Travel Grant Report

Name and origin of applicants
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Purpose granted
Visit to Vävnadsbanken, Lund, to see how they work and what we can do to improve collaboration in connection with tissue donations within Scandiatransplant.

Amount granted
12 331 DKK

Time and place of visit
12 – 13 of December 2019, Vävnadsbanken i Lund, Sverige

Report
Mali Sjetne Rosdahl, Enhetsleder Vävnadsbanken, had organized our visit with information, teaching and guided tours.

We received information on legislation, regulations, roles and responsibilities, investigation of donors before tissue donation, documentation, care, transport, preparation and storage of tissues as well as transplantation of tissues.

We also received information on the new organization of Vävnadsbanken and plans and tasks for the future. We discussed what we can do in Norway to
increase tissue donation and how to inform and educate our donor responsible doctors and nurses.

We also went through the procedures that are initiated when they receive tissue at Vävnadsbanken and contact and information to the relatives for obtaining consent.

At last we were shown how the preparation of heart valves and corneas is performed in the lab.

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Evaluation
Our visit to Vävnadsbanken i Lund was of high educational value.

We learned a lot, got inspiration and look forward to continued good cooperation in the future.

We want to thank Scandiatransplant for the Travel Grant that made this visit possible and also Mali Sjetne Rosdahl and the team at Vävnadsbanken who welcomed us and made our visit so nice.