



Presidential Report 2021

After two years with an ongoing pandemic and a cancelled Annual Scandinavian Society for Head and Neck Oncology (SSHNO) meeting in Oslo, Norway, the existing board decided to continue their work for another year, until the general assembly in 2021.

In April 2021 a virtual general assembly was held, and the new board constituted. Antti Mäkitie (FI) ended his 5 year period as a president for the Scandinavian society for head and neck oncology.

Åse Bratland, oncologist from Oslo, Norway was elected as the president for the next four years.

The SSHNO Board members for the next period are Björn Palmgren (Treasurer, SE), Maria Gebre-Medhin (Secretary, SE), Hanna Maënpää (FI), Taru Ilmarinen (FI), Kristine Bjørndal (DK), Jesper Grau Eriksen (DK), John Sigurd Lybeck (NO), Hanne Tøndel (NO), Arnar Gudjonsson (IS) and Subash Sahannon John (IS).

Again the global COVID-19 situation made it difficult to meet in person, and the first meeting of the new board was held on zoom in October 2021.

The Danish head and neck cancer group had already started to prepare the next and 30th Annual SSHNO meeting in Aarhus, Denmark in March 2022. The meeting will, according to Danish regulation, be without sponsoring. The local organization committee has made an interesting scientific program and also managed to keep the costs low. Therefore we hope to see many young colleagues and new members at the meeting!

In 2021 SSHNO had 145 members, 51 in Finland, 34 in Denmark, 36 in Sweden, 19 in Norway and 5 in Island.

Maybe the society will get more members when it is possible to arrange meetings again in 2022.

There are many forthcoming events in the coming year – some of them are listed below.

ICHNO, Brussels, 3 – 5 March 2022

ESTRO, Copenhagen, 6 – 10 May 2022

ESTRO course in Particle Therapy, Aarhus, 29 May – 02 June 2022

IFHNOS World Congress, Rome, 1 – 4 September 2022

- At the IFHNOS world congress in Rome SSHNO has been asked to host a symposium. Multidisciplinary quality of care in the Nordic countries was suggested as subject, and the board is working with a program for the symposium.

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