
**SCANDIATRANSPLANT
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2022, REYKJAVIK**



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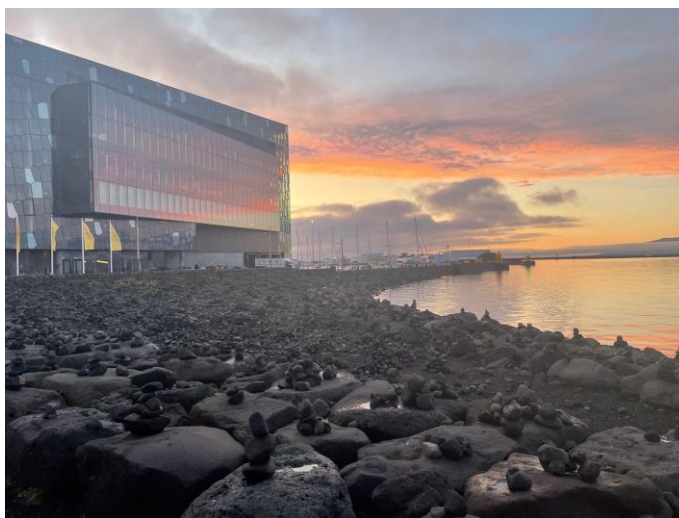
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1. Welcome

Welcome by the chair of Scandiatransplant Bo-Göran Ericzon

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

Chair of the meeting: Eiríkur Jónsson

Writer of minutes: Ilse Duus Weinreich

Controllers of minutes: Markus Gabel and Michael Perch

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 from May 2022

http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-representatives/Minutes_council_2022_May_11.pdf

The minutes were approved without any comments

5. Report of activities from the chair of Scandiatransplant

Presented by Bo-Göran Ericzon

Bo-Göran went over the organizational structure and presented some of the activities that have been going on during his 6 year period as chairman of Scandiatransplant.

Covid-19 affected the way that we were able to work together and it has had a great impact on the transplanted recipients where the frequency of positive cases and deaths were much higher than in the normal population.

Tartu University Hospital was accepted as associated member in 2017 and in 2021 they became full members of Scandiatransplant. Now more hospitals are applying for membership. Discussions have been going on about changing the Scandiatransplant logo, but it has been decided, by the board, to keep it as it is for now.

An overview of the grants, services and work around the IT system YASWA was presented and applauded.

6. Report on Working Group on Latvia/Lithuania

Presented by Are M. Holm

The report made by the working group has been distributed to all prior to the meeting.

To begin with the workgroup participants approached the task by collecting relevant information about organ donation and transplantation activities within Latvia and Lithuania. At this point Lithuanian reported back that they were not yet ready, so the continuous work was only related to Latvia.

After this the workgroup analyze the possible impact on Scandiatransplant and finally the working group made different scenarios on how to move on. This work was accompanied by an on-site visit by the working group in Pauls Stradiņš Clinical University Hospital in Riga.

Some of the main concerns are the low number of donors and transplantations, possible language

barriers, that the lab. has no EFI accreditation and limited staff.

Pros and cons were discussed by the Council of Representatives.

The following was suggested by the Scandiatransplant board and approved by the Council:

“The Council finds that Pauls Stradiņš Clinical University Hospital, Riga is currently not ready to be included as a full or associated member of Scandiatransplant. However, the Board will assist Riga in the further development, and the Board will define a specific plan for this development. The aim is to develop Riga to become an associate, then a full member of Scandiatransplant. Criteria for progression will be defined by the Board”.

7. Election of chairman of Scandiatransplant

Allan Rasmussen was suggested and elected as the new chair of Scandiatransplant

Bo-Göran Ericzon was thanked for the work that he has done as chair of Scandiatransplant

8. Election of Board members and substitutes

Arno Nordin has served as board member for 6 years and is suggested replaced by Marko Lempinen.

Suggestion for new board member from Denmark was Michael Perch

Both suggestions were accepted by the Council and Arno Nordin was thanked for his work.

Suggestions for new alternates:

Finland Johanna Savikko

Norway Are M. Holm

Denmark Nicolai Schultz

All suggestions were accepted by the Council

9. Report from the groups

a. NKG

Presented by Søren S. Sørensen

The last two meetings have been held online, due to Covid-19 hopefully this year a face-to-face meeting will be possible. The pediatric sub-group have also had one virtual meeting.

A publication on STAMP has just been published in the American Journal of Transplantation and work with STEP is ongoing. In the future there is an aim of cooperating with external partners concerning the very highly immunized patients that does not seem to be helped by the current programs within Scandiatransplant.

b. NLTG

Presented by Arno Nordin

Meetings have been held online. Around 400 liver transplants are done every year. Now Sweden has expanded the program with livers from DCD donors and Norway has also started again.

Various studies are going on about DSA, de-novo cancer, waitlist, CT-scans etc.

c. SHLG

Presented by Are M. Holm

The group has two meetings per year, one face-to-face and one online meeting. Among others DCD has been discussed and bylaws have been revised. A work group meeting has also been held to revise the lung registry.

d. NPITG

Presented by Torbjörn Lundgren

Meetings have been held online and hybrid meeting. A islet workshop was held in Oslo in June outside the Scandiatransplant framework, which was very successful. Vilnius has received help with their islet program, this worked very well. A new islet registry has been set up within Scandiatransplant (YASWA).

e. NTCG

Presented by Ilse D. Weinreich

The group have had two meetings one held online and one face-to-face meeting in Copenhagen Airport.

At the meetings the main topics discussed have been problems with transport of organs, organ offer issues related to quality of organs offered and the new way of offering splittable livers, development of YASWA as a working tool during the donation process, status on DCD implementation and awareness about intestine/multivisceral patients on the waiting list.

f. STTG

Presented by Jouni Lauronen

There has been one online meeting within the last year focusing on STAMP, STEP, Imlifidase, HLA antibody and crossmatch techniques.

Modifications to the policy of kidney allocation through STAMP was suggested to and approved by the Nordic Kidney Group.

The STEP committee have had an hybrid meeting where the results and the matching algorithm was discussed.

g. Infection Prevention Group

Presented by Morten Hageness

A new group has been established with Morten Hageness as chair. The first meeting

was held online and resulted in updated guidelines in relation to Covid-19.
The second meeting was held face-to-face among others organ usage from donors with active intravenous drug abuse was discussed and the guidelines were thoroughly revised. Minutes and updated guidelines are on the way. It was suggested to broaden the knowledge with a work shop.

10. Any Other Business

No issues were brought up

11. Next meeting

Next meeting will be in Tallin May 19th 2023

Minutes are approved by controllers:

Markus Gabel September 5th 2022

Michael Perch September 6th 2022

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Ilse D. Weinreich