

NSDS General Assembly 2022

Kuopio, Finland

1. NSDS president Ane Simony opened the general Assembly.
2. The minutes 2021, Utrecht, Netherlands were approved.
3. Ane Simony presented the presidential report. The meeting 2020 was cancelled due to Covid, and the meeting 2021 was converted into an online meeting which was very successful. More than 80 participants and support from the Industry. The previous 2 years has been used to synchronize the Scoliosis Registers in Denmark, Sweden, Holland, to goal was to collect the same PROM on deformity patients, both treated conservative and with surgery. The registries work, but the data collection is a bit slow. If other membership countries are interested, they are welcome to email Ane Simony to get the questionnaires.

The industry is still supportive and this meeting in Kupio has received a lot of support, and the members of the Society has been active during Covid with research activities. Inspired by the invitation to open the conference with a historical speak, Ane Simony has started gathering information about the history of the Society. A historic committee will be formed, and historical documents will be placed at the homepage.

The election of a new president was postponed last year, but this year it is time to find a President from Norway. Karen Højmark Hansen has served as secretary the last 3 years, and Karen does not accept reelection.

4. Country representatives report:

All the representatives thanks Finland for arranging a good meeting.

Norway: Not much to rapport, but very close to make the deformity-register work again. It hasn't been active for 10 years, but soon Norway is ready for data cooperation with the other countries.

Denmark: Still low activity due to corona and difficulties recruiting both surgeons and nurses.

Sweden: Lack of young spine surgeons, lack of anesthesia nurses, recruiting problems. In surgery as well as in research.

Finland: Has been busy arranging NSDS. The finish spine society has been very active and made a new fellowship program. They have been working on guidelines for operations to standardize procedures. Finland is also short of nurses, as a consequents waiting lists increase fast.

Holland: Struggle with lack of staff for the spine units. Young Surgeons are available, so it could be an opportunity to arrange some fellowships to allow them to get an introduction to Spine Surgery.

Island: According to the bylaws, Island is part of the Society, but we are currently not aware who serves as Country Representative. Ane Simony will contact Gauti Sigmundsson, and try to invite Island for next years NSDS meeting.

5. Thomas Kibsgaard, Norway was elected as President. Ane Simony , Denmark as Secretary.
6. The existing membership list has been updated by the Country representatives. A lot of names was missing from the membership list at the homepage.
New member was suggested :

Finland: Pietari Kinnunen. (Jarkko + Ane Simony)

Norge: Sivert Hammer (Thomas Kibsgaard + Ane Simony)

Denmark: Line Nielsen (Mikkell Andersen + Karen Højmark)

USA: Munish Gupta (Mikkell Andersen + Ane Simony)

7. The meeting 2022 was presented by Jarkko Halme.
Jarkko has worked a lot with preparation for the meeting almost a year. The meeting has been very successful, almost 150 participants and 17 Companies has supported the meeting. It has been a struggle to recruit members to serve as chairman, scientific reviewers etc. so it is important to remember to support the people in charge for the meeting next year.
8. Future meetings:
Hans Tropp in Linköbing, Sweden 2023.
Martin Gerchen in Copenhagen, Denmark 2024.
Sivert Hammer in Trondheim, Norway 2025.

Earlier agreed on France being host at a combined meeting in 2025, but due to difficulties getting in touch with Kariman Genevois-Abelin, it was decided that Norway will host the meeting in 2025.

Ane Simony will contact Ashly Cole – President of the British Scoliosis Society- due to plan a combined meeting in 2026 or later.

9. Bylaws change:
Suggestion that the NSDS board should contain only President and Secretary, and no longer a Cashier, was approved.
Difficulties in the organizing countries getting someone to take care of the financial part of the meeting, but due to different rules in the different countries, it is not possible to make an organization in NSDS which solve those problems.

The general assembly was closed, and the minutes from 2022 will be available on the homepage