**Report from the Annual General Assembly of the Nordic Neuromodulation Society**

**31st August 2023, Hamburg Congress Center**

Present: 21 members, including NNS President Kliment Gatzinsky, Board Members Ilkka Saarenpää (Finland), Pedram Tabatabaei (Sweden), Bård Lundeland (Norway), Scientific Coordinator Terje Kirketeig and Webmaster Christopher Ekholdt.

**Agenda**

* **Welcome – NNS President**

Presentation of INS, Neuromodulation journal, NNS organization. NNS have 40 paying members.

* **Retrospect 2022 NNS Events**

Summary from the NNS meeting in Barcelona with the introduction of Scientific Coordinator and Webmaster.

* **NNS finances and legal status**

NNS is a non-profit organization with no regular income.

Existing funds: 2700 euro and surplus from previous NNS meetings.

A bank account has been created in a Swedish bank, managed by the NNS president.

NNS will have future income as proportion of surplus from eINS joint chapter meetings.

* **NNS web page**

Christopher Ekholdt gave a status report of the web page including changes in layout and available information. He also described how other European INS chapters organize their web pages.

Members are encouraged to inform Christopher Ekholdt and Terje Kirketeig about ongoing research projects to be presented on the web page.

Patient information and addresses of Nordic neuromodulation clinics to be published on the website will be further discussed.

* **News from the NNS and INS**

INS President Marc Russo´s term ends in 2023. Konstatin Slavin is President-Elect INS.

* **Upcoming INS World Congress 2024 in Vancouver**

Awaiting more details.

There are four candidates for INS World Congress 2026:Vienna, Lisbon, Athens, Gothenburg.

* **Upcoming NNS Congress in Turku, Finland 2024**

Ilkka Saarenpää and Mikael Fraunberg presented an impressive preliminary programme with focus on Brain Neuromodulation, novel SCS modalities and digital solutions.

Time: 25th to 27th September

Suggestions for other topics can be communicated to Ilkka or Mikael.

* **Board Member election, terms ending 2023**

The terms of the NNS President and Board Members from Sweden, Denmark and Norway end 2023. All candidates accepted to be re-elected for 2 more years, and

no other candidates have expressed interest for the positions.

Re-election of Kliment Gatzinsky as President and Pedram Tabatabaei, Helga Gulisano and Bård Lundeland as Board Members from Sweden, Denmark and Norway, respectively, were proposed from other INS members, and they were elected by acclamation.

* **Other questions and business**

Web-meetings. Terje Kirketeig brought up the topic. We had an online roundtable web meeting in 2021 that was popular. The General Assembly was positive about web meetings, with topics like new scientific evidence, practical issues etc. Terje Kirketeig and Kliment Gatzinsky will follow up.