Nordic Neuromodulation Society's 1st Meeting

Time and venue

The meeting will be held September 5-7 2014 at Hospital ORTON, Tenholantie 10, Helsinki, Finland.

We have reserved accommodation at Scandic Park Hotel. Special price for the meeting is 96/106€ single/double room including breakfast and free internet. The hotel is located in the heart of Helsinki and is near the meeting place.

If you choose the Scandic Park, please use the reservation number NOR050914_007.

Registration information

To register for the congress, send registration information to NNS treasurer Kari Sulkko at kari@sulkko.fi.

Please include your full name, job position, institution/company and country in the mail.

The registration fee is a very modest 50€ for NNS members and 150€ for non-members.

Please make a bank transfer to:

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Don't forget to include your full name in the transfer.

If you are in doubt whether you are a member of the NNS/INS, send a mail to Maria Punsalan (<u>pudy@neuromodulation.com</u>) from the INS and ask whether you are registered as active member.

Our intentions for the meeting is to keep it like a piece of IKEA furniture: Inexpensive, simple, and functional.

In other words, we intend to keep the costs down and focus on what is most important for us: Having an opportunity to meet and discuss the clinical and scientific work going on in the field of neuromodulation in Scandinavia.

We hope you agree, and we look forward to welcome you in Finland!

Kaare Meier, Denmark Chairman, NNS Kari Sulkko, Finland Treasurer, NNS Anders Wåhlstedt, Sweden Secretary, NNS

Program:

(as of August 15 2014)

Day 1 (Friday 5/9)

1800 Welcome reception / registration

1900 Dinner (Reception and dinner at: Restaurant Mamma Rosa, Runebergsgatan/Runeberginkatu 55)

Day 2 (Saturday 6/9)

0800-0900 Registration

0900-0915 Welcome

0915-1000 Robert Levy (US): The future of neuromodulation

1000-1045 Antti Saraste (FI): SCS for Angina Pectoris; A cardiologist's perspective

1045-1115 Coffee break, posters, networking

1115-1200 Bengt Linderoth (SE): Review of spinal stimulation mechanisms; The present state of knowledge

1200-1220 Anne-Li Lind (SE): Proteomic up-and down regulations in the cerebrospinal fluid of neuropathic pain patients using SCS

1220-1305 Anders Wählstedt (SE) and Hans Ericsson (SE): New neuromodulation treatment modalities

1305-1335 Plenary discussion: New indications for neuromodulation (moderated by Anders Wahlstedt (SE))

1335-1415 Lunch

1415-1500 Robert Levy (US): A regional INS chapter

1500-1530 Plenary discussion: The future of the NNS (moderated by Kaare Meier (DK))

1530-1600 Coffee break, posters, networking

1600-1630 Carsten Dahl Mørch (DK): Mathematical modeling in neuromodulation for pain

1630-1700 Terje Kirketeig (SE): Results from the Uppsala SCS database

1700-1730 Kaare Meier (DK): The Aarhus Neuromodulation Database

2000 Dinner

Day 3 (Sunday 7/9)

0900-1030 Organization of an interventional pain clinic [several speakers from across Scandinavia and subsequent plenary discussion]

1030-1100 Coffee break, posters, networking

1100-1200 NNS General Assembly

1230 Optional lunch

1400 Adjourn

An important note on the program:

1) The NNS is an organization for everyone working with neuromodulation; SCS, DBS, PNS, SNS etc.

However, since this is the first meeting of the organization we have decided to keep focus on SCS (and DRG) for pain since this is the field that occupies the majority of our members.

For later meetings we certainly aim to expand the scientific and clinical program into other treatment modalities and indications.

2) DISCUSSION SESSIONS

During Saturday we will have two discussion sessions of 30 minutes each.

One will be titled "New indications for SCS", the other "The future of the Nordic Neuromodulation Society". The sessions will feature a short introduction but no lengthy presentations; they will be a forum for plenary discussion.

The topic of the first open discussion session will be New Indications for Neuromodulation. It will be chaired by Anders Wåhlstedt (SE) but the floor is yours!

Please contribute with your experiences and knowledge about indications and techniques that is not well described in the literature. The session is meant to serve as inspiration for us all as we try to expand the scope of neuromodulation treatment to help our patients.

The topic of the second open discussion session will be The Future of the Nordic Neuromodulation Society. It will be moderated by Kaare Meier (DK), but the session is for the members.

What do YOU think should be the purpose of the NNS?

Please spend a little time thinking about what YOU would like to see in the future – it's your organization!

3) POSTERS

We encourage all participants to bring a poster for the meeting. It can be a poster created specifically for the NNS meeting but it may certainly also be a poster used at another (fairly recent) meeting. Any topic related to neuromodulation is welcome. This will give participants a chance to discuss their results with Scandinavian colleagues and gather further attention to their work.

We also strongly encourage members who have not presented their work in an international forum before to make a poster for the meeting.

Please send a mail to neuro@kaare.org if you intend to bring a poster in order to secure appropriate poster space.