

## **Nordic Neuromodulation Society's 1st meeting**

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The following is a list of activities that the participants at the 1st NNS meeting in Helsinki agreed to work on together:

### **An "Ask your peers" forum.**

The INS has regular "Ask the experts" sessions but sometimes we just need some advice from our peer on how to handle a complicated patient or a difficult situation.

For this purpose we will establish an online forum where those questions can be asked and discussed.

The forum will be for everyone (but for questions AND for replies!) but 5 experienced implanters volunteered to give the initiative special attention and try to ensure that there will be replies to the questions asked.

A warm thank you to *Anders Wåhlstedt, Kari Sulkko, Kliment Gatzinsky, Hans Ericson, and Bengt Linderoth!*

I may have gotten a name wrong on this list – please correct me if I have...

### **A publishing central.**

Many small publications do not ever reach the formal publishers like the journals or abstract books.

We will therefore create an online publishing central where members can upload things of interest to the NNS members.

Examples could be posters, case stories, information material, media files etc. etc. Just remember NOT to upload data that you plan to publish formally later on – it may give problems if you want to have a paper accepted in a journal!

Prof. *Bengt Linderoth* kindly offered to be a moderator for this publishing central.

### **An online meeting place for nurses working with neuromodulation.**

Many of the nurses working with neuromodulation sometimes need their own forum to exchange experiences and to network.

*Eva Lejevahl* promised to be a moderator for this forum – thank you, Eva!

### **A registry of Nordic research projects and of resources for research located at Nordic centers.**

One of the aims of the NNS is to promote Nordic research across borders. We will create a registry of Nordic research projects, a forum to discuss and promote Nordic neuromodulation research, and a list of research resources (equipment, expertise, etc.) located at various Nordic centers.

Thank you very much to *Anne-Li Lind* for very valuable input and for agreeing to supervise this section!

**An online forum to promote clinical visits/exchanges.**

We need a way to set up exchange visits between the Nordic centers for mutual experience. So far this was suggested to form a part of the “Ask your peers” forum.

**A calendar with upcoming events, courses, and congresses relevant for the Nordic members.**

The INS already maintains a list of events, but it was suggested to make a separate calendar of courses, events, meetings, and congresses with special relevance for the Nordic members.

We thank *Staffan Svärd* for the excellent suggestion and for agreeing to be a neutral moderator for the calendar.

All of those activities are web-based. We will start by asking the INS if their system is good enough to handle them. If not, we'll find another solution.

More about that later!

Thank you to all meeting participants for an excellent discussion, and in particular thanks to the volunteers who will help make it all happen!

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Chairman