



Nordic Neuromodulation Society, report December 2014

The Nordic region (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden) is a very large and geographically diverse territory bound together by strong cultural and historical ties. The countries share similar, mostly public-based health care systems and have a long tradition of scientific and clinical collaboration. Despite this, there has been no formal partnership in the field of neuromodulation so far.

The Nordic Neuromodulation Society (NNS) was founded during a special session at the Berlin INS meeting in June 2013. The assembly elected Kaare Meier (Denmark) as chairman, Kari Sulkko (Finland) as treasurer, and Anders Wåhlstedt (Sweden) as secretary. Following this session, work began on registering potential members, planning the first NNS meeting, and settling formalities with the tireless help of INS Executive Director Tia Sofatzis.

The inaugural meeting was held in Helsinki, Finland, September 2014, and featured one and a half day of clinical and scientific talks combined with plenary discussions on practical and organizational matters.

Almost 70 attendees made their way to the Finnish capital to discuss their new organization, to listen to talks by clinicians and researchers from around the Nordic region, and to get inspired by two lectures held by Neuromodulation Editor-in-Chief, Professor Robert Levy.

At the General Assembly the founding executive board was re-elected, and Audun Stubhaug was elected as the Norwegian board member.

The next NNS meeting will be held 10 June 2015 during the INS congress in Canada, and the 2016 NNS meeting will be hosted by our Swedish colleagues.

At the time of writing, the NNS has been formally accepted as a regional chapter of the INS and has 55 members.

A homepage has been established and can be found at <http://nordicneuro.org/>.

As most of the activities between meetings are expected to take place online, a complete set of forums have been set up and can be reached at <http://nordicneuro.org/forum/> (registration required!).

And finally, a logo contest has been held, electing the entry created by Katrin Svabo Bech and Andreas Nørgaard Glud a clear winner.

Thank you to you all for a very exciting 2014!

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