



Scand-LAS
48th Annual meeting
27 April, 2018
Kristiansand, Norway

Scand-LAS
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Annual Meeting 2018

The 48th annual meeting of Scandinavian Society for Laboratory Animal Science, (Scand-LAS) will take place **27th of April, 2017 at 16.00.**

Place: Clarion Hotel Ernst (Maxvolume), Rådhusgata 2, Kristiansand, Norway.

Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of chairman and secretary for the meeting
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Questions concerning notice of the meeting
5. Election of two scrutinizers of the minutes
6. Roll-call by country
7. Register of proxy votes
8. Change of bylaws
9. Presentation of the Board's report
10. Presentation of the Auditors' report
11. Acceptance of financial statement
12. Activity plans and budget for the subsequent period
13. Granting of authority for the Board for the remaining time in office
14. Election of President
15. Election of Board Members (including substitutes) from Norway and Sweden
16. Election of auditors and substitutes
17. Processing of proposals submitted to the Board no less than 8 weeks prior to the meeting
18. Processing of questions from the Board and the Accountant
19. Processing of questions arising during the meeting
20. Determination of membership fee for the coming year
21. Election of Nomination committees
22. Information from the Board
23. Announcement of the time and place of next meeting
24. Other proposals to be laid before the AGM
25. Closing of the meeting.

On behalf of the board

Klas Abelson

Scand-LAS
ANNUAL REPORT
The financial year 2017

The Board of Scandinavian Society for Laboratory Animal Science, Scand-LAS, hereby gives the statement of account for January 1st – December 31st, 2017.

THE BOARD

The Board had the following composition:

President	Klas Abelson, Denmark
Members	Stine Louise Hansen, Denmark David Arney, Estonia, Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola, Finland Siri Knudsen, Norway Anders Forslid, Sweden
Substitutes	Jakob le Fèvre Harslund, Denmark Toomas Tiirats, Estonia Anna Meller, Finland Joanna Godawa Stormark, Norway Elin Spangenberg, Sweden

There have been two regular Board meetings during the period. The inaugural meeting was held on 31/5 and the regular meetings 3/3 and 27/10 in 2017.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held on May 31st, 2017 at Hotel Scandic Copenhagen, Denmark.

There were 41 members with voting rights present representing 5 member countries.

The annual meeting elected as auditors and their substitutes to review the financial year 2017:

Regular	Ann-Christine Eklöf, Sweden Anders Thornell, Sweden
Substitutes	Otto Meyer, Denmark Satu Mering, Finland

ANNUAL FEE

The annual fee for 2017 has been €30.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination committee for 2017 consisted of the following members:

National nomination committees

- Estonia: Aavo Lang (chairman), Andres Aland, Heli Säre
- Denmark: Jann Hau (chairman), Jan Ottesen, Benedict Kjaergaard
- Finland: Kristiina Haasio (chairman), Niina Kemppinen, Brian Mphande
- Norway: Adrian Smith (chairman), Aurora Brønstad, Gerd Signe Salvesen
- Sweden: Katarina Cvek (chairman), Jörgen Jönsson, Åsa Holmberg.

Katarina Cvek was elected as a convener for the Nomination committee.

SECRETARIAT

The secretariat was situated in Stockholm and run by Pia Hägg Haraldson.

WEBMASTER AND WEBSITE

The Society has its own website with the address www.scandlas.org. The webmaster Jörgen Jönsson (Sweden) is responsible for running and updating the website.

NEWSLETTER

The Scand-LAS newsletter is issued in order to improve the quality and level of information and communication between the Scand-LAS Board and the Scand-LAS members.

Four newsletters were published in 2017. The editors of the newsletters was Siri Knudsen (Norway) until AGM 2017, when Stine Louise Hansen (Denmark) took over as editor for the newsletter. The newsletters have been e-mailed to all Scand-LAS members by Jörgen Jönsson. All members are very welcome to submit any news or relevant information for publication in the newsletter to either Denmark@scandlas.org or president@scandlas.org.

THE SOCIETY'S JOURNAL

Scandinavian Journal of Laboratory Animal Science is the official Journal of Scand-LAS:
<http://www.sjlas.org>

The editorial board has one member from each Scand-LAS country and the national editors are regularly replaced, one each year. Hanna-Marja Voipio (Finland) holds the position of the editor-in-chief and national editors were Klas Abelson (Denmark); Aavo Lang (Estonia); Emrah Yatkin (Finland); Gerit Pfuhl (Norway) and Patricia Hedenqvist (Sweden). Niina Kemppinen (Finland), worked as the Administrative Editor and Tinde Päivärinta (Finland), as the Designer.

Editorial board had one face-to-face meeting and the rest of the work was done by e-mail and via the Open Journal publishing system. At the beginning of 2017 Emrah Yatkin from the University of Turku replaced Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola (Finland). In 2018, a new editor from Sweden will be needed after Patricia's excellent work in the board.

Seven articles were published in the Volume 43 (2017). The number of the submissions was still low: of 40 submissions, six manuscripts were accepted for publication and four are still under review.

At the end of the year, SJLAS pages were hacked due to the insufficient security of the old version of OJS. This caused an unfortunate editorial brake lasting two months and delaying the process with the manuscripts. There are still problems to be solved with the updated version. This extra worked has delayed some other actions with the journal, like joining the DOI-numbering system.

Co-operation with sponsors and advertisers continued and currently we have eight contract sponsors.

The main challenge is tempting good quality submissions – we encourage all the members to submit their articles in our own journal. Potential sponsors will be actively contacted with nice sponsoring opportunities.

THE 47th ANNUAL MEETING 2017 IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Do we need Animal Experimentation?

It is with great pleasure we look back at the 47th Annual Scand-LAS 2017 Meeting in Copenhagen, which was held in Copenhagen the 30th May – 2nd June 2017.

The congress venue was Hotel Scandic Copenhagen, in the center of Copenhagen, in walking distance to main station and city centre.

The aim was to pursue the longstanding tradition of collaborative activities among professionals interested in animal experimentation and laboratory animal care.

As in the previous meetings we strived for the best qualified experts to take part in the conference.

We are happy to share some interesting numbers with you regarding the Scand-LAS 2017 congress.

478 participants attended the 47th Scand-LAS Congress

44 exhibitors had interesting booths/show rooms

8 workshops was conducted

111 abstracts were accepted (26 posters & 85 orals).

Highlights of the meeting:

The first key note speaker, the philosopher Peter Singer from Australia gave a thought provoking overview of dilemmas in animal experimentation, and afterwards there was a fruitful discussion between him, the Danish philosopher Mickey Gjerris, and the audience. The second key note speaker Jeff Mogil from Canada took the audience through the history of pain research with the lecture: "Ironic adventures in Translation".

The winning poster: Number P03: The International Culture of Care network, Thomas Berthelsen et al. with the following words from the poster committee: "The poster describes an innovative process in its early beginning. We are sure it will have impact on the Scandinavian Laboratory Animal society in the future and we are looking forward to hear about the progress on the Scand-LAS 2018 AGM (the price is a free registration for next year symposium). It is a very informative poster with a clear message and a nice layout".

Social program:

Welcome reception at University of Copenhagen with Nordic Tapas and a welcome speech by Hans Henrik Dietz, head of department of veterinary and animal science at the University of Copenhagen.

The traditional Exhibitors evening at the conference venue with an exciting competition/questionnaire with very nice prizes sponsored by the exhibitors.

Conference dinner at restaurant Nose2tail in the middle of the Copenhagen Distortion /street festival.

We believe that this meeting was a memorable experience for all of us, where everyone shared ideas, established interesting contacts and strengthened scientific collaboration, in the enjoyable atmosphere of Copenhagen!

Thank you all for participating. Hope to see you again in Norway in 2018.

Lene Bregnholt Larsen, Chair of the organizing committee 2017

LOCAL ACTIVITIES IN 2017

During 2017, Scand-LAS supported the following local activity with 1500 euro.

Symposium and workshop in systematic reviews and meta-analysis in animal studies arranged by the Aarhus university, department of clinical medicine, health, in Aarhus, Denmark, 6-7 April, 2017.

INFORMATION ON FELASA ACTIVITIES IN 2017

Scand-LAS is one of the biggest member associations in FELASA (Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations) and our role has been very active during the years. During 2017, two Scand-LAS members were part of the FELASA Executive Committee (EC) - Hanna-Marja Voipio served as president and Klas Abelson served as Honorary Treasurer. Siri Knudsen and Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola were the Scand-LAS representatives in the FELASA Board of Management (BoM).

The FELASA BoM met twice in 2016 and items between the meetings were processed by e-mail. Scand-LAS board and other Scand-LAS members have during the year commented on the working group documents as well as policy papers. All FELASA activities can be followed at the website www.felasa.eu.

The next FELASA triennial meeting will be held in Prague, Czech Republic 2019.

A key action of FELASA is working groups with current topics. The results of the groups are usually published in Laboratory Animals or on FELASAs website as FELASA recommendations. In 2017, Scand-LAS had representatives in the following active working groups:

Revision of guidelines for health monitoring of non-human primates

Scand-LAS representative is Mats Spångberg.

Severity: classification and statistical reporting

Scand-LAS representative is Hanna-Marja Voipio and Grete Østergaard.

Zebra fish: housing, husbandry and health monitoring recommendations

(A joint working group COST/FELASA.)

Scand-LAS representative is Susan Warner.

INFORMATION ON ICLAS ACTIVITIES IN 2017

Scand-LAS has been represented in ICLAS, International Council of Laboratory Animal Science, since the 1970's.

The aims of ICLAS are

- To promote and coordinate the development of Laboratory Animal Science throughout the world and particularly in developing countries
- To promote international collaboration in Laboratory Animal Science
- To promote quality definition and monitoring of Laboratory Animals
- To collect and disseminate information on Laboratory Animal Science
- To promote world-wide harmonization in the care and use of laboratory animals
- To promote the humane use of animals in research through recognition of ethical principles and scientific responsibilities
- To promote the '3R' tenets of Russell and Burch.

For information about ICLAS activities in 2017, please refer to <http://iclas.org>.

SCAND-LAS MEMBERS

In 2017 Scand-LAS had members in the following countries:

	2017
Denmark	153
Estonia	9
Finland	31
Greece	2
Hungary	1
India	1
Italy	1
Norway	75
Sweden	94
The Netherlands	2
Total	369

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CPD GRANTS

To facilitate participation in the Copenhagen conference, a total of 15 Scand-LAS scholarships of 650 euros each were given to the following members:

Mie Schou Berke, Denmark
Bettina Ditlevsen, Denmark
Sara Hesthave, Denmark
Heidi Thousgaard Jensen, Denmark
Indrek Heinla, Estonia
Paulina Chrusciel, Finland
Terhi Hiltula-Maisala, Finland
Maija Liisa Hoffren, Finland
Sakari Laaksonen, Finland
Malgorzata Major, Finland
Beata Paziewska, Finland
Gunilla Helmersson, Sweden
Sandra Olsson, Sweden
Peter Wickman, Sweden
Petra Wolbert, Sweden

Two Scand-LAS grants to Continuous Professional Development (CPD grants) of 1000 euros each were given in 2017. The CPD grant was founded to support members to participate in other activities for professional development.

The grantees were:

Anna-Lena Gustafsson, Sweden
(for participation in the AALAS conference in Austin, USA).

Irja Eggertsen, Sweden
(for participation in the AALAS conference in Austin, USA).

CLOSING REMARKS

The Scand-LAS year of 2017 was, as always, an eventful year. The Scandinavian Journal of Laboratory Animal Science continued to be improved and the editorial board is confident that the journal will continue to grow. A very successful conference was held in Copenhagen, with an impressive list of invited speakers, tremendous social networking and a good financial outcome.

Scand-LAS have at the moment three active working groups (WGs), one on Education and Professional Development (EPD) that was established already in 2012, one on Membership that was established during 2014, and one on Long-Term Financial Stability was established in 2016. The WGs continued to be active in 2017, discussed several ways of how we can attract more members to Scand-LAS, how we can make all members feel more engaged in the society's activities, and how we can make the membership even more attractive to all members, new as well as old ones. More attention is also being paid to our long term finances, and the WG for this is working on how we can secure our stability so that also future members can get use of all the benefits that come with the Scand-LAS membership.

Finally, the board would like to thank all members for making Scand-LAS the great society it is, and we look forward to future activities with great confidence and reassurance

Klas Abelson

Stine Louise Hansen

Anders Forslid

Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola

Siri Knudsen

David Arney

FINANCIAL REPORT, 2017

Currency Euro

Ingoing balance 2017-01-01		191 629
Revenues		
Membership fees	11 039	
SJLAS (The Journal)	300	
Scand-LAS Copenhagen	306 487	
Total Revenues	317 826	
Expenses		
The board (meetings/annual meeting)	9 123	
FELASA annual fee	2 795	
FELASA board travel costs	1 488	
ICLAS annual fee	339	
Scand-LAS Copenhagen	246 202	
Scand-LAS Norway 2018	624	
Scholarships	9 100	
CPD grants (Travel grants)	1 000	
Local activity support	1 419	
SJLAS (The Journal)	5 260	
Secretariat	4 976	
Office supplies	444	
Website	562	
Boards disposal	264	
Bank charges	467	
Total Expenses	284 062	
Result 2017		33 764
Outgoing balance 2017-12-31		225 393

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, signing auditors, appointed of Scand-LAS 47th ordinary Annual meeting in hotel Scandic Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 31st, 2017, will hereby give our Report.

The examination has been made of Annual Financial Report and Report of the Board of Scand-LAS Denmark / Estonia / Finland / Norway / Sweden Administration for year 2017. The Board is responsible for all financial reports and administration.

We have made examination of important decision and state of affairs in the association to estimate if any of the members of the board has made action against the Association statutory.

We found that the members of the Board have not made any action against the Associations statutory and we will therefore suggest the Annual meeting to adopt the report and accounts for year 2017.

Umeå, Sweden and Stockholm, Sweden in March 2018



Anders Thornell



Ann-Christine Eklöf

ACTIVITY PLAN 2018

Scand-LAS emphasises continuous education and training, co-operation between Scand-LAS member countries as well as other European countries, and exchange of knowledge and information in the field of laboratory science. All the members are encouraged to take part in Scand-LAS activities in their own country and in the other Scand-LAS countries.

1. Annual meeting and educational days

The Annual General Meeting and Educational Days 2018 will be held in Kristiansand, Norway April 26th – April 28th.

2. Scand-LAS secretariat

Scand-LAS secretariat is located in Stockholm and run by Pia Hägg Haraldson.

3. Scand-LAS working groups

Scand-LAS has three active working groups at the moment that will continue their work during 2017.

The Scand-LAS working group on education and professional development (WG-EPD) was established in autumn of 2012. The convener of the group in 2018 will be Siri Knudsen, and the members are Klas Abelson, Jakob le Fèvre Harslund, Anders Forslid, Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola, Toomas Tiirats and Hanna-Marja Voipio. The group is focusing on the continuous professional development and harmonisation of the education in the Scand-LAS member countries. In practice, the group aims to identify, initiate and coordinate education and CPD activities in Scand-LAS member countries.

The Scand-LAS working group on membership was established in 2014. The group is chaired by Elin Spangenberg, and the members are Klas Abelson, Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola and Jörgen Jönsson. This group is working on how to attract more members to Scand-LAS, and how to make the membership even more attractive to all members, new as well as old ones.

The Scand-LAS Working Group on long-term financial strategy was established in 2016, and shall work on a strategic plan for Scand-LAS future financial needs. The members are Klas Abelson, Anders Forslid and Pia Hägg Haraldson.

4. Awards, scholarships, local activity support and grants

Scholarships for attending Scand-LAS meetings

In 2018, 15 scholarships will be given, to support members to participate in the annual meeting. The amount of each scholarship is corresponding to the registration fee of the conference.

Local activity support

Local activity support can be applied for during the year, and several seminars and courses have been organised with the help of this support. Support is especially important considering the continuous education of those Scand-LAS members who are not able to participate in the annual symposium and educational days or prefer having education in their own language. Members in each country are encouraged to organise seminars and apply for the Scand-LAS support.

Grants for Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

The aim of the Scand-LAS CPD grant is to support a person's continuous education plans, and cover costs up to 1000 Euro e.g. for participating in a laboratory animal science meeting other than the Scand-LAS symposium, visiting a relevant institute or laboratory, taking a particular course or other education etc. The grant is open for applications from animal technicians, biomedical laboratory technicians, PhD students, postgraduate junior scientists and non-scientific personnel such as facility managers and veterinarians.

5. Information channels

Scand-LAS website www.scandlas.org is under continuous improvement by the webmaster together with the board. Members are encouraged to visit the website regularly to keep in touch with Scand-LAS daily life. Members are also encouraged to contribute. Feel free to send ideas for the pages; tell what is missing and needed there, and send information about the local activities in your own country.

Scand-LAS newsletter is published regularly, with approximately four issues per year. The newsletter is an easy way to give short news and current activities.

To publish items on the website or in the newsletter, contact webmaster@scandlas.org or your national board representative.

6. Scandinavian Journal of Laboratory Animal Science

The Journal is now fully functioning again, and can be accessed at www.sjlas.org. The Editorial Board are still working with improving the submission system and publishing system and attracting more sponsors in order to re-establish the confidence in the Journal, and make it an attractive alternative for scientists to publish their work in laboratory animal science.

7. International connections

Scand-LAS has close relationships to many international organisations. In FELASA, Scand-LAS is one of the largest associations, and our representatives in FELASA's board of management and executive committee are actively spreading and gathering information for FELASA purposes.

During 2018, Siri Knudsen and Ulla-Marjut Jaakkola are the Scand-LAS representatives in the Board of Management. Scand-LAS is also very well represented in the Executive Committee: Hanna-Marja Voipio is serving as President and Klas Abelson is serving as Honorary Treasurer.

FELASA is an important organisation in many matters of laboratory animal science in Europe, and due to its many collaborations and liaisons with other organisations, FELASA plays an important role in the implementation of the Directive 2010/63/EU. Several working groups are working with recommendations which will be updated to follow the renewed Directive.

Scand-LAS has been a member of ICLAS since the 70's. However, Scand-LAS is no longer represented in the governing board.

On behalf of the Scand-LAS board,

Klas Abelson

President

BUDGET proposal for 2018

Currency Euro

Ingoing balance 2018-01-01		225 393
Revenues		
Membership fees	11 000	
Donations	150	
Scand-LAS Norway 2018	192 685	
SJLAS (The Journal)	5 000	
Bank interest	10	
Total Revenues	208 845	
Expenses		
The board (meetings/annual meeting)	11 000	
FELASA annual fee	2 950	
FELASA board travel costs	2 000	
ICLAS annual fee	340	
Scand-LAS Norway 2018	172 092	
Scholarships	10 500	
CPD grants	5 000	
Local activity support	5 000	
Working groups	200	
SJLAS (The Journal)	5 000	
Secretariat	5 000	
Office supplies	500	
Website	1 000	
Boards disposal	500	
Bank charges	500	
Total Expenses	221 582	
Result 2018		-12 737
Outgoing balance 2018-12-31		212 656

ELECTIONS

Suggestion from the Nomination Committee for Scand-LAS governing board members and substitutes year 2018.

This year 2018 the annual meeting should elect board members and substitutes from Norway and Sweden.

The Nomination committee suggests:

Scand-LAS president:

Klas Abelson

Norway:

Joanna Godawa Stormark	Ordinary board member
Siv Eggen	Substitute

Sweden:

Anders Forslid	Ordinary board member
Madeleine Le Grevés	Substitute

Auditors:

Anders Thornell, Sweden	Ordinary
Ann-Christine Eklöf, Sweden	Ordinary
Satu Mering, Finland	Substitute
Vacant	Substitute

Date: Huddinge, Sweden in March, 2018
Katarina Cvek
Convener of the Nomination Committee

**SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE -
Scand-LAS**

LETTER OF ATTORNEY

PROXY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2018

Hereby I give proxy to

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**to use my right to vote, at the annual meeting of Scand-LAS in
Kristiansand, Norway, April 27th, 2018.**

(Your name)

_____ **2018**
(Date)

Witnessing: _____

N.B. Members are only allowed to have one proxy beside his/hers own vote.