
**SCANDIATRANSPLANT
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES' HYBRID MEETING
MAY 20, 2026, TARTU, ESTONIA**



Helsinki:

Arno Nordin
Eija Tukiainen
Ines Beilmann-Lehtonen
Karl Lemström
Jouni Lauronen

Reykjavik:

Not present

Tartu:

Jaanus Kahu
Kaie Lokk

Stockholm:

Helena Genberg
Antonio Romano

Uppsala:

Not present

Skåne:

Grunde Gjesdal (online)

Scandiatransplant board:

Allan Rasmussen, Denmark
Michael Perch, Denmark
Marko Lempinen, Finland
Rafn Hilmarsson, Iceland
Virge Pall, Estonia
Are M. Holm, Norway
Vivan Hellström, Sweden

Göteborg:

Markus Gäbel
Jana Ekberg
Anna Bladh Engberg

Aarhus:

Lars Ilkjær

Scandiatransplant office:

Kaj Anker Jørgensen
Ilse Duus Weinreich

Oslo:

Morten Hagness
Harald Hugenschmidt
Espen Melum (online)

Observers:

Tanel Laisaar, Tartu
Lotta Bouveng, Gothenburg
Kristjan Karason, Gothenburg

Odense:

Cengiz Akgül
Claus Bistrup (online)

Copenhagen:

Søren S. Sørensen (online)

1. Welcome

Welcome by Scandiatransplant board member Virge Pall

2. Election of meeting chair, writer of minutes and controllers of minutes

Chair of the meeting: Tanel Laisaar

Writer of minutes: Ilse Duus Weinreich

Controllers of minutes: Markus Gäbel and Helena Genberg

3. Any other business

Future council meetings

4. Registration of the present representatives/substitutes/observers

All present at the meeting are listed at the first page of these minutes

5. Approval of minutes from last meeting

[Meeting minutes May 2025](#)

The minutes were approved without any comments

6. Report from the chairman of Scandiatransplant

Presented by Allan Rasmussen

Medical Director Kaj A. Jørgensen was thanked for his 14 years as Medical Director of Scandiatransplant. Among his many contributions, he completed the major revision of the Scandiatransplant bylaws, which was necessary as neither the working groups nor the office had been mentioned in the previous version. Scandiatransplant is now in a very good position, thanks to the significant efforts made during this period to strengthen the organization and create a solid foundation for the future.

Ilse Duus Weinreich has been elected as the new Director of Scandiatransplant.

The work towards Latvia becoming an associated member of Scandiatransplant has continued. EFI accreditation of the laboratory was achieved at the beginning of 2026, and Latvia will soon start offering surplus organs to Scandiatransplant.

Estonia has paved the way for becoming a member of Scandiatransplant by demonstrating that the collaboration works well and is built on strong mutual trust.

Two years ago, it was suggested that STS should be changed to STC. Previously, the organizing hospital was solely responsible for arranging STS. However, securing funding has become increasingly difficult, and Scandiatransplant will therefore take over the financial responsibility for the congress, while the organization of the event will be a joint effort between the local organizing committee and Scandiatransplant.

With STC, Scandiatransplant may need to establish an additional financial buffer, and it may therefore become necessary to increase the fee per transplanted patient next year.

7. STC applicant presentations and voting (selection of host city)

Presented by Markus Gäbel

Gothenburg has submitted a well-prepared application to host and organize the first STC in May 2028. The exact dates will be announced later.

The application was approved by the Council

8. Changes to [The Scandiatransplant articles of association May 2025 version](#)

Suggestion 1

Change Medical Director to Director in article 7, 9, 10, 11, and 13

Suggestion 2

Addition to Article 7:

Representatives and their alternates to the Council of Representatives shall be appointed by each member hospital for a term of one year. The appointment shall be made by the responsible authority of the member hospital (e.g. hospital management). Representatives shall take office when summoned to the ordinary annual meeting of the Council of Representatives and shall remain in office until the summoning of the next ordinary annual meeting. Alternates shall take office only when acting in place of a representative and only for the duration of such substitution.

Both suggestions were approved by the Council and the revised version is online and active [The Scandiatransplant articles of association May 2026 version](#)

9. Accounts and Budget

Presented by Kaj A. Jørgensen

Documents from the independent auditor had been distributed to all Council members prior to the meeting.

Last year showed a positive balance of DKK 2.311.025, resulting in total assets of DKK 14.825.478.

Expenses were within the approved budget.

Liquidity as of 1 January 2026 was DKK 6.281.478.

It was proposed that the fee be index-regulated to DKK 4.100 per transplanted recipient in 2026.

The proposed budget for 2027 was DKK 8.150.000.

Accounts, budgets and fee were approved by the Council

10. Election of Board members/suppliants

Presented by Kaj A. Jørgensen

Board member Are Martin Holm and alternate Espen Melum, representing Norway, were re-elected for the next term.

11. Report from the groups

[Group reports](#)

The written reports were accepted by the Council. No further presentation was given at the Council meeting.

It was suggested that it should be “voluntary obligatory” for the chairs of the groups to present on behalf of their respective groups at Council meetings, as the work of the groups is considered a

cornerstone of Scandiatransplant. It was further suggested that Scandiatransplant might cover the travel expenses of the presenters.

12. Any other business

It was discussed whether future Council meetings should be held on-site, online, and/or in a hybrid format, including considerations regarding the meeting location and ensuring the participation of representatives.

It was emphasised that face-to-face meetings are important, and that Council representatives represent the hospitals within Scandiatransplant, making their participation essential.

13. Next meeting

Stockholm, May 20, 2027

Minutes are approved by controllers:

Markus Gäbel on June 9, 2026

Helena Genberg on June 16, 2026

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Ilse D. Weinreich