

Minutes

Meeting No.: 103
Time: 24th Aug., 2023 at 17:00 on Zoom

Participants: The Board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN: Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
DENMARK: Michael Perch, Copenhagen
SWEDEN: Johan Nilsson, Stockholm
NORWAY: Are Martin Holm, Oslo
FINLAND: Marko Lempinen, Helsinki
ICELAND: Jóhann Jónsson, Reykjavik
ESTONIA: Virge Pall, Tartu

DENMARK: Medical director:
Kaj Jørgensen

Leader of meeting: Allan Rasmussen

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen

AGENDA:**1. Welcome:**

Allan Rasmussen welcomed everybody to the meeting, and was very pleased that everybody could participate.

2. Issues for Any Other Business:

There were four issues, see point 7.

3. Minutes of last Board meeting (http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-board/Minutes_BoardNo102_19.May2023_Tallinn_kaj.pdf).

The minutes were accepted.

4. Status at the Office**a. Ilse Weinreich's studies at Aarhus University:**

Ilse Weinreich had already informed the Board that she was starting studies on a Masters Program in Health Science at Aarhus University from Sept. 1. 2023 The Board discussed the details and encouraged the project.

b. Change of leadership of Aarhus University Hospital:

Kaj informed the group that there had been changes in the leadership of both Aarhus University Hospital and the Central Region Denmark. It was the consequences of a media scandal on waiting time guarantee for abdominal surgery (HIPEC). This had led to first that the medical director and the hospital director at Aarhus University Hospital were fired and later that the director and medical director at Central Region Denmark left their positions. The leadership of the abdominal department was also removed. Kaj told the Board that the medical director at Aarhus University Hospital who had been fired, had been Kaj's backing in relation to Aarhus University Hospital hosting Scandiatransplant. Kaj will meet the new leadership to confirm continued support from Aarhus University Hospital to Scandiatransplant.

c. New SLA:

Scandiatransplant had a service level agreement with Central Denmark Region IT about the level of service to the servers, where we have data. The agreement also defines what Scandiatransplant pays for the use of the virtual servers. The agreement is up for revision, and the responsible people from Central Denmark Region IT will visit Scandiatransplant Office and we will make a new agreement. Kaj told the Board that we also have a sub-processor agreement with Central Denmark Region, but this is on legal matters, whereas the SLA is on practical service.

d. Status on some projects:**i. Check with national person registries (Board meeting No.99 - Dec. 2022).**

Kaj has looked into this matter, but needs some help from the programmers, and it is planned that they look into this after the next planned release of YASWA, which is planned to be on Sept. 6th.

ii. Accreditations in Sctp (Board meeting No.99 and 100 – Jan. 2023).

SIDG chair Susanne D. Poulsen and Ilse Weinreich have created and sent a questionnaire to SIDG for comments, the deadline for feedback is approaching soon.

The questionnaire concerns which analysis the Infectious Departments performs in relation to deceased donors and also on which assays they are accredited.

When the questionnaire is ready, Ilse Weinreich will send it to the transplant coordinators and tissue typing labs, so that they can assist in getting the answers.

iii. Imaging in YASWA (Board meeting No.102 – Maj 2023).

The programmers have started to look into this, and it is planned to meet with a contact at the local imaging department. There will also be an online demonstration from the Nexus company soon.

5. Document on economy for the Council members:

Kaj and Allan had prepared a document which had been circulated to the Board. There was a great discussion about the documents just addressing technicalities regarding budgets and Danish accounting laws, and also too detailed. On the other hand, it seems that it was the details that were demanded at the last Council meeting, and that was what we promised to do. Kaj will send the document as it is now to the Board, and the Board members can come with suggestions for changes. These are to be sent to Kaj, so we have a document that we can finish at our next Board meeting in Copenhagen.

6. Revision of Grants: Are, Marko & Allan (Board meeting No.101 – Mar. 2023):

Are had started looking at this issue and will circulate a suggestion to Allan and Marko. The final suggestion should be sent to Kaj, so that he can distribute it to the Board, and we can make a final decision at the next Board meeting.

7. Any Other Business:

1)

Michael brought the issue of organ exchange with DCD donors. Kaj said that this issue had been discussed in the Board some years ago, and a letter was sent to all the working groups asking how they look at this matter. Only the Nordic Kidney Group had answered, and they said that they would treat these kidneys as any other kidneys. It was concluded that these discussions must be taken in the Organ Groups. Michael informed the Board that recently Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen has made an arrangement where Rigshospitalet can perform Ex

vivo lung perfusion (EVLP) for the Lund transplant center on request. This is planned to begin shortly.

2)

Kaj asked if there was any news about the lung patient from Latvia to be transplanted in Lund. Johan Nilsson could inform us that there was no new news.

3)

Kaj asked if there were any points for the NTC meeting (except the usual). There was again a long discussion on transplantation of refugees, but the conclusion was that we have discussed this previously, and we don't need to put it on the agenda for the NTC meeting. There was also a discussion on the ethical issues regarding DCD, but again the Board concluded that this was not the right forum for these discussions.

8. Next Board meeting. October 4th, 2023 in the morning in Copenhagen.

The next Board meeting will be in the morning in Copenhagen on Oct. 4th. We will have lunch and then the meeting with the Health Authorities in the afternoon. It was suggested that the Board come to Copenhagen on Oct. 3rd, and we have a dinner in the evening, and stay at Hotel Bryggen Guldsmiden very close to "Sundhedsstyrelsen", where we are going to have the meeting in the afternoon of Oct. 4th.