



## Presidential Report 2017

Year 2017 was the 29<sup>th</sup> in the history of SSHNO and we now have 131 members (Denmark: 41, Finland: 41, Norway: 25, Sweden: 19, Iceland: 5). The Board consists of Antti Mäkitie (President), Hedda Haugen Cange (Secretary, SE), Lalle Hammarstedt Nordenvall (Treasurer, SE), Hanna Mäenpää (FI), Jussi Laranne (FI), Irene Wessel (DK), Jørgen Johansen (DK), Åse Bratland (NO), Oddveig Rikardsen (NO), Arnar Gudjonsson (IS), and Jakob Johannsson (IS). This year we did not have an Annual Meeting with General Assembly as there was the bi-annual ICHNO meeting in Barcelona. The Board had two meetings during this year. It is one of our priorities now to encourage more colleagues to become members of the society.

SSHNO continues to emphasize its role as a multi-disciplinary society, which is open for all professionals with a special interest in Head and Neck oncology in the Nordic countries. Our current activities will focus on harmonizing the management of Head and Neck cancer in Northern Europe. There are several collaborative projects ongoing (Nordic Laryngeal Cancer Study, Nordic Robotic Surgery Study, Nordic Nasopharyngeal Cancer Study) and in their planning phase. These will hopefully lead to unified guidelines in this area and thus enable prospective randomized studies in the future. Examples of our collaborative recent publications are:

Eur Arch Otorhinolaryngol. 2017 May;274(5):2363-2365. Head and Neck cancer management in the Nordic countries: an effort to harmonize treatment.

Acta Oncol. 2017 Dec 5:1-4. [Epub ahead of print] The management and survival outcomes of nasopharyngeal cancer in the Nordic countries.

Acta Otolaryngol. 2016 Nov;136(11):1159-1163. A Nordic survey on the management of Head and Neck CUP.

The main meeting during the incoming year 2018 will be the Annual Meeting of SSHNO in Kuopio during May 23-25, 2018, which will also be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our society. Docent Matti Pukkila and his local organizing committee have prepared an interesting programme in collaboration with the board of the society. Please, visit the website ([www.sshno2018.fi](http://www.sshno2018.fi)) for the dates of registration and abstract submission. The other important meeting will be the ECHNO meeting (8<sup>th</sup> European Congress on H&N Oncology, [www.echno2018.com](http://www.echno2018.com)) in Rome during April 11-14, 2018. Our members will have a reduced fee for the meeting by showing proof of paid SSHNO membership; certificate can be downloaded from the EHNS website. On a more global level there will be the IFHNOS meeting (6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies, [www.ifhnos2018.org](http://www.ifhnos2018.org)) in Buenos Aires during Sept 1-4, 2018.

As we are turning the page now on another year, the Board wants to thank all the members for your efforts and active participation during this year and we trust that together we will make 2018 another successful year in the society's 30-year history.

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