

NSDS General Assembly 2023

Kuopio, Finland

1. NSDS president Thomas J. Kibsgaard opens the general Assembly.

2. The minutes 2022, Kupio was approved

3. The presidential report.

The society is in good shape, the number of participants for the meeting and the number of abstracts are rising, but there is very limited activity between the meetings. The support from the sponsors for the meeting this year has been good.

4. Country representatives report:

Norway by Thomas Natvik.

Not a lot of news to report, the National Spine Registry is still working on a module for the deformity registry, which is still done on paper.

Denmark, given by Martin Gehrchen, since Mikkel Andersen was absent from the meeting.

The spine center's are still working on clearing the waiting lists after Covid, extra money was received from the Government to reduce the waiting lists. There is still a lack of nurses in the country, and that is still causing reduced number of beds available in the wards.

Sweden, given by Hans Tropp. A lack of nurses in OR, both scrub nurses and anaesthesia nurses is reducing the capacity for surgery, which increases the number of patients transferring to the private sector.

Finland, given by Jarkko Halme. Long waiting lists, a national lack of nurses has led to waiting list > 1.5 year. A Spine Fellowship program has been launched, for orthopaedic and neurosurgeons. There is from Finland's a great interest in International Spine Registry collaborations Studies.

Holland, given by Moyo Kruth since Marinus De Kluver, was not present. The lack of nurses is reducing the surgical capacity to 70 %, and creating waiting lists in all centres'.

Iceland, Ane Simony has tried to get in contact with any spine surgeons in Iceland and the only one present is Gauti Sigmundson who will try to reconnect us with the Hospital in Iceland and give a status on the Deformity treatment in Iceland.

France, Kariman was absent from the meeting this year.

5. There is no election for the Board this year, Thomas Kibsgaard, serves as President. Ane Simony, Denmark as Secretary.

6. The existing membership list has been updated by the Country representatives, but due to GDPR rules and the webpage, there is no official membership list available at the homepage

Suggestion of New Member's of the Society, contact details should be send to Secretary Ane Simony and and total of 10 new Members are suggested.

7. Report from this years meeting by Ludvig and Hans. As previous years the participants sign up late, but the support from Sponsors are still steady and this year there are 177 delegates to the meeting. It is very important to start the communication with the Industry in good time, since their budgets are planned more than 1 year in advance and their support is crucial to secure the financial part of the meeting.

8. Future meetings:

Martin Gerchen in Copenhagen, Denmark 2024.

Sivert Hammer in Trondheim, Norway 2025.

The British Scoliosis Society has invited us to participate in a jointed meeting in London in 2025 in November, but they also wants us to take 173 of the financial risk. The situation is debated, and it is agreed that Ane Simony will contact Jonathan Lucas and decline the financial risk, and try to settle an agreement. If BSS will arrange the meeting and invite us, we will postpone the meeting in Trondheim to 2026, which is fine with Sivert Hammer.

9. No changes to the bylaws has been suggested

10. Any further issues to discuss?

It was suggested by Hans Tropp to host an educational event before the meeting, already from next year. This will allow younger surgeons to attend the meeting, and perhaps inspire some to choose spine surgery since recruitment is still an issue in Scandinavia. Martin and Hans will discuss this in more details,

Closing of the General Assembly