



Nordic Spinal Deformities Society

NSDS General Assembly 2021

Virtual from Utrecht, The Netherlands

Minutes

1. NSDS president Ane Simony opened the general Assembly.
2. The minutes 2019, Bergen, Norway was approved.
3. Ane Simony, Denmark has served as president until now, and a new president from Norway was supposed to be elected. However, since the meeting this year was virtual, it was decided in agreement with the Norwegian Country Representative, to postpone the election until next year.
4. Ane Simony, Denmark and Karen Hojmark Hansen, Denmark will continue their work as President and Secretary until the meeting in 2022.
5. The participants of the meeting agreed, that the general assembly was properly announced.
6. The presidential report was presented by Ane Simony. The meeting 2020 was postponed due to the COVID- pandemic, and a virtual meeting was the only solution for the organizing committee. The support of the Sponsors and a high number of participants has made the meeting a success.
7. Country representative's report.

All the representatives thank The Netherlands for arranging a good virtual meeting, and the "studio-setup" has created a almost live feeling among the delegates.

Netherlands, René Castelein: Set back due to Covid 19. Especially Children orthopedic were affected due to the restricted capacity at the hospitals. The waiting list are long.

Sweden, Hans Tropp: increased waiting lists because intensive care units was occupied by Covid 19 patients. It is difficult to recruit new spine surgeons due to better payment in the private clinics.

Finland, Timo Laine is retired and it has been announced that Jarkko Halme is elected as the new Country representative from Finland. Jarkko reported normal conditions due to Covid 19 in Finland. The meeting next year will create a platform to recruit new members for NSDS.

Denmark, Mikkel Andersen: Low activity all over Denmark due to Covid 19 and a nursing strike from June to August. We expect restricted capacity at the hospitals until next year.

France, Kariman Abeline-Genevois: It has been a painful year with aggravation by the patients. As well as Sweden, France has difficulties recruiting spine surgeons. Kariman is still working on a combined France-NSDS meeting.

8. Ane Simony, Denmark introduced the new NSDS homepage:

[About NSDS – Dansk Rygkirurgisk Selskab \(ortopaedi.dk\)](#)

Original bylaws, list of previous meetings and former minutes are available in English and Danish. List and contact information of the members are not available due to the rules and regulations.

9. New members of the society:

Jarkoo Halme, Finland

Please email Ane Simony, ane.simony1@rsyd.dk if there are other membership candidates.

10. Report from this year's meeting, by Rene Castelein: Glad so many participants would attend in this virtual conference. We sincerely thank the sponsors for their continuous support, and are looking forward to the meeting next year. Rene will share contact information regarding the sponsors to Jarkoo. Furthermore the contact information from the delegates will be passed on to Jarkoo for updates regarding the meeting 2022.

11. Future meetings will be held in:

2022 Kupio, Finland. Jarkoo Halme will host the meeting and has prepared a short film which is available at the NSDS webpage.

2023 Linköping, Sweden. Hans Tropp will arrange the meeting.

2024 Denmark, Copenhagen. Martin Gehrchen will arrange the meeting.

2025 France, Kariman Abeline-Genevois will arrange the meeting as a combined NSDS and French Spine Meeting

2026 Norway, Trondheim. Organizing committee will be announced next year.

12. It was suggested by Marinus De Kluver (The Netherlands) to introduce a travel fellowship for young orthopedic surgeons. A resident program including 2-3 spine locations in 7-10 days, and a possibility of getting NSDS fundings (7000 Euro).

The hosting clinics will arrange a program, and ensure cheap accommodation for the participants.

Kariman has experience from France. This will allow the young doctors to gain experience as well as network for future research and collaborations.

To create this we need enthusiastic NSDS members who will arrange and find accommodation. Ane will write to the country representatives if anyone might be interested.