

The 41<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting of the  
Scandinavian Sarcoma Group  
&  
The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Scandinavian Sarcoma Group  
for Nurses & Physiotherapists

May 22-24, 2024  
Gothenburg, Sweden



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## Conference venue

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Elite Park Avenue Hotel, Gothenburg

## Preface

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We wish all participants, external guests, and lecturers welcome to the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group 41<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, May 22-24, 2024! We are very happy to announce the participation of several excellent invited speakers both from the Nordic countries and abroad.

**The meeting will begin on Wednesday morning, May 22,** with a joint session with all participants focused on spinal and pelvic tumors. This first session will cover surgery, reconstruction, and instructive cases. The second session will have a special emphasis on radiotherapy. Hillevi Rylander, Head of the Skandion Clinic in Stockholm, will talk about Proton Beam therapy for sarcoma patients and Reiko Imai, from Japan, will talk about Carbon therapy. We hope that these lectures will be exciting and highlight new ways to treat sarcomas with radiotherapy.

Dario Callegaro from Milan, Italy, will then present a new study: Neoadjuvant treatment in high-risk STS of the extremities and superficial trunk.

The afternoon session will also be covering very important subjects where Florian Puls, pathologist at Gothenburg University Hospital, will talk about ALK-driven tumors, Felix Haglund de Flon, pathologist at Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm will talk about Whole Genome Sequencing and Nischalan Pillay, London, will talk about Pathology in sarcomas. The last speaker of the day, Claudia Valverde, GEIS, Spain, will talk about Immunotherapy in STS.

**On Thursday, May 23,** we will concentrate on Bone sarcomas and Emanuela Palmerini from Bologna will talk about Pelvic bone tumors. Furthermore, ongoing trials for sarcoma in children, Radiology and Biopsies as well as Desmoid tumors will be discussed. Winnette Van der Graaf and Piotr Rutkowski will talk about Medical treatment and Surgical treatment of desmoids. The last session of the day will focus on Circulation cell free DNA and finally Sylvie Bonvalot will talk about Surgical treatment in complex cases. The nurses- and physiotherapy program will focus on innovation, nurse consulting and rehabilitation when Quality of Life is the goal!

**On Friday, May 24**, researchers will present their ongoing and inspiring research projects. We will then have a special guest from Ukraine, Oleg Vyrva, who will talk about Oncoorthopedics at War in Ukraine. Furthermore, the nurses and physiotherapists will discuss how to treat adolescents and young adults at home. This last day will close with an interactive session with presentation of multidisciplinary cases.

We wish you an enjoyable and memorable stay in Gothenburg!

Christina Linder Stragliotto  
Chair of the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group

Lina Hansson  
Local coordinator for the meeting in Gothenburg

## Program responsible

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### **Next SSG meetings:**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting of the SSG, December 2-3, Malmö,  
The 42<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the SSG will be determined.

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# SSG Plenary Meeting

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## Wednesday May 22

08.00-09.00	Registration Exhibition/Poster stand & Coffee stations.
<b>09.00-17.30</b>	<b>Joint session with physicians, scientists, nurses and physiotherapists</b> Room: Banquette Hall 2+3
09.00	Welcome, introduction, and practical information. <i>C. Linder-Stragliotto, Stockholm</i>
09.15	The SSG: Past – Present – Future. <i>M. Eriksson, Lund</i>
09.45-10.00	Coffee break
<b>10.00-12.00</b>	<b>Session I: Spinal and pelvic tumors (part 1)</b> <i>Chair: D. Wennergren, Gothenburg,</i>
10.00	Surgery, reconstruction, instructive cases. <i>P. Bergh, Gothenburg, O. Brosjö, A. Hesla, Stockholm</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Spinal and pelvic tumors (part 2)</b> <i>Chair: L. Hansson, Gothenburg, B. Engelmann, Copenhagen</i>
13.00	Proton therapy for sarcoma patients – report from Skandion Clinic, Uppsala. <i>H. Rylander, Uppsala</i>
13.30	Carbon therapy. <i>R. Imai, Japan</i>
14.00	Neoadjuvant study in high-risk STS of the extremities and superficial trunk. <i>D. Callegaro, Milan, Italy</i>
14.30-15.00	Coffee break
<b>15.00-16.20</b>	<b>Session II: Molecular pathology and future technologies – Present trends (Part 1)</b> <i>Chairs: F. Puls, H. Fagman, Gothenburg</i>
15.00	ALK-driven tumors <i>F. Puls, Gothenburg</i>
15.20	Whole genome sequencing of sarcoma <i>F. Haglund de Flon, Stockholm</i>

15.50	Pathology <i>N. Pillay, London</i>
16.20-16.40	Coffee break
16.40-17.40	<b>Session II: Circulating free cell DNA in sarcoma and immunotherapy (Part 2)</b> <i>Chairs: A. Papakonstantinou, Stockholm, R. Löfvenberg, Umeå</i>
16.40	Cryo treatment <i>TBA</i>
17.00	Circulating cell free DNA <i>A. Ståhlberg, Gothenburg</i>
17.20	Oncology – Immunotherapy in STS <i>C. Valverde, GEIS, Spain</i>
19.00	Social program (see page 16)

Picture of Gothenburg from 1952





# SSG Plenary Meeting

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## Thursday May 23

08.00-09.00	Registration Exhibition/Poster stand & Coffee stations
09.00-16.00	<b>Session with physicians and scientists</b> Room: Banquette Hall 2+3
09.00-10.30	<b>Session III: Bone sarcoma</b> <i>Chairs: C. Linder-Stragliotto, Stockholm, C. Borgefors, Lund</i>
09.00	Osteogenic sarcoma. <i>F. Bäcklund, N. Herold, Stockholm</i>
09.45	Pelvic bone tumors. <i>E. Palmerini, Italy</i>
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00-12.00	<b>Session IV: Ongoing trials for sarcoma in children</b> <i>Chair: G. Österlundh, Gothenburg, J. Kanerva, Helsinki</i>
11.00	FaR-RMS and iEuro-Ewing. <i>G. Ljungman, Uppsala, T. Ek, Gothenburg</i>
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
13.00-14.00	<b>Session V: Radiology</b> <i>Chairs: K. Francis Andersen, Copenhagen, TBA</i>
13.00	CT-guided biopsies and intraoperative ultrasonic guidance. <i>K. Ghali Gataa, Gothenburg</i>
13.20	Fibroblast activator protein inhibitor (FAPI) PET. <i>K. Francis Andersen, Copenhagen</i>
13.40	Diffusion tract imaging of plexus tumors. <i>P. Szaro, Gothenburg</i>
14.00-16.30	<b>Session VI: Retroperitoneal and Desmoid tumors</b> <i>Chairs: S. Lindskog, M. Dahlén, Gothenburg</i>
14.00	Update on medical treatment options in desmoids. <i>W. Van der Graaf, The Netherlands</i>
14.30	To operate or not: Surgical considerations in desmoid tumors across anatomical sites. <i>P. Rutkowski, Poland</i>
15.00-15.20	<i>Coffee break</i>

- 15.20 Radiation-Based management strategies for desmoid and retroperitoneal tumors.  
*J. Engellau, Lund*
- 15.50 Surgery of retroperitoneal sarcoma.  
*S. Bonvalot, France*
- 18.00 Social program (see page 16)**

# SSG Plenary Meeting

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## Friday May 24

08.00-09.00	Registration Exhibition/Poster stand & Coffee stations.
09.00-15.15	<b>Joint session with physicians, scientists, nurses and physiotherapists</b> Room: Banquette Hall 2+3
09.00-10.30	<b>Session VIII: Projects (results and ongoing).</b> <i>Chair: M. Berndsen, Gothenburg, K. Boye, Oslo</i>
09.00	Protein expression correlated to the detection of circulating tumor DNA in Gastrointestinal stromal tumors. <i>M. Berndsen, Gothenburg</i>
09.15	PERELI study <i>H. Nyström, Lund</i>
09.30	Qualitative analysis of experiences of megaprosthesis infection <i>C. Berger, Gothenburg</i>
09.45	In-situ cryoblation of bone tumors using 3D-printer. <i>M. Farhang, Umeå</i>
10.00	Treatment monitoring of patients with sarcoma using patient-tailored circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) panels. <i>C. Vannas, Gothenburg</i>
10.15	TBA
10.30-10.45	Coffee break
10.45	Oncoorthopedics at War in Ukraine: Bone Defect Management. <i>O. Vyrva, Charkiv, Ukraine</i>
11.10-12.00	<b>Session IX: Information from the Nurses &amp; Physiotherapists</b> <i>Chair: A. Pettersson, Umeå</i>
11.10	There is no place like home. Treating adolescents and young adults with sarcoma at home. <i>H. Bøgseth, I.H. Sandven, Oslo</i>
11.30	Survivorship and rehabilitation research in musculoskeletal oncology. <i>S. Furtado, Stanmore, Middlesex, UK</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch

- 13.00-14.00**      **Presentation of multidisciplinary cases.**  
*Chairs: M. Ahlström, E. Styring, Lund*
- 14.00-14.15**      **Closing remarks and coffee!**  
*C. Linder-Stragliotto, SSG chair*

# SSG Nurses & physiotherapists

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## Thursday May 23

08.00-09.00	<b>Registration.</b> Exhibition/Poster stand & Coffee stations
08.20-15.30	<b>Joint session with nurses &amp; physiotherapists.</b> Room: Gothenburg 1 & 2
08.20	Welcome and logistics! <i>S. Næss, Oslo, A. Pettersson, Umeå</i>
08.30	SSG – Down the memory lane. <i>A. Pettersson, Umeå</i>
09.00-11.30	<b>Session I: Rehabilitation when “Quality of Life” is the goal.</b> <i>Chairs: S. Næss, Oslo, A. Pettersson, Umeå</i>
09.00	Ethical dilemmas. <i>C. Lundmark, Gothenburg</i>
09.30	Children as relatives to a sick patient. <i>M. Petersen, Copenhagen</i>
10.00	Rehabilitation of children and adolescence. <i>C. Rudberg, Stockholm</i>
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00	The difficult conversation. <i>K. Asklöf, Gothenburg</i>
11.30-13.00	<b>Session II: Sarcoma nursing in Scandinavia.</b> <i>Chair: M. Lia Johansen, Oslo, C. Rudberg, Stockholm</i>
11.30	Swedish contact nurse. <i>A. Pettersson, Umeå, E. Knutsson, M-L. Larsson, Gothenburg</i>
12.00	Report from a Danish nurse perspective. <i>S. Kirchoff-Christensen, Copenhagen</i>
12.30	What is a Nurse Navigator in children´s cancer care? <i>M. Wallström, U. Larsson, Gothenburg</i>
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>

<b>14.00-15.30</b>	<b>Session III: Innovation.</b> <i>Chairs: S. Kirchoff-Christensen, M. Petersen, Copenhagen</i>
14.00	Neo-STs. <i>K. Boye, I. Busterud, Oslo</i>
14.30	3D-print. <i>S. Sellevold, Oslo, TBA</i>
15.00	Quality of life in soft tissue sarcoma patients undergoing palliative treatment with Gemcitamin and Dacarbazine (DTIC). <i>S. Kirchoff-Christensen, Copenhagen</i>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Social program (see page 16)</b>

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## Social program

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Wednesday May 22

19.00      Dinner at the conference hotel



Thursday May 23

18.00      Paddan Kungssportsplatsen

19.00      Dinner at **River Restaurant on the Pier**





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