

## NDA Board meeting minutes

**Date:** April 13, 2018 - 10:30-12:30 (light lunch will be served)

**Place:** Clarion Hotel Copenhagen Airport, Denmark

**Attending board members:** Tove Agner, Agneta Andersson (phone), Johan Dahlén Gyllencreutz, Deirdre Nathalie Dufour, Gregor Jemec, John Paoli, Sirkku Peltonen, Kristin Ryggen, Teea Salmi and Katarina Zak Stangeland, Kaisa Tasanen-Maatta.

**Unable to attend:** Baldur Baldursson, Bolli Bjarnason, Petter Gjersvik, Jan Cezary Sitek.

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

### §35 Welcome and opening of the meeting (GJ)

GJ welcomed all present board members and opened the meeting.

### §36 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. The board approved the minutes.

### §37 New board member from Sweden needed (JP, JDG)

Karim Saleh from Skåne University Hospital in Lund and the SSDV's Residents' representative has been chosen by the SSDV to replace Elisabet Nylander until the next elections. The board gives a warm welcome to Karim to the NDA board.

### §38 Economy (KZS)

KZS confirms that all our members have approved the new membership fee of 80 SEK per member of each national society. KZS also presented AA's financial report for 2017 and the budget for 2018 (see Appendix 1). With the new membership fee, the economic result for 2018 should be in balance again. The report and the budget were approved by the board.

KZS and AA also informed the board that Denmark, Norway and Sweden have paid their membership fees for this year already. KTM will contact her Treasurer to ensure that Finland's payment is made soon. The board asks BBa and BBJ to do the same with the Icelandic society.

KZS asks all board members to send their receipts to her electronically within two weeks from the board meeting for reimbursement.

The board agrees that those traveling by car to the board meetings can send an invoice for their mileage costs with a reimbursement of 19 SEK/10 km (or 1,9 SEK/km).

AA will make sure that the NDA's taxes are declared in due time.

#### §39 New agreement for Main Office (All)

The board agrees to prolong AA's agreement with the NDA as administrator of the Main Office for another 3 years (Jan. 1, 2018-Dec. 31, 2020) with an annual fee of 50,000 SEK (unchanged). AA will prepare a new agreement in two copies to be sent to JP for signing.

#### §40 Update on NCDV 2019 in Gothenburg (JP)

JP presented the current status of the preparations for the 34<sup>th</sup> Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology May 8-10, 2019 (see Appendix 2). Further information is found on the congress website [www.nordicderm2019.com](http://www.nordicderm2019.com).

Timeline: Registration will open and the call for abstracts will occur in September 2018. The deadline for abstract submissions will be on December 20, 2018 in order for notifications regarding approved oral communications and posters to be ready by February 6, 2019. Early bird registration ends on February 13, 2019.

Budget/Sponsors/Exhibitors: We have confirmed our gold sponsor (Novartis) and two silver sponsors (Janssen-Cilag and Sanofi-Genzyme). Two exhibitors are confirmed so far as well. The preliminary budget is based on 330 delegates and only 14 exhibitors, which are low estimates, but should still provide a surplus of approximately 230,000 SEK.

Program: The preliminary program includes: 7 keynote lectures, 3 plenary sessions, 6 parallel sessions, 2 free communications sessions, 1 guided poster walk and 1 half-day session for nurses. All chairpersons are confirmed except for one. A total of 42 speakers have been invited and 32 are confirmed including 9 speakers from Denmark, 8 speakers from Finland, 2 speakers from Iceland, 8 speakers from Norway, 12 speakers from Sweden and 4 international speakers.

Grants for young researchers: The board discussed the possibility of offering grants for young researchers. JP will write a proposal to be approved by the board before it is sent out to all 5 NDA members for approval. The idea is to ask all national societies to offer congress grants valued at 7000 SEK to their young researchers. The suggested number of grants per society is: 10 grants from Sweden; 5 from Denmark, Finland and Norway and 1 from Iceland (26 in total). The NDA will reimburse each national society with 3000 SEK per grant afterwards. Grants should be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grants for residents in Baltic countries: The board approves a proposal of offering 5 congress grants of 7000 SEK to participants from the Baltic countries. GJ will contact the BADV to notify them of this possibility. These grants should also be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Promotion/marketing: All board members are asked to promote and market the congress as much as possible through their contacts, at national meetings and, of course, through their national societies. Information about the congress and links to the congress website should be placed on all national society websites. JP will email a promotion slide to everyone on the board that can be used for presentations during the coming year. The board members should forward this slide to their national societies for further promotion by them.

#### §41 Report from the Education Committee (TA)

TA gave a report from the Education Committee regarding the progress of upcoming courses and the work done within the group. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Nordic Dermoscopy Course took place last week in Gothenburg on April 5-6 and everything is ready for the Virtual Dermatopathology in Reykjavik on April 26-27. The board approved the proposal from Merete Haedersdal to host a Nordic Course on Lasers in Dermatology on November 16-17, 2018. TA will notify Merete that she has

our approval, but also ask her to give the course a title starting with the word “Nordic” such as “Nordic Course on Lasers in Dermatology” for example. TA should also inform Merete that the overwhelming majority of participants at the course should be from Nordic countries. Finally, TA confirms that there will not be a Nordic course in psychodermatology in Norway as proposed previously and that there has been no news regarding a potential Nordic course on pediatric dermatology from Stockholm. SP mentions that a Nordic course on pediatric dermatology could perhaps be organized in Finland instead. SP will contact potential course organizers to enquire about this possibility.

TA wishes to further formalize the communication between the Education Committee and the course organizers. The board proposes that the Education Committee draft guidelines for course organizers to ensure that all parties are notified as soon as a new course is planned and that the Education Committee and NDA Board receives feedback regarding participant evaluations after the courses. TA and SP will contact the rest of the Education Committee to start work on these guidelines. AA will be in charge of notifying all national societies when new courses are available and update the website accordingly.

#### §42 Website updates (JP, All)

AA informs the board that the implementation of the new GDPR on May 25, 2018 will require some actions. For example, written consent is required from everyone whose photo, names and email addresses are mentioned on the NDA website. AA is preparing a policy document for the SSDV and similar documents are recommended for all national societies that are NDA members so that the NDA can also fulfill the requirements of the GDPR. AA will send the board a proposal on how to proceed with conforming with the GDPR.

JP will email AA after the meeting with some minor changes for the website in general.

#### §43 Contributions to Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology (GJ)

AA informs the board that Forum is indexed in DOAJ, but indexing in PubMed is still pending. AA will contact PubMed to enquire on the progress. The board was very pleased with the last issue of Forum in which several University departments presented their research. GJ will continue to encourage more departments to publish similar articles in upcoming issues. AA notified the board that she needs help as the Editor of Forum. JP suggests that AA could invite guest Editors who could be in charge of single issues in order to make the work less cumbersome for everyone. The board approved this proposal. AA will suggest guest Editors and contact them for upcoming issues.

#### §44 NCDV 2022 in Denmark (GJ, JP)

GJ and TA will discuss the issue of who will host the 35<sup>th</sup> Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Denmark in 2022. JP asks GJ to ensure that the President of the next congress be present during the closing ceremony of the 34<sup>th</sup> NCDV on Friday, May 10, 2018 in Gothenburg to welcome everyone to Denmark in 2022.

#### §45 Reports from national societies (All)

Due to limited time, the reports from the national societies could not be presented. The following short reports presented here were sent to JP after the meeting.

**Denmark:** To be added later.

**Iceland:** To be added later.

**Finland:** The Finnish society has 385 members and approximately 300 are <65 years. The numbers of new specialists and retiring dermatologists are in balance but the geographical distribution in the country is not even. In 2017, three big Dermatology conferences were held in Finland: the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology conference, the Association for Medical Education in Europe conference and IUSTI's 31st Congress on Sexually Transmitted Infections. Furthermore, they also held their annual symposium on chronic ulcers. The annual meeting of the Finnish Dermatological Society was held in March in Helsinki. A new board was elected:

President: Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä, Oulu

Vice President: Katariina Hannula-Jouppi, Helsinki

Secretary: Laura Huilaja (also in NDA educational committee), Oulu

Treasurer: Liisa Väkevä (continues), Helsinki

Media responsible: Toni Karppinen (continues), Tampere

Young dermatologists (NuDe): Mari Salmivuori, Helsinki

Private dermatologists (Pride): Susanna Majasuo (also Chairman of the Society for Private Dermatologists), Turku

Central hospitals: Mirja Tuomiranta, Seinäjoki

The Autumn meeting will be organized in October 2019 in Kuopio covering topics including: systemic treatments in dermatology (trainees), geriatric dermatology and itch. The national specialist training program will be renewed, the selection procedure will be changed and training qualifications will be knowledge-based instead of time-based. Also, the specialist exam will not be mandatory. Finally, social- and healthcare reformation in Finland is ongoing, but final decisions in the parliament have not yet been made.

**Norway:** The Norwegian Society of Dermatology and Venereology (NFDV) is part of the Norwegian Medical Association and organizes nearly all specialists and residents in dermatology and venereology in Norway. As of January 1st, 2018, NFDV has 287 ordinary and 12 associate members. Of the 247 active members <70 years of age, 198 are specialists, including 79 in private practice. Of all ordinary members, 52% are female.

The members of the NFDV Board are:

President: Petter Gjersvik, Oslo

Vice President: Katarina Zak Stangeland, Stavanger

Secretary: Jan C. Sitek, Oslo

Treasurer: Thor Henry Andersen, Ålesund

Member: Bjørnar Holsør Moen, Bergen

1st substitute: Kjersti Danielsen, Tromsø

2nd substitute: Ragnhild Telnes, Trondheim

During the period from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 these meetings have been held: - ---  
- April 2017: NFDV Annual Meeting (Hotell Terminus, Bergen) with a course on contact allergy, scientific presentations and the NFDV's General Assembly  
- November 2017: NFDV Autumn Symposium (Oslo) on wounds and with a pre-symposium on atopic dermatitis.  
- December 2017: Joint meeting between the department heads in Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Tromsø and Stavanger, the chairperson of the specialty committee and the NFDV Board.

- January 2018: Annual Scientific Course/Seminar for members involved in research (Gardermoen).
- Seven board meetings, most of them in Oslo.

Prizes for best research papers published by a Norwegian dermatologist or venereologists in 2016 were awarded to: Flora Balieva (Stavanger), Ellen Modalsli (Trondheim) and Teresa Løvold Berents (Oslo).

Grants for research and other projects in 2017 were given to: Siri Hansen Stabell (Trondheim), Flora Balieva (Stavanger), Anne Lise Ording Helgesen (Oslo), Jon Anders Halvorsen (Oslo), Marita Jenssen (Tromsø) and Kåre Steinar Tvedt (Bergen).

The NFDV is involved in a government-led initiative on skin cancer prevention, chaired by Lill Tove Norvang Nilsen at the Radiation Protection Agency of Norway, but has been unsuccessful in finding persons to organize a Norwegian EuroMelanoma Day in 2018.

The NFDV is involved in the campaign "Choosing Wisely" organised by the Norwegian Medical Association to prevent overtreatment in clinical medicine.

The NFDV board works closely with organisations for patients with melanoma, psoriasis and eczema.

In order to stimulate the participation by Norwegian dermatologists and venereologists at the 34th Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Göteborg in May 2019, the NFDV will not hold a regular annual meeting in 2019. The NFDV general assembly meeting will instead be held in conjunction with the congress in Göteborg.

The recruitment of specialists to smaller towns in Norway is still a problem. The recruitment is expected to be even more problematic when the full effect of making all positions for residents at the university hospitals permanent is felt in 5-10 years. The NFDV has been unsuccessful in persuading the leadership of the Norwegian Medical Associations in making changes and is presently looking for alternative actions.

The training of specialists in Norway is presently being re-organized and re-structured completely. In short, the hospitals will have a greater role than before, and the Norwegian Medical Association and the specialty societies, such as NFDV, will have a smaller role than before. The NFDV board works closely with the specialty committee to secure a high quality of specialty training and expect to be even more active in this regard.

**Sweden:** The last board meeting of the SSDV was held in Lund on March 15. SSDV was informed about the progress regarding the work with the NCDV and approved the preliminary programme and budget. During the meeting, Karim Saleh was appointed by the board of SSDV to represent Sweden on the NDA board. Karim is the representative for the Swedish residents on the SSDV board. Desiree Wiegleb Edström was suggested as a new representative on the NDA Education committee. Virginia Zazo gave a report from the election committee regarding the new board members that are to be elected at the annual meeting held on May 31 in Linköping. Once again, we have problems finding someone willing to fill the position of Vice President on the SSDV board.

The economy of the SSDV is stable and measures have been taken to prevent too large of a surplus. This includes new grants to try to increase the number of residents that attend the

annual meetings. The four residents who receive awards for their research or quality improvement projects will be allowed to attend the meeting free of charge and a further six residents will receive the same benefit on a first-come, first-served basis. Their employer will have to pay for travel and hotel costs. The economy is expected to continue to grow because of the new income source which is the SSDV members' magazine "Dermatologi & Venereologi".

The Swedish Society of Medicine (Svenska Läkaresällskapet, SLS) is proposing a "forced membership" for all members of SSDV and other specialist societies. This would result in SSDV paying 200-300 SEK per member to SLS after 2020.

#### §46 Other issues

No other issues were discussed.

#### §47 Next meeting (GJ, All)

The next meeting will be held in Paris on September 14, 2018 (9:00-12:00) at the Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile Hotel. TA and JDG notified that they will unfortunately not be present.

John Paoli  
Secretary General