

Minutes

Minutes no.:	111
Time:	March 18 th and 19 th , 2025, Fru Larsen/SCTP Office, Aarhus
Participants:	The Board of Scandiatransplant
CHAIRMAN:	Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
NORWAY:	Are Martin Holm, Oslo
ESTONIA:	Virge Pall, Tartu
DENMARK:	Michael Perch, Copenhagen
DENMARK:	Medical Director: Kaj Anker Jørgensen
Leader of meeting:	Allan Rasmussen
Writer of Minutes:	Kaj Anker Jørgensen

1. Welcome: Allan bid everybody present welcome. Johan Nilsson could not come so Vivan Hellström had been summoned but due to acute illness, she had to stay at home. Marko Lempinen got sick just the day before the meeting when it was too late to summon his suppliant. Finally, Johan Jonsson was hospitalized for a longer period and his suppliant Runólfur Pálsson was unable to come. Article 9 states “The Board shall form a quorum when four members of the Board are present, including the Chairman”. The Board meeting would therefore be legal and the Board could make decisions.
2. Issues for any other business: No issues
3. Minutes of last Board meeting: Kaj went through the minutes of the last Board meeting. They were accepted. He presented the liver group’s answer to the question on necessary variables to accept a donor. It was discussed to put these on the website but it was decided to wait until there were answers from all the organ groups.
4. SCTP ⇔ STS: document for the Council: The document that was worked out during the last Board meeting had not received any additional comments. It was discussed again. It will be sent out before the Council meeting. It will be a separate point at the Council meeting for a decision. The next and maybe last STS meeting will be in Tartu in May 2026. If the proposal is accepted by the Council this year, the Council will have to decide where the Scandiatransplant Congress will be held in 2028. Allan will ask Johan Nilsson to find out where in Sweden the Congress will be held.
5. Board/Suppliants after Council meeting in May 2025: Kaj presented the scheme sent out. There are some uncertainties which must be delt with before the next Board meeting. Allan will ask Johan Nilsson about a new suppliant from Sweden, and Kaj will look at the relations to Iceland. There was then a discussion about a need for a broader representation in the Board. It was concluded that the Board should pay more attention to this and that the Board can invite a

person from the main organ groups to participate in Board meetings as an observant, if a main organ group is underrepresented on the Board. The chairman will address this in the chairman's report at the Council meeting but it will not be put on the agenda as a point.

6. Accounts and Budget: Kaj went through the documents from the independent auditor and the documents were signed by the Board members present. He showed the budgets which he will ask the Council to confirm for the 2025 budget and the budget he will ask for 2026. The finance is in a good position and we are increasing the liquidity at the start of the year so that Central region Denmark is no longer acts as a bank for Scandiatransplant.
7. SCTP ⇔ Competent Authorities: After the last Board meeting, it was discussed whether Scandiatransplant has an exclusive right to all deceased organ donors in the Scandiatransplant countries. Allan had asked the Board members to think about this and come up with suggestions for discussions in the next meeting of the Nordic Transplant Committee (NTC) in Helsinki in November 2025. The discussions resulted in the formulation of a note which will be sent to the competent authorities before the next NTC meeting. If agreed upon, it will be an appendix to the minutes of that meeting or be incorporated into the minutes of the NTC meeting in November.
8. Riga visit: Are, Allan and Marko visited Riga on February 6th and 7th. Overall, the visit was very successful and fruitful. They feel that Riga has moved a great deal since people from Scandiatransplant visited Riga a few years ago. They feel that organ exchange may be possible within a year if they get their EFI accreditation within the next year as expected. Are Martin Holm is making a report on the visit which may be put on the Scandiatransplant website.
9. Research and Travel Grants:
Concerning research grants, the Board decided to award 170,000 DKK for each of the following:
 - Are Martin Holm for the project **“Personalising Immunosuppression after Lung Transplantation: Insights from a Nordic randomised controlled multicentre Study”**
 - Marie Skougaard for the project **“Donor-derived cell-free DNA (dd-cfDNA) for monitoring and early, non-invasive detection of allograft rejection in heart transplant patients.”**
 - Gabriel Oniscu for the project **“A Scandinavian multicentre study of machine perfusion technology to mitigate the impact of out of hours liver transplantation on patient outcomes, staff well being and service delivery.”**Concerning travel grants, the Board decided to award the following:
 - Jesper Kjærgaard; 6,193 DKK
 - Kjersti Lønning; 16,000 DKK
 - Marie Skougaard; 58,000 DKK
10. “Duties” for Board members: Allan brought up for discussion a 12 years old suggestion if there should be a pay to Board members. The argument was to visualize that there is some work and duties for Board members. The discussion concluded that Allan would mention the idea in the chairman report at the Council meeting in May 2026 to start a discussion. One of the duties of the Board members is to take care of the relation to the countries competent authorities and go into issues related to citizenship in the country they represent in the Board.

11. Meeting with Office staff: The Board had a meeting with Scandiatransplant staff.
12. Any other business. No issues.
13. Next meeting: May 20th, 2025, in Kastrup in connection with Council meeting in the afternoon.
The Board meets for dinner at 19.00 on May 19th and stay at the hotel until the next day.