Board Meeting No: 118
29th of October, 2026, 9:00-12:00, Gardermoen, Oslo

Chairperson:	Allan Rasmussen
Norway:	Are Martin Holm, Oslo
Finland:	Marko Lempinen, Helsinki
Iceland:	Árni Sæmundsson, Reykjavik
Estonia:	Virge Pall, Tartu
Denmark:	Michael Perch, Copenhagen
Director:	Ilse Weinreich (writer of minutes)

Excused:	Vivan Hellström, Uppsala

1. **Welcome**

Allan Rasmussen welcomed everyone.

2. **Issues for any other business**

Annual retrieval of mortality update from each Country.

3. **Minutes of last Board meeting** link

The minutes were approved.

4. **Status at the Office (update on new position)**

Following the recruitment process, Amalie Klit Schierup was appointed as Administrative Coordinator, effective 1 September 2026. There are now seven full-time employees at the office.

5. **Travel Grant**

It was decided to award a travel grant of 31.000 DKK to the following applicants: Kirsten Skovhus & Sanne Klitgaard Andreasen.

6. **Status Latvia**
    a. **Organ offers/import**
    Three offers of double lungs have been received, none of which resulted in an import.
    There has been no other offers for any other organs.
    There has been dialogue with Latvia concerning timing, communication etc. included feedback from the transplant coordinators in Scandiatransplant.
    Allan Rasmussen and Are M. Holm will on behalf of the board follow up with Latvia.
    b. **Sahlgrenska collaboration with Latvia on lung transplantation and the use of YASWA**
    The Board discussed the agreement between the two hospitals and raised no objections, as long as the agreement is in line with the Articles of Scandiatransplant and rules of Non-Scandiatransplant country. Sahlgrenska may use YASWA to coordinate the waiting list, allocation, etc.
    Are M. Holm prepared a response to Sahlgrenska, which was approved by the Board.

7. **Change in leadership at Aarhus University Hospital**

Michael Braüner Schmidt, our primary contact at AUH, has left his position.
Ilse Weinreich meet with our new contact Charlotte Birkmose Rotbøl. It was concluded that all existing agreements remain in effect.

8. **Council meeting**
    a. **Group report to council. How do we want this to work in the future? And should Scandiatransplant pay for the travel expenses?**
    Each group should submit a written report before the council meeting based on a common template. Ilse Weinreich will prepare an initial draft of the template.
    It was decided that 'Group Meeting Minutes' will be included as a permanent item on the agenda for future Board meetings.
    b. **How do we improve the attendance rate?**
    The Board discussed various ways to improve attendance. The Council meeting will continue to be held every other year onsite in conjunction with the STC, providing opportunities for networking. The possibility of having a virtual Council meetings in the intervening years was also discussed.
    It was decided to revisit the issue at the next Council meeting.

9. **Follow up on article in *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine***

Six months have passed since our initial email to *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, and four follow-up emails have been sent since then. Allan Rasmussen will contact the Editor-in-Chief at Frontiers.

10. **Status on STC**

First kick-of meeting was held. The congress will be 22-24 of May 2028 in Gothenburg.

11. Preparation for NTC meeting

Are M. Holm has been in dialogue with the Legal Department at Oslo University Hospital regarding donation and transplantation within the countries of Scandiatransplant member hospitals. Based on this dialogue and a subsequent discussion with Allan Rasmussen, a proposed addendum to the Articles has been drafted.
The proposal will be circulated in advance of the next Board meeting and discussed at the meeting.

12. Any other business

Annual retrieval of mortality update from each Country:
Sweden: Ilse has worked and is still working on this, maybe it can be solved with a designated person in Sweden.
Norway: Latest news is that it will be integrated with a new transplant module TXAS that will be launched this year.

13. Next meetings

27th of January 2027 11.00 – 15.00 at Clarion, Copenhagen Airport

30th – 31st of March 2027 at Clarion, Copenhagen Airport