

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY FOR HEAD AND NECK ONCOLOGY

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Year 2005 was the 17th of SSHNO. The Society had per April 25, 2006 altogether 200 members from all Scandinavian countries: Denmark 40, Finland 35, Island 6, Norway 35, Sweden 84.

The board and general assembly meetings of the Society were held in Gothenburg 23.03.2005 during the annual meeting. To the board was selected: Reidar Grénman, chairman, Cai Grau (DK) secretary, Eva Brun (S), Christian Godballe (DK), Eva Hammerlid (S), Hannes Hjartanson (I), Heikki Minn (F), Antti Mäkitie (F), Thorarinn Sveinsson (I), Eivind Smeland (N), Jon Thorvik (N), Jan Olofsson (N), was re-elected as editorial board member. As auditor were elected: Atle Freng and Elena Norberg Spack and as their deputy Jan Nyman.

The membership fee for 2006 was decided to be 20 €. The financial situation of the Society is stable.

The Scandinavian Society for Head and Neck Oncology had its Annual Meeting 22-24 April 2005 in Gothenburg where Claes Mercke and his local organizing committee arranged a memorable program. The main topics were cancer of the oral tongue in Scandinavia in 1995-1999, new treatment modalities, photodynamic therapy, electroporation and IMRT. The other main topic was the neck, its diagnosis, staging and treatment. We had a poster discussion; we visited the targeted therapy and finished with a research forum with many good papers. As usual the abstracts have been published in *Clinical Otolaryngology* (2005; 30:384-400, also www.sshno.dk) due to the efforts of our editorial board member Jan Olofsson. We highly appreciated the collegial atmosphere, the professionally arranged meeting and the memorable social program. The 17th annual meeting of SSHNO will be held 27.-29.4.2006 in Odense with Christian Godballe and Susanne Larsen as chairpersons.

The European academy for Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery was registered 2005 in Vienna. The Joint Meeting of EUFOS and the European Academy together with the UEMS ENT Section will be arranged in Vienna June 30 – July 4, 2007 www.eufos-vienna2007.org.

With the progress of the multimodality treatment in Head and Neck oncology it was felt, that on the European forum an active collaboration between the different specialty organisations was needed. Under the auspices of the Federation of the European Cancer Societies on international meeting on innovative approaches in Head and Neck Oncology was decided to take place in Barcelona 22 – 24 February 2007.

This meeting will be arranged by European and national head and neck cancer organisations like European Head & Neck Society, ESTRO, NCRI, GORTEC, DAHANCA and Nederlandse Werkgroep Hoofd - Halstumoren.