

Minutes NDA Board Meeting on Friday February 2th, 2024

Date: Friday February 2th, 2024 at 13:00-17:00 – Lunch: 13.00-14.00 CET
Place: Clarion Hotel, Copenhagen Airport, Ellehammersvej 20, 2770 Kastrup, Danmark

Present:

Denmark: Christian Vestergaard, Simon F. Thomsen, Deirdre Nathalie Dufour

Norway: Katarina Zak Stangeland, Petter Gjersvik

Sweden: Anna Josefson, Lena Lundeberg

On Zoom:

Finland: Katariina Hannula-Jouppi, Teea Salmi, Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä, Veli-Matti Kähäri (president of NCDV2025)

Norway: Usha Hartgill

Iceland: Gisli Ingvarsson, Baldur Baldursson

NDA Office: Agneta Andersson

Not present: Amra Osmanovic, Laura Huilaja

Agenda

- §32 Opening and welcome**
Christian opened the meeting and welcomed everybody – and in particular the new Board member Lena Lundeberg.
- §33 Minutes from NDA board meeting on Thursday October 12th, 2023**
Anna noted that the decided financial details for the NDA lecture was missing in the minutes-the decided details being:
The NDA lecturer will receive fee of 1000 euro and have travel expenses and 1 night at hotel covered.
- §34 Economical report** (attached)
Katharina presented the report for 2023 – concluding a continued healthy state of the NDA economy. The 2023 report was approved.
Additional decisions were made:
Katarina will move 900,000 SEK from the transaction account to the saving account, to gain a better interest.
100,000 SEK will be allocated to the NDA scientific grants for 2024.
- §35 NDA Website** -information to the Nordic dermato-venereologists
Petter and Christian have been looking over the website and changes was suggested:

A banner on the front-page next to the logo, for the NCDV 2025 in Finland, with a website link here and on the “Congress page” announcement of the NCDV 2025.
Slight changes of the NDA introduction text on the “about NDA page” were suggested and approved.
An update of the status of the courses - will be done after today’s meeting.
The National Societies are encouraged to update their information on the NDA home page.

We must all remember to correct/adjust information on the board- and committee members on the NDA home page- by sending the information to Agneta and Nathalie

§36 Nordic courses – an update (attached)

Christian presented Laura's PP-slides - updating the information on the presently planned courses.

Laura has no news so far, concerning the course suggestion discussed in Berlin; Genital dermatology (Usha), Scientific writing (Peter)

Upcoming, possibly a NDA course as well; Nordic multidisciplinary lymphoma course (Amra) Karolinska: Skin of color (prof. Bradley) and pediatric course was planned at some point.

Baldur announced that plans was being discussed for a possible Islandic multidisciplinary meeting- sponsored by NDA. Baldur wished to discuss these plans further with Veli-Matti and will return with more information.

Anna requested information on Nordic pathology courses, as no such course is presently available in Sweden. Unfortunately, there was only knowledge of national courses in the Nordic countries.

§37 National- Nordic Dermatology Lecture

By Christian

An updated information on the lecture will be presented on the web page. Lectures for 2024 has already been planned in Norway, Finland, and Sweden. Island and Denmark will make final plans for their lectures in the coming months.

§38 Young scientist meeting at EADV in Berlin 2023-and in Amsterdam in 2024

By Christian

The NDA promoted Young Scientist meeting at the EADV: with the aim of creating: "... a platform for young dermatologist to network, gain insight into research from neighboring countries, showcase their own scientific work, promote research opportunities, and enhance collaborations among the Nordic countries in the dermatological community"

2 prizes are awarded and diplomas for presenters.

The meeting in Berlin was a success and highly appreciated by the participants.

The meeting room and dinner was sponsored by Novartis.

In the coming week an invitation will be send out from Christian, Ditte and Matthias, encouraging to join the organizing committee and the meeting at the EADV in Amsterdam in the fall(attached). It is very important that the national societies help promoting the invitation and attract attention from young Nordic scientists.

§39 2022 NDA Research Grants (attached)

By Teea

Teea evaluated the process and states that there were many good applications of high scientific standard.

The NDA Research grant 2023 (80,000SEK) was split between two applicants:

Louise Lönndahl (Sweden): Patients with delusional infestation- investigating neurobiological mechanisms with functional magnetic resonance imaging and

Elisabeth Schrupf (Norway): Natural killer T cells in hidradenitis suppurativa).

The grant recipients will be offered a possibility to present their results at the next NCDV congress.

Simon criticized the extension of the application date in 2023, for being unfair to the applicants who had send their grant applications in time. It was agreed to- and it was decided that the application date will not be extended in the future.

It was also decided the NDA Research Grant I 2024 will be raised from 80 000 SEK to 100 000 SEK.

§40 Updates from the national societies (attached)

By Representatives from each national society gave an update;

The general trend in the Nordic countries of flux of specialist from the hospitals to the private sector continues.

Katarina could inform that **NFDV** has decided to reduce participating fees for national meetings, to attract more participants. Anne informed that the fee for the Swedish annual spring meeting has been reduced by 50% in order to attract more participants.

In Sweden presently discussed subjects in **SSDV** are; a national exam, focus on courses for specialists and also recently 2 new interest groups have been formed; for Atopic dermatitis and for Hidradenitis suppurativa.

In Finland Teea is following Katariina as the new president for **SILY**.

The great loss of Annamari Ranki is being mourned in SILY, as in all the Nordic dermatological associations. The preparation for the NCDV 2025 is in progress according to plan.

Baldur informs on the recent improved offer for laser treatment of children in Island and that there presently are 7 doctors at the department of dermatology at Landspítali-University Hospital, Reykjavik; 3 specialists share the specialist positions, 2 residents and 2 younger doctors. The present subjects discussed in **FIH** are problems with licensing of the treatment with restylane, botox and laser to non-dermatologists.

Simon informed that he at a recent meeting for **DDS** and DDO members expressed his concern for the future academic and scientific destiny of Danish dermatology- where more colleges are leaving the hospitals for private or industry positions. Simon suggested the development of attractive, scientific programs with a focused, optimized, fast track academic/scientific education leading to attractive (flexibility and economy) and scientific hospital positions. Also, scientific focus on some of the diseases which are presently not getting sufficient dermatological attention should be encouraged- or else we might "lose these" from our speciality.

§41 2025 Nordic Congress – contract and update (attached)

The process and planning so far was presented by congress president Veli Matti

The planning is in good progress, the venue locations close to the city centre and the Scientific program is in place, the deadline for the session chairs to confirm session speakers was 31.1.2024

An honour talk for Annamari Ranki was suggested.

The welcome ceremony will be in the city hall (no dinner).

The sponsors are in place and the budget is 180.000 euro- expectedly increasing.

Veli-Matti and Kaisa are going to have a meeting with CAP partner in Helsinki.

Different economical and practical issues were discussed;

The exact registration fee has yet to be decided.

The congress dinner fee will be 50 Euro- number of places for industry to be decided.

The NDA congress grants for the Baltics and the national grants were decided:

The Baltics: 5 grants of 7000 SEK

National congress grants financed with 3500 SEK by NDA and (an amount equivalent to) 3500 SEK by the national societies. The number being; 7 for Sweden, 5 for Norway, Finland and Denmark and 3 for Island.

For speakers from overseas: all expenses will be covered, speakers from the Nordic countries will have the congress fee and the dinner covered- but can after the congress apply for compensation of hotel and travel expenses. NDA board members will have hotel and travel expenses covered.

Promotion of the NCDV 2025 will be on social media, the NDA homepage and flyers will be sent to national societies.

A date-doodle will be sent out for an extra NDA zoom meeting in June 2024 -discussing the congress preparations.

§42 Other issues

By Christian

On behalf of the entire NDA board a BIG thank you to Amra and Katariina for their great efforts and good corporation on the NDA board, throughout the years!

Next NDA board meeting during the EADV 2024 in Amsterdam will be on Thursday September 26th 17.00-19.30-CET followed by and a dinner.

Christian Vestergaard
NDA President

Deirdre Nathalie Dufour
NDA Secretary General

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