

General assembly of the 40th meeting in the Society

Saturday, the 30th of August 2014

1. Opening by President Mikkel Ø Andersen
2. Chairperson Rolf Riise (NOR)
3. Secretary Ane Simony (DEN)
4. Minutes from the general assembly in Kolding, presented by Mikkel Ø Andersen. In 2013 we were able to welcome our newest members from the Netherlands into the society. It has been an inspiring experience to meet the new members in Kolding last year, and we are looking forward to visit them as local host next year.
5. Presidential report 2013
 - A) Presented by Mikkel Ø Andersen.

Since last meeting the NSDS webpage has opened and is now available at www.ndsd.dk. The webpage is hosted by Sygehus Lillebaelt, and the DaneSpine secretary has agreed to assist with uploads on the homepage. Contributions to the homepage are welcome, contact information on the webmaster is available on www.ndsd.dk.

It has been suggested to add contact information on the members to a closed forum on the homepage, we are currently working on creating a member forum protected by a login procedure.
 - B) Sten Rasmussen was not attending the meeting this year.
 - C) Country representatives:

Sweden, Hans Tropp Deformity surgery is currently performed at 6 different facilities, together with tumor surgery and trauma. The degenerative surgery including the degenerative scoliosis is mostly performed in the private hospitals, Stockholm Spine, which is also visible in the SweSpine registry.

Norway, Per T Nilsen. Changes have been made in the deformity surgery, all deformity cases below the age of 7 years are now referred to Oslo University Hospital for treatment.

Denmark, Karen Weigart. No activity to report the last year

Finland, Dietrich Sclenzka. It has been decided that the 2016 meeting will be held in Turkey and Ilka Helenius will be the local host.

Netherlands, A modified version of SweSpine has been implemented, the degenerative module is currently used. Tumour, trauma and deformity modules are currently under revision, and the goal is to use the same standard questionnaires in all the NSDS countries so benchmarking is easy.

- D) Historical committee. Carl Emil Lange has retired from the historical committee, Roger Sørensen has prior to this meeting reconstructed the meeting calendar for the last 40 years, but the location for the meeting in 1986 and 1989 are still unknown. The list and the general assembly paper, from the first meeting will be uploaded at the homepage. A Stig Wilner Award list will be uploaded as well. Please contact the NSDS webmaster with information about Stig Wilner Award winners.
- 7) Nordic Spinal Academy, by Acke Ohlin. It is a 6 course educational program, that is held at 6 different locations in Sweden, a new program will start in 15 months, and participants from Norway, Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands are welcome to participate.
- 8) The next meeting will be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Marinus de Kleuver is local host for the meeting. The dates are 26-28 august, the invitation will be uploaded on www.nstds.dk and the organising committee will focus on the non-surgical members of the society and host parallel sessions to allow more free papers from the non-surgeon members of the society. A new logo is proposed, that include the Netherlands. By vote the new logo is accepted.
- 9) Election of a new secretary, Karen Weigart (DEN) is proposed and elected.
- 10) New members. We welcome the following new members in the society:
Thomas Kibsgaard (NOR)
Ludvig Vavruch (SWE)
Ragnhild Susanne Molland (NOR)
- 11) To ensure that spine registry's in the member countries will develop, so benchmarking is possible, a taskforce with one country representative is elected. They will meet before the meeting in Amsterdam and discuss the future for the spine registry and ensure that each country will maintain the same basic questionnaires.

Denmark will elect their country representative in May 2014

Norway is represented by Raphael Adobor

Finland is represented by Illka Helenius

Sweden is represented by Hans Tropp

The Netherlands by Marinus de Kleuver.

This year the Stig Wilner Award was won by Marinus de Kleuver.

The Nachemson Award was not presented this year, and the meeting hosts are encouraged to ensure the use of both prizes next year.