
**SCANDIATRANSPLANT
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020, VIRTUEL MEETING**



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1. Welcome

Welcome by Scandiatransplant chair Bo-Göran Ericzon

Kaj A. Jørgensen presented the general recommendations on how to participate in a virtual meeting

2. Election of meeting chair, writer of minutes and controllers of minutes

Chair of the meeting: Hans Eiskjær

Writer of minutes: Ilse Duus Weinreich

Controllers of minutes: Are M. Holm and Anna V. Reisæter

3. Registration of the present representatives/substitutes/observers

All present at the meeting are listed at the first page of these minutes

4. Approval of minutes' year 2019

Kaj A. Jørgensen gave a short presentation of the minutes from last year

http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-representatives/Minutes_council_2019_May_9.pdf

A few comments to the minutes:

- Last year it was decided that each Scandiatransplant group must submit a short written report and make a short presentation at the Council Meeting, however due to the Covid-19 situation the short presentation at the meeting was omitted.

- It was noted that all transplant centers now have a signed data processor agreement with Scandiatransplant.

The minutes were approved

5. Report of activities

Presented by Bo-Göran Ericzon

There has been held three board meetings since the Council meeting last year, 2 x 2-day meetings and one virtual meeting.

There have been several contacts with Latvia and Lithuania, as they are very eager to join Scandiatransplant in the future. They have received some information about Scandiatransplant and what requirements they must fulfill. The plan was to invite them to make a presentation of their current activities at the Council meeting, however this has been postponed until next year.

Further information on transplantation activity, please take a look at the Annual Report

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/resources/AnnualScandiatransplantdatareport2019.pdf>

6. Election of Board Members and substitutes

Presented by Kaj A. Jørgensen

Morten Hagness has served as board member for Norway for 3 years and the board suggested that he continued for 3 more years.

Suggestion approved

7. Accounts and Budget

Presented by Kaj A. Jørgensen

Documents from the independent auditor had been distributed to all prior to the meeting. The expenses were higher than the income in 2019, with a difference of 779.407 DKK, which means that the assets have gone down.

The jubilee was held last year and the net expenses for that were 529.000 DKK

Voting was conducted on the following points:

1. Expenses for 2019: 6,364,074 DKK (budget was 6,400,000 DKK)
 - 20 out of 22 voted and all accepted
2. Budget for 2020: 6.1 mill. DKK (as accepted at Council Meeting 2019)
 - 20 out of 22 voted and all accepted
3. Budget for 2021: 6.5 mill. DKK.
 - 21 out of 22 voted and accepted
- 4: Increase in price from 2600 DKK to 3000 DKK per transplanted patient for 2020
 - 21 out of 22 voted and accepted
- 5: Invoice for preceding years transplantations can be sent out by March 1st
 - 21 out of 22 voted and accepted

8. Covid-19

Presented by Kaj A. Jørgensen

3rd of March 2020 registration of Covid-19 RNA and antibody test results were made possible in YASWA for all donors and pre-transplant recipients. 4th of April 2020 the same registration possibility was added for post-transplant recipients. The infection guidelines on deceased donors was updated with an addendum 26th of March saying that if the potential donor is tested positive, organs should not be accepted for transplantation.

Each Friday the Covid-19 status is updated on the homepage:

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/data/covid-19-status-in-scandiatransplant>

The number of living donors, deceased donors and transplantations in the period from 1st of March 2020 to 31st of May 2020 was compared with numbers from 1st of March 2019 to 31st of May 2019. It illustrated that the decline in the numbers in Scandiatransplant in 2020 on deceased donors was 25%, living donors 28% and the total number of organs transplanted declined with 26%.

In regards to the decrease in transplantations, it seemed to have affected the number of pancreas, lung and heart transplantations the most.

With inspiration from a letter in Lancet the number of deceased donors and transplantations in Scandiatransplant were compared with new confirmed cases of Covid-19 found on the WHO

homepage to see if there were any correlation between the infectious pressure and the number of donors/transplantations. The curves were made as a 14-day moving average to smooth fluctuations and illustrate the trend. The graphical illustration showed that there were tendencies to smaller donor and transplant numbers late March to mid April at the same time as new Covid-19 cases peaked.

It was discussed if data should be published to illustrate how/if the pandemic has affected the organ transplantation activity and in relation with this if it would be possible to find data on deceased donors that have been tested Covid-19 positive and rejected.

9. Any Other Business

No issues were brought up

10. Next meeting

19th of May 2021 in Helsinki

Minutes are approved by controllers:

Anna V. Reisæter, June 17th, 2020

Are M. Holm, June 12th, 2020

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Ilse D. Weinreich