeting: January 27th, at 17:00 CET, 2022

Participants: The board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN: Bo-Göran Ericzon, Stockholm
DENMARK: Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
NORWAY: Morten Hagness, Oslo
SWEDEN: Johan Nilsson, Lund
FINLAND: Arno Nordin, Helsinki
ICELAND: Jóhann Jónsson, Reykjavik
ESTONIA: Virge Pall, Tartu

DENMARK: Medical director:
Kaj Jørgensen

Leader of meeting: Bo-Göran Ericzon

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen

- 1) **Welcome:**
Bo-Göran bid everybody welcome to this virtual meeting.
- 2) **Ask for any other business:**
Virge Pall wanted to discuss the Scandiatransplant logo.
- 3) **Minutes of last Board Meeting (Huddinge):**
(<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-board/Minutes Board No 94 2728Sept.2021 HybridmeetingHuddinge.pdf>):
Kaj went quickly through the minutes of the last board meeting. The minutes were accepted. Especially dealt with the situation concerning Scandiatransplant and the IT-situation in Oslo regarding participation in the STEP cooperation.
- 4) **Status at the Office:**
Kaj told the board that we are now back to working at the Office after having been working from home in Dec. and Jan. where the number of newly diagnosed Covid infections in Denmark was rising very quickly. They are very high now but the number of patients needing respiratory aid is low and falling so almost all restrictions will be lifted in Denmark by Feb. 1st. The Office has been back at work most of January. Poul Kruse-Hansen has now defended his thesis and has a small examination tomorrow after which he will be a Master of Computer Software Science. He is returning to work on Monday, we hope he will stay with us. Poul seems to be a bright programmer and goes well with the other people in the office, and he has been much involved in the STEP programming. The Office has now advertised for a person to help Ilse. The deadline is March 1st, but there are already 9 applicants, and some look very interesting.
Kaj then said that we have had the problems with IT in Oslo, but there are also some positive aspects of this. It has made it necessary for Scandiatransplant to look

very critical at the IT system YASWA. The Central Region Denmark IT has made a group for overviewing security on the network, and they have made vulnerability scannings. These have shown that the Scandiatriplant IT-system seems very secure. Oslo has asked for penetration tests and the Central Region Denmark IT has shown us the result of one penetration test made by one of the big companies in Denmark on one application within the Central Region Denmark IT network. For Kaj and the people in the Scandiatriplant office, the result of this penetration test looks like a copy paste of general things regarding penetration test, and then a vulnerability test much like the scannings that have been performed. The price for such a penetration test was 100.000 DKK and Kaj had reacted by saying that if we are to do this and do this on a regular basis for example every year, we would have to go to the board maybe even the council. In the office we have found a small company which actually seems to try to do more serious penetrations. Kaj has accepted that we pay 55.000 DKK for such a penetration test, which will be made in the end of February. He has only accepted one test, and we want to see this before we do any contract on regular tests. The test will of course be against constructed data put into our system, so that it does not conflict with our Data Processor Agreements.

5) **Status Oslo IT:**

Kaj then showed a slide of an overview of the many contacts Ilse had had, which was shown at the last board meeting late September 2021, and then he showed a slide of an overview of the discussions Ilse Weinreich has had since then. Kaj then said that he had instructed the Office to hold these discussions and do more work until this board meeting. He then told how the office looks at the so-called cooperation with Oslo, who has demanded another kind of file for installation of the program that has been made to enable YASWA and FUSION communication. Kaj was of the opinion, that if we from the Office do not do something, nothing will happen and told them how the office may try to go forward. Morten Hagness agreed that the process with Oslo has been unreasonably long, repetitive and cumbersome and apologized on behalf of Oslo University Hospital (OUS) for the inconvenience this has brought upon the Scandiatriplant office. However, during the last 6 months there has been competent people working on this project and the process has been more healthy. He told that all information gathered is now available for all persons that need this in OUS. He told that both the design of the solution and the risk analysis was finished and accepted in December 2021. However, according to security policy, running the application "Fusion to YASWA" was prohibited before the solution design and risk analysis was approved. During the test run of Fusion to YASWA in January, several issues that made it impossible to run this in the OUS system was discovered. In short it was not possible to pack the application in the OUS system. In general, "ClickOnce" programs are not allowed, OUS does not allow programs like exe to start from %Userprofile% area, and programs that make auto-updating are not allowed. The solution in order to make the integration of fusion and YASWA possible in OUS would be to develop a new version of Fusion to YASWA. He offered to arrange a meeting between the Office and competent professionals in OUS that will give detailed information on what is needed. He had gathered information that it should be possible to make such a solution for OUS only, so the changes would not affect the other centers in Sctp. He further mentioned the possibility for payment of developing the

application from OUS. He stated that according to the group of people working on this issue in OUS this would probably be the last hurdle in this process because of the very thorough process that led to approval of the risk analysis. He argued that although this led to extra work to the office this would be the safest way to finally get Norway on board the STEP program. The board then agreed on OUS to arrange for such (virtual) meeting as a first step.

6) **WG on Latvia/Lithuania:**

Bo-Göran told the board that this working group had been a little slow in the start but was now working very well. The group had defined a number of questions which were sent out to the predefined contact persons in the countries. They were not asked to answer all the questions at once but were given a preliminary deadline to answer the questions that they could by January 10th. On January 8th, 2022, a reply from Lithuania was received from the person in the competent authorities stating that they need more time for discussions, and in Lithuania government approval was mandatory.

On the other hand, a mail from the chairman of the board of the hospital in Riga gave a very comprehensive answer to all the questions in time.

The working group decided to put the investigation regarding Lithuania on hold and the chairman Are Martin Holm answered them, that the investigations would be put on pause until we hear more from them. The working group would continue its investigations of Latvia. There was an answer in the questions, which could be in contrast to the laws of the country. Virge Pall would look more into this and report to the working group. People in the working group should come with comments to Are Martin Holm, who would return these questions to Riga in Latvia. At the same time the working group is planning a trip to Latvia on the 4th and 5th of May to get a closer look at the situation and discuss more in detail about the questions asked. At the same time the contact persons for the major groups in Scandiatransplant will be contacted about their attitude to the question of membership from the transplant centers in these countries. The plan is still that a report or at least a preliminary report from the working group will be presented to the council meeting in Reykjavik on August 31st, 2022.

7) **Status "Infections Group":**

Morten told us of plans he had to gather this group, but they were disturbed by the rising Omicron Covid infections. He has now sent an invitation out to the group members, which he presented for the board, and will have a ZOOM meeting soon. One of the main topics for the ZOOM meeting is about use of donors who have been tested Covid positive. In May he will gather the whole group to a face-to-face meeting and look at the recommendations on the Scandiatransplant homepage and make a complete revision of these. Scandiatransplant's office will help with practical things needed for such a meeting and for the first meeting will also pay for air ticket fare.

8) **Update from Reykjavik STS 2022:**

Jóhann Jónsson told us that this is going forward nicely. There is now a homepage (www.STS2022.is) where you can see dates, deadlines etc.

9) **Board after 2022:**

Due to time this point was not discussed very much, but Kaj showed which board members and which substitutes are on election, and the relevant board members are asked to come with candidates for these positions at the next board meeting,

where there will be more debate on this.

10) **Any other business:**

Virge Pall told the board that she and many people in Estonia do not have any problem with the logo as it is now symbolizing the five founding members and then the new members as shields. However, some people in Estonia think that now Estonia is a full member of Scandiatransplant, the logo should be a little bit different. Kaj commented that he liked the overall look of the Logo, which is very much known as the symbol of Scandiatransplant. He prefers that the Logo is spontaneously recognizable compared to the original Logo. Some ideas of how it maybe could look were presented, but no decision was taken, and it was decided to discuss this issue later.

11) **Next meeting: Already decided, Kastrup March 17th:**

It has already been decided that we have a one-day meeting in Kastrup on March 17th. People are urged to try to come to this meeting face-to-face, where we will have major issues to discuss such as economy and budget, travel and research grants, and the board after 2022. The room in Kastrup has been reserved, and the office will soon contact the board members regarding flights.