

Minutes

Meeting No.:	96
Time:	17 th March 2022
Participants:	The board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN:	Bo-Göran Ericzon, Stockholm
DENMARK:	Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
NORWAY:	Morten Hagness, Oslo
SWEDEN:	Johan Nilsson, Lund
FINLAND:	Arno Nordin, Helsinki
ICELAND:	Jóhann Jónsson, Reykjavik
ESTONIA:	Virge Pall, Tartu
DENMARK:	Medical director: Kaj Jørgensen
Leader of meeting:	Bo-Göran Ericzon
Writer of minutes:	Kaj Anker Jørgensen

AGENDA:

1. Welcome:

Bo-Göran bid everybody welcome to this board meeting. He was very happy to see everybody present face-to-face after two years Covid.

2. Issues for any other business:

Kaj showed a slide of five issues that people had sent to him for discussion under point 11.

3. Minutes of last Board meeting ([link](#)):

Kaj went briefly through the minutes of the last board meeting. The minutes were accepted.

4. Status at the Office:

We have hired a new employee to help Ilse Weinreich. It is Anne Ørskov Pedersen. She is 27 years old and is a MSc in Sport Science and Health. There had been a total of 26 applications and Kaj thinks we went through a very thorough procedure to select the correct one.

The problem in Oslo with connecting Fusion to YASWA is moving forward.

The project of putting new donor functionalities into YASWA is close to being finished, although it will of course never be finished because there will always be new wishes and development. It seems like many centers in Sweden are using these functionalities instead of iSMaRT.

5. Accounts and Budgets:

The documents from the independent editor had been sent to all board members before the meeting, and they had had a chance to go through these. Kaj briefly went through the expenses for 2021. Due to the Covid period with many online meetings and due to vacant positions at the office, there had been a surplus, and the total

assets are now 8.9 million DKK. In 2022 we expect to keep the budget that was given by the last council meeting, and Kaj will ask for a budget for 2023 of 6.5 million DKK. The documents from the independent auditor were then signed by all board members and by the medical director. They will then be signed by the independent auditor and will be sent out to the members of the Council before the Council Meeting in May.

6. Travel and Research Grants:

The applications for the research and travel grants had been sent to the board members prior to the meeting, and they had studied these thoroughly. There were seven applications for the Research Grant applying for a total of 2.7 million DKK. We have 450.000 DKK for supporting the projects, but the board felt that this amount could be exceeded since we last year did not use the amount we had. It was decided to grant

160.000 DKK to Tor Skibsted Clemmensen to support the AutoOCT study.

230.000 DKK to Jana Ekberg for the SAILOR II study

90.000 DKK to Terhi Friman for the PTLD study

200.000 DKK to Hans Christian Pommergaard for liver cancer study.

Kaj was asked to make it clear in the guidelines for the application that the budget should include the other funding of the project, and if there is no other funding, the applicant should write a 0 in that column.

There were seven applications for travel grants with a total sum of 135.250 Danish Kroners. Since we have 150.000 Danish Kroners, it was decided to give all applicants what they applied for. The following grants were therefore given:

24.000 DKK to Delal Akdag

24.000 DKK to H.C. Pommergaard

9.000 DKK to G.C. Pedersen

15.000 DKK to K. Heldal

18.500 DKK to T. Möller

29.750 DKK to M. Niibek

15.000 DKK to K. Kase

7. Status of WG on Latvia/Lithuania:

Bo-Göran gave an update on this. The working group has sent questions to the contact persons in these countries and has received a letter from the Lithuanian CA that they need more time for the process. The group has therefore paused looking at Lithuanian centers. The people from Riga in Latvia gave a quite comprehensive answer to all the questions, and these are being further evaluated. The group will visit Riga on June 1st and 2nd in 2022. Questions about consequences of accepting new members have been sent out to the major groups in Scandiatransplant.

8. Status on STS 2022 in Reykjavik:

Jóhann Jónsson told us that the planning is going forward. They have problems with sponsors and hotels. There are many tourists, and maybe also Ukrainian refugees in Iceland. He encouraged people to send more abstracts and he was asked to make a poster for the Congress, which Scandiatransplant office can send out to the people on their mailing list.

9. IOUC (International Organ Utilisation Collaborative): request from John Forsythe:

Bo-Göran told that we had had a request to participate in some online meetings planning to start such a collaborative. The board was of the opinion that we will not participate in this venture, and the need for this in the Scandiatransplant organization is very small.

10. Board after 2022:

The board decided to suggest to the Council that Allan Rasmussen from Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen becomes the next chairman of Scandiatransplant after Bo-Göran Ericzon.

Finland: Arno Nordin is leaving and is suggested replaced by Marko Lempinen. They will have to find a new suppleant.

Sweden: Johan Nilsson will accept reelection, and so has suppleant Vivan Hellström.

Norway: Morten Hagness will continue to 2023, but the suppleant Bjarte Fosby is leaving and they should find a new suppleant.

Denmark: Since Allan Rasmussen will be Chair, Denmark will have to find a new board member, and also find out if Michael Perch will continue as a suppleant or if there is need for a new one.

Iceland: Jóhann Jónsson will accept reelection, but we have to find out if Runolfur Pálsson will continue as suppleant.

Estonia: The people from Estonia are not up for election before 2024.

11. Any other business:

- a) **Transplantation of refugees from Ukraine (Allan Rasmussen).** Allan Rasmussen had received question from ESOT, ERN and Council Europe asking if Rigshospitalet could take patients from Ukraine needing an organ transplant and have these transplanted. He said that according to EU law this is transplant tourism, since people will be going from Ukraine to Denmark just for the purpose of being transplanted. There are people looking at these regulations to make it possible. The board discussed that matter and they concluded that Scandiatransplant will accept that such patients will be put on the Scandiatransplant waiting list like anybody else.
- b) **ESOT call for interest in ESOT registry platforms (Arno Nordin).** Arno Nordin had received an invitation to express interest in joining the general assembly of the ESOT registry platform. This was discussed but conclusion was that Scandiatransplant is hesitant to join these platforms. We want to concentrate our resources in developing and getting people to use the registries in Scandiatransplant.
- c) **Summary of organ SAE/SAR and living donor SAR reporting pilot (2022-2023) (Arno Nordin):** CAs have been requested from EU commission to fill out some forms regarding SAE/SAR. The CAs have access to these data but the board decided that they can ask the Scandiatransplant office and we will answer these questions.
- d) **STS and Estonia (Kaj).** Kaj brought up the question, when will Estonia officially join the STS. It seems logical that they do that at the first STS after they have become full member of Scandiatransplant. They will therefore be welcomed as member of the STS at the opening ceremony in Reykjavik. Kaj was asked to find

somebody to change the STS logo. The new logo will be a hexagon and the countries' flags should come in the order which they host the STS. We should make six of these logos so that each country has its flag at the base. This led to a discussion of the Scandiatransplant logo. Kaj was asked to contact Steffen Ellerbæk and see if the Estonian flag could be put in between the Danish and the Swedish flag in the lower row of flags in the logo. There was some discussion about removing the shields, but it will be up to Steffen Ellerbæk to decide what is best.

- e) **Data to competent authorities (Bo-Göran).** Bo Göran had been presented for a quite large amount of data that had been requested from the competent authorities in Sweden, and which were delivered by Ilse Weinreich. He had thought about if we should take a fee for delivering such data, but the conclusion was that we should deliver these data to the competent authorities since it is very important that we keep a good relation to them. Kaj also told that we give data to the Danish Center for Organ Donation regarding Danish donors.

12. **Next Board Meeting:** It was decided to have a ZOOM board meeting on May 10th 2022 at 16:00 o'clock before the ZOOM council meeting on May 11th.