



Presidential Report 2022

After a very successful **30th Annual Scandinavian Society for Head and Neck Oncology (SSHNO)** meeting in Aarhus, Denmark in March 2022 the new board started their period with great enthusiasm!

The board members in 2022/23 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 Vaka Saevarsdottir (IS).

Vaka Saevarsdottir is oncologist from Iceland, she is new in the board after the meeting in Aarhus and replaces Subash Shannon John.

The board had a day-meeting on Castrup Airport in October 2022, where focus was to further strengthen the multidisciplinary work in the Scandinavian society of head and neck oncology.

We started planning of the next and 31st annual meeting of the SSHNO. This meeting will be arranged in Lund, Sweden 18-20 April 2024. The aim of the SSHNO meeting is to organize an interesting scientific and social meeting that will attract old and especially new, young members to attend in the Scandinavian society.

The number of paying members in the different Nordic countries has unfortunately been going down during the last years. One explanation can be the Covid19-pandemic and the following lack of activity (meetings and collaboration) in the society.

The SSHNO has a stable and good economy and the board are suggesting to donate travel and accommodation grants for colleagues in training to support visiting of collaborating centers in the Nordics.

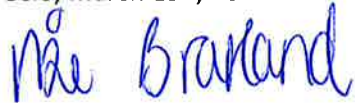
In April 2023 a virtual board meeting is planned. We will continue the good work with recruitment to the SSHNO and organization of up-coming meetings and events.

There have been and will be many interesting events in 2023 – some of them are listed below. The SSHNO board are planning to attend and contribute to the different meetings – and at the IFHNOS world congress in Rome in June, a Scandinavian symposium focusing on multidisciplinary quality of care in the Nordic countries, will be arranged.

ECHNO, Lisbon, 9 – 11 March 2023
ESTRO, Vienna, 12 – 16 May 2023
IFHNOS World Congress, Rome, 21-24 June 2023

I will strongly encourage the members of the SSHNO to continue the important clinical and scientific multidisciplinary work in the coming year and I hope to see new and old members at our next meeting in Sweden April 2024.

Oslo, March 23th, 2023



Åse Bratland, President, SSHNO