



Nordic Neuromodulation Society

8th annual meeting

4 September 2021

General Assembly at e-INS congress in Paris

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Chairman, NNS*

Agenda



- Welcome – NNS President
- Retrospect 2020-21 NNS Events
- NNS finances and legal status
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- Upcoming NNS annual meetings / other business
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What is the INS?

The International Neuromodulation Society (INS) is a nonprofit group of clinicians, scientists and engineers dedicated to the scientific development and awareness of neuromodulation – the alteration of nerve activity through the delivery of electrical stimulation or chemical agents to targeted sites of the body.

The Mission of the INS is to promote and disseminate the science, education, practice and accessibility of all aspects of neuromodulation.

<https://www.neuromodulation.com/>

Neuromodulation Journal



Neuromodulation: Technology at the Neural Interface.

The journal's sole purpose is to advance the basic and clinical science of the field of neuromodulation

Acting Editor-in-Chief: Robert D. Foreman, PhD

Editor-in-Chief: Robert M. Levy, MD, PhD

Impact factor: 4.722

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/15251403>

Nordic Neuromodulation Society (NNS)



- INS has 22 regional chapters of which NNS is the chapter for the Scandinavian countries
- NNS Board 2021
 - Kliment Gatzinsky (Sweden) – president, term ends 2023
 - Bård Lundeland (Norway) – secretary, term ends 2023
 - Mikael Fraunberg (Finland) – treasurer, term ends 2022
 - Helga Gulisano (Denmark) – board member, term ends 2023
 - Pedram Tabatabaei (Sweden) – board member, term ends 2023
 - Kaare Meier (Denmark) – past president, term ends 2022

2020-2021 NNS Events



- NNS 7th Annual Meeting 16 December 2020 (Web-based)
 - Changes to NNS bylaws approved
 - Election of three new NNS Board members for a two-year term starting 2021
 - Bård Lundeland, Norway
 - Helga Gulisano, Denmark
 - Pedram Tabatabaei, Sweden
 - Introduction of a scientific coordinator to promote scientific collaboration between the Nordic countries
 - Terje Kirketeig, Sweden
- NNS 1st online roundtable 21 June 2021
 - 17 participants. Topics: SCS vs placebo, Multiple SCS manufacturers and one clinic.



NNS finances and legal status

- A non-profit organization
- No regular income (unlike most other INS chapters)
- Existing funds - €2.000 + €5.000 (surplus from 2019 NNS meeting Aarhus)
 - €2.000 placed in the bank account of the Finnish Neuromodulation Society
 - €5.000 (Kaare Meier administers)
 - NNS president is working on retrieving/transferring the funds to an account specifically for NNS
- 2019 NNS meeting yielded a surplus that will be added to existing funds
- 2021 eINS JCM in Paris:
Half of the surplus shared proportionally between chapters depending on participation
- Expect to have a small surplus for the NNS -> no immediate need for external funding

Changes to NNS Bylaws 2019



6.5 ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

The *NORDIC NEUROMODULATION SOCIETY* must elect officers of the Society. The Society must elect a President of the Society who will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Society and will serve on the Board of Directors of the International Neuromodulation Society during his/her tenure as President of the Society. The *NORDIC NEUROMODULATION SOCIETY* shall, in accordance with the Bylaws of the International Neuromodulation Society, elect no more than six (6) officers and nine(9) Directors at Large, a total not to exceed (15) members of the Board of Directors.

Each member country **is entitled to one representative at the board. The president and past president are added as additional representatives on the Board. ~~will have no more than one national representative as Director at Large.~~**

A national representative is here defined as a candidate having the major part of his/her professional interest centered in the relevant member country.

Changes to NNS Bylaws 2019



7.7 TERM OF DIRECTORS

Each Director shall serve for a two (2) year term or until his successor has been elected and qualified or he/she is removed by a majority of the Active Members, with or without cause. **Directors may serve more than one term but no more than two consecutive terms.**

Changes to NNS Bylaws 2019



7.10 VACANCIES

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by **an eligible person elected by** the Board of Directors for the un-expired portion of the term. **If the vacancy concerns the President, the Board of Directors must fill the vacancy by an eligible person elected by the Board of Directors for the un-expired portion of the term.** Such a vacancy may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board of Directors, though less than a quorum.

If the action taken as result of unexpected vacancy means that one member country is represented by both the president *and* a board member, then the condition set in article 6.5 on equal member country representation may be suspended until the next for the un-expired portion of the term.

Changes to NNS Bylaws 2019



8.1 PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Board/Corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the day-to-day business and affairs of the Corporation.

The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

To be eligible for the position of President of the Nordic Neuromodulation Society, the candidate must conform with the criteria for membership of the Board of the International Neuromodulation Society.

Changes to NNS Bylaws



8.3 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The immediate Past President shall serve as an officer of the Corporation/Board for one term only and serve on the Executive Board. The immediate Past President shall facilitate ease of transfer of important Board information from one administration to another and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

NNS web page (nordicneuro.org)



- Links page: Suggestions welcome!
- Scientific Coordinator – Terje Kirketeig
- Forums: Down!
 - Revival?
 - May be replaced by INS forums (work in progress)



News from the INS 2020

- New INS Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy
- New President of the INS:
Marc Russo – Australia (from Sep. 2021)
- New Regional Directors-at-Large
On the INS Executive Council as non-voting members
May not hold another office simultaneously
 - Europe / Canada / Africa (Kaare Meier)
 - North America
 - South America
 - Asia / Australia

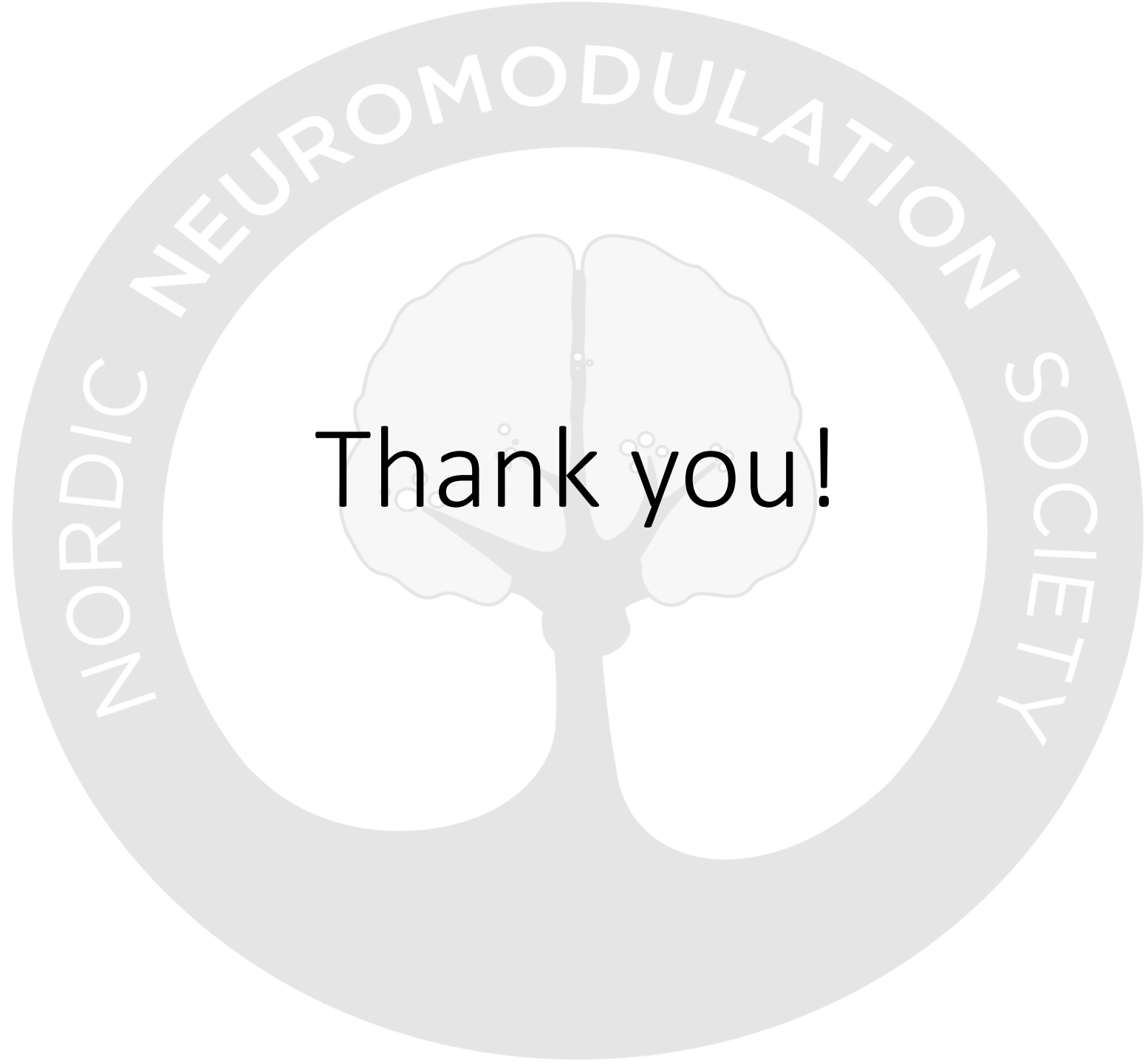
Upcoming INS meetings



A horizontal banner for the INS 15th World Congress. On the left, the "ins" logo is displayed in white and red, with "International Neuromodulation Society" written below it. To the right of the logo, a blue box contains the text "NEW DATES" in white. Below this, "INS 15th WORLD CONGRESS" is written in large white letters, followed by "21-26 MAY 2022, BARCELONA, SPAIN" in smaller white text. The right side of the banner features a blue background with a stylized neuron and a red light beam. The word "BARCELONA" is written in large, colorful letters (orange, yellow, green, blue) at the top right. Below it, the text "Neuromodulation: From Scientific Theory to Revolutionary Therapy" is written in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a small image of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona.

Next NNS Annual Meeting Finland / other business





Thank you!



2019 NNS meeting Aarhus–new concepts

- Longer meeting
 - 2 days, not 1½
 - Pre-meetings with parallel sessions
- Time
 - Thu-Fri, not Fri-Sat
- Venue
 - Commercial – congress center
- Content
 - Posters & flash talks
 - A more diverse program
 - For the future: Parallel sessions?