

NDA Board meeting agenda

Date: September 14, 2017 - 12:00-15:00 am

Place: Holiday Inn Geneva Airport, Switzerland

Attending board members: Tove Agner, Jan Cezary Sitek, Deirdre Nathalie Dufour, Gregor Jemec, John Paoli, Teea Salmi and Katarina Zak Stangeland.

Unable to attend: Baldur Baldursson, Bolli Bjarnason, Johan Dahlén Gyllencreutz, Petter Gjersvik, Elisabet Nylander, Sirkku Peltonen, Kristin Ryggen, Kaisa Tasanen-Maatta, Agneta Andersson

- **Note:** All actions requiring follow-up are underlined. -

§24 Welcome and opening of the meeting (GJ)

GJ welcomed all present board members and opened the meeting.

§25 Approval of past board meeting minutes and review of all actions requiring follow-up (JP, GJ)

JP reviewed the board meeting minutes from Trondheim. All actions had been followed up and completed. JP, KZS and AA have updated the name and address of our society at Skatteverket. The name is now Nordic Dermatology Association instead of the Swedish translation, which was used previously, and the new official address is the same as our Main office in Uppsala. The board approved the minutes.

§26 New board members

Baldur Baldursson has replaced Elisabet Reykdal Jóhannesdóttir as board member from Iceland.

§27 Economy (KZS)

KZS reviewed the current financial report from the society (Appendix 1). In summary, the NDA has a relatively balanced economy with an appropriately sized capital buffer for future congresses and other activities with a total capital of 1,450,015 SEK as of September 1, 2017. Nevertheless, the expected expenses for the rest of the year add up to another 60,000 SEK, which means that the final balance for the year will result in a loss of approximately 50,000 SEK. Therefore, the board discussed raising the membership fee for our member societies from 30 SEK per member to 80 SEK per member per year. According to the NDA bylaws §5 "the annual membership fees for the member organizations are determined by the NDA Board". The board accepted the proposal and the national societies will be notified by GJ and JP.

KZS filed our tax return in July. The taxes last year were 0 SEK.

Antti Lauerma (F) and Olle Larkö (S) have accepted our invitations to act as auditors for the NDA. The board accepts the election and welcomes our new auditors.

§28 Update on NCDV 2019 in Gothenburg (JP)

JP presented the progress that has been made with the program and activities during the NCDV in Gothenburg on May 8-10, 2019. Important dates, the program “at a glance” and information for exhibitors have been added to the website (www.nordicderm2019.com). The local organizing committee has met several times since the last board meeting and the program committee will have its second meeting during the EADV congress here in Geneva. Oscar Zaar, the social event manager, and the PCO Resia have met to discuss the social program and on October 23rd a meeting is scheduled with Resia, JP and JDG (SSDV’s Treasurer) to discuss the budget.

Both the Swedish Society for Dermatology and Venereology (SSDV) and the Norwegian Society for Dermatology and Venereology (NFDV) will hold their annual general meetings prior to the inauguration on Wednesday morning since the NCDV will replace their national congresses in 2019. The Danish Dermatological Society (DDS) and the Finnish Dermatological Society (FDS) are both invited to do the same. TA, DDF and TS will ask the board members of the DDS and FDS if they wish to replace their annual meetings with the NCDV in 2019. Perhaps all Nordic societies will have this tradition in the future.

Flyers to promote the congress are being prepared and will be sent out to the national societies to be distributed at upcoming national/regional/local meetings in 2018.

§29 Report from the Education Committee (TA)

Ellen Mooney has communicated that she is planning a second Virtual Dermatopathology course on April 26-27, 2018 at the same venue in Reykjavik. Among the proposed scientific faculty are experts in pediatric dermatopathology and skin tumors. Lecture topics include genodermatoses, malignant epithelial skin tumors, drug eruptions and connective tissue disease.

Eidi Christensen from the Norwegian Educational Committee has discussed the possibility of organizing a Psychodermatology course. TA will contact Eidi again to get an update. TA will also check possibility of hosting a laser course. The board agrees that we should have a more proactive approach to receiving updates and feedback from the course organizers and national educational committees. AA should also demand feedback from all course organizers after the respective courses.

§30 Website updates (JP, All)

Prior to this meeting, JP asked AA to make several small changes to the website. Most of these have been made, but a few remain to be carried out. AA is asked to put back the course menu and add photographs from all national society board members. The rest of the board requested no further changes, but everyone is welcome to contact JP and AA if any changes are needed.

§31 Contributions to Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology (GJ, JP)

AA has applied for registration of Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology (“Forum”) in the DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals). This is the first requirement before Forum can be registered with PubMed. The application process takes approximately 6 months. If the DOAJ accepts, there is a possibility to have Forum registered in PubMed, since the criteria for acceptance are similar in both directories (number of scientific articles, Creative Commons Attribution license, Peer-review, Editorial board members, etc).

GJ will remind the University hospitals in the Nordic countries to submit articles about their current research.

§32 Reports from national societies (All)

Norwegian Society for Dermatology and Venereology: JCS informed the board that the NSDV now has 240 active members (185 specialists, 52% female). They hold 3 annual meetings: the annual general meeting is in spring, an industry-sponsored meeting in the fall and a research meeting in January. This year's annual meeting was in Bergen in April and happily many residents attended. The fall meeting will be in November and the topic is wound management. The NSDV has a new board since September 1st. KZS is also a new member now and most of Norway is represented. The NDA's Nordic courses are now officially accepted by the Norwegian Medical Association with full reimbursement for participants. Big changes are being made in the resident training program. Resident positions are now offered permanently, and may in the future block educational capacity. As mentioned above, the NSDV will replace their annual meeting with the NCDV 2019.

Finnish Dermatological Society: TS reported that the current board was elected in 2015 for a 3-year term. The Annual National Society meeting was held in March in Helsinki. The IUSTI conference (31st Congress on Sexually Transmitted Infections) was held 31/8-2/9 in Helsinki. The fall meeting of the FDS was connected to the congress. The EAACI (European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology) conference was organized by the FDS in Helsinki in June. The treatment of ulcers ("Special competence of wound management") was accepted as a subspecialty last year by the Finnish Medical Association (Läkarförbundet). They also decided to not accept Allergology as its own specialty in Finland. As previously, Allergology is managed by other specialties (Dermatology, Pediatrics, ENT, etc). Dermatosurgery was suggested by a group of dermatologists this year as a new subspecialty, but the proposal was not accepted mainly because it did not include other specialties than Dermatology. Other current tasks of the FDS are: organizing the 2018 meetings (the main topic of the Annual meeting in March will be chronic wounds), updating the FDS website and rewarding yearly research grants in the beginning of the year 2018.

Danish Dermatological Society: TA announced that during 2016 the Danish Dermatological Society (DDS) has focused on renewing guidelines. The new national clinical guidelines ("Nationale Kliniske Retningslinier") on treatment of psoriasis and hand eczema were finished. Some of the plans for 2017 are to: complete the guidelines for hidradenitis suppurativa, improve the webpage, focus on Venereology by planning a satellite symposium during the annual meeting, increase focus and the established collaboration with "Kræftens bekæmpelse" in regards to skin cancer, work on information campaigns and prevention. Finally, a meeting for updating the educational courses in the specialist training program has also been called for.

Swedish Society of Dermatology and Venereology: JP has received a report from the SSDV through JDG. The SSDV's annual meeting was held in Jönköping on May 11 this year. The vacant position of vice president was filled by Ada Girnita from Karolinska University Hospital. Ada will be the President of the SSDV in 2019 when the next NCDV will be held in Gothenburg. There is an ongoing collaboration regarding the NCDV, between the board of the SSDV and the organizing committee. The next board meeting will be held in Stockholm on September 22.

Icelandic Dermatological Society: No board members from Iceland were able to attend. JP will send reminder.

§33 Other issues

No other issues were discussed.

§34 Next meeting (GJ, All)

The next meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel at Copenhagen Airport on Friday, April 13, 2018 from 10:30-12:30 ending with lunch.

John Paoli
Secretary General