



The Swedish Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (SACTAI)

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Dear colleagues in the area of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia and Intensive Care,

Report from “**The set up meeting**” for **The Scandinavian Association for Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology and Intensive Care (SCACTAI)** during “*The First Joint Scandinavian Conference in Cardiothoracic Surgery*” in Stockholm in August 21, at the SATS 2009 Stockholm conference, Kistamässan.

Participants

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1. The chairman of the Swedish Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and Intensive care (SACTAI), Ewa Ahlgren opened the meeting and welcome all participants to this first assembly to discuss the idea of a Scandinavian cardiothoracic association.

Unfortunately no representatives from Denmark and Finland were present.

2. The invitation to this meeting was sent in June 2009 to cardiothoracic anaesthesiologists in all five Nordic countries. Due to lack of complete official registers we had some difficulties to reach all colleagues but many have already responded and support the idea. We have received positive reactions also from colleagues both in Finland and in Denmark.

3. The participants of the meeting supported the establishment of a Scandinavian Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (SCACTAI) with participation of all five Nordic countries. We have chosen to use the word “Scandinavian” in order to conform to the corresponding names for the association of surgeons and of perfusionists.

4. The establishment of SACTAI will promote cooperation, development and research among our colleagues in the Nordic countries.

Our speciality would follow the example of the Scandinavian cardiothoracic surgeons and perfusionists, who are already united in The Scandinavian Association for Thoracic Surgery (SATS) and in the Scandinavian Society for Extracorporeal Technology (SCANSECT) respectively.

SACTAI will ensure future joint meetings together with SATS and SCANSECT. This should strengthen the cooperation between cardiac anesthesiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and perfusionists within Scandinavia.

5. A working committee with representatives from the five Nordic countries should be established. This committee will draw up aims, bylaws, rules for membership and also suggest members for the directory board. The first meeting in the Scandinavian Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care will be held in Oslo on the 2nd joint meeting for Scandinavian Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiologists 26-28 August 2010.

6. Ewa Ahlgren thanked the colleagues for a fruitful discussion and valuable comments and closed the meeting.

Please contact Ewa Ahlgren, MD, PhD, Chairman of SACTAI (Ewa.Ahlgren@lio.se) for further information and contributing comments and ideas.

Ewa Ahlgren, Chairman SACTAI