



**Scand-LAS**  
**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022**  
**Marseille, France**

**Scand-LAS**  
**SUMMONS / AGENDA**  
**2022-06-15**

**Annual General Meeting 2022**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Scandinavian Society for Laboratory Animal Science (Scand-LAS) will take place the **15<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 at 12.45 CET.**

**Place:** Marseille Chanot Exhibition and Convention Centre, address: Round Point du Prado, level 1 (entrance level), room Sormiou (<https://www.felasa2022.eu/congress-venue/>)

**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. Presentation of the Board's report for 2021
9. Presentation of the Auditors' report for 2021
10. Acceptance of financial statement for 2021
11. Granting of authority for the Board for the remaining time in office
12. Activity plans and budget for the subsequent period
13. Election of President
14. Election of Board Members (including substitutes) from Norway and Sweden for the accounting year 2023 and 2024
15. Election of Board Member (extraordinary) from Denmark for the accounting year 2022 and 2023
16. Election of auditors and substitutes for the accounting year 2023
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 for the accounting year 2023
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

Siri Knudsen

# **Scand-LAS**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **The financial year 2021**

The Board of Scandinavian Society for Laboratory Animal Science, Scand-LAS, hereby gives the statement of account for January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

#### **THE BOARD**

The Board had the following composition:

President	Siri Knudsen, Norway
Members	Maria Mathilde Haugaard, Denmark David Arney, Estonia, Anna Meller, Finland Joanna Godawa Stormark, Norway Madeleine Le Grevés, Sweden
Substitutes	Trine Marie Ahlman Gladher, Denmark Marianna Školnaja, Estonia Satu Mering, Finland Siv Eggen, Norway Anders Forslid, Sweden

The inaugural meeting was held 11/2.

There have been four regular Board meetings during the period held 9/4, 14/6, 23/8 and 19/10 in 2021. All meetings were digital.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting was held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, online via Zoom.

There was 20 members with voting rights present representing 5 member countries.

The auditors and their substitutes elected to review the financial year 2021 were:

Regular	Ann-Christine Eklöf, Sweden Anders Thornell, Sweden
Substitutes	Hanna Miettinen, Finland Solveig Tjäder, Sweden

#### **ANNUAL FEE**

The annual fee for 2021 has been €30.

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The Nomination committee for 2021 consisted of the following members:

National nomination committees

- Denmark: Lene Bregnholt Larsen (chairman), Kristine Øvlisen, Peter Vestbjerg
- Estonia: Aavo Lang (chairman), Andres Aland, Heli Säre
- Finland: Emra Yatkin (chairman), Niina Kemppinen, Brian Mphande
- Norway: Adrian Smith (chairman), Aurora Brønstad, Hege Haraldsen
- Sweden: Viveca Hillegaard (chairman), Sara Lundqvist, Kristina Edwardsson, Jörgen Jönsson

Lene Bregnholt Larsen was 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 <https://www.scandlas.org>.  
The webmaster Jörgen Jönsson (Sweden) is responsible for running and updating the website.

## **NEWSLETTER**

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

Two newsletters were published in 2021. The editor of the newsletter was Joanna Godawa Stormark. The newsletters were distributed to the 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 [secretary@scandlas.org](mailto:secretary@scandlas.org) or [president@scandlas.org](mailto: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 journal is an open access journal.

The editorial board has one member from each Scand-LAS country. Hanna-Marja Voipio (Finland) held the position of the editor-in-chief. The national editors were Klas Abelson (Denmark); Aavo Lang (Estonia); Emrah Yarkin (Finland), Siri Knudsen (Norway), and Elin Manell (Sweden). Niina Kemppinen (Finland) was the Administrative Editor and Tinde Päiväranta (Finland) the Designer. The editorial board worked through e-mail and in the Open Journal publishing system. The board met once in 2021 in connection with the Tallin conference.

Seven articles were published in the Volume 47 (2021). There were altogether 30 new submissions of which four were accepted for publication in 2021, and some remained under the review process. Most of rejected manuscripts were outside the scope of our journal.

The SJLAS website is regularly updated, and more information was given to the authors and reviewers. The application to PubMed was withdrawn due to technical issues that indexing our articles through PubMed Central would have caused and we started the application process for MEDLINE.

Co-operation with sponsors and advertisers continued, and we had seven contract sponsors. Due to another year with corona pandemic, possibilities to search for new sponsors was demanding.

The main challenge is to attract good quality submissions – we encourage all Scand-LAS members to submit their articles in our own journal.

## **THE 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING 2021**

The meeting took place from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Tallinn, Estonia, after two postponements (May 2020 to April 2021 and April 2021 to November 2021) due to Covid19. In 2020 we had about 220 possible participants by March (well before the deadline for registration), but over 100 cancelled their participation and were refunded. The exhibition space was sold very early in 2020, but due to postponement many companies did not pay their bills as they were not allowed to travel to Estonia in 2021.

The meeting took place at the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds.

There were 195 participants, including exhibitors and there were 41 invited speakers, four of them presented online. Details may be found at the website of the meeting: [www.scandlas2021.ee](http://www.scandlas2021.ee) Twenty-seven exhibitors exhibited, all in a single space. Space allocations ranged from 3 to 32 sq M, and these were all occupied.

The economic result was at “break-even” (+71.96 €). Without COVID, the number of participants would likely have been about 10-20% higher as well as the number of exhibitors and sponsors.

The expenses for changing the venue and reorganising the event, day-to-day interactions with cancellations and reimbursements, losses from 2020 are not included, as these costs were covered by state funding.

In case we had not managed to organise Scand-LAS onsite in 2021, these expenses would not have been covered.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND CPD GRANTS**

In 2021, no new Scholarships and Scand-LAS Continuing Professional Development (CPD) grants were given. Nine scholarships granted in 2020 for participation in the Annual conference in Tallinn was transferred to 2021 due to the Covid-19 related postponing of the conference.

## **LOCAL ACTIVITIES IN 2021**

Karolinska Institutet was organizing 10 webinars during August-December 2021 supported by Scand-LAS. The webinars were directed to all persons working with laboratory animals and included topics in ethics, animal welfare and the 3Rs.

## **WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

The Board decided to close the Working Group (WG) on membership recruitment and rather organize this work as a task directly under the Board.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee for Education and Training (ET Committee) was revised and adopted by the Board in 2021. This included the scope, composition, appointment/terms of office for committee members, as well as organization, reporting, and budget.

To ensure continuity in the ET Committee, the Board decided that 3 of the current members (Hanna-Marja Voipio, Klas Abelson and Toomas Tiirats) should serve for the next period. A call for two new members was announced in November. Prioritized tasks for the ET Committee include making recommendations for education and training that are particular relevant for the Scand-LAS member countries, and to initiate CPD activities for animal technicians.

A new WG was established under the ET Committee on “Recommendations for education and training for wildlife field research”. The task of this Working group is to formulate recommendations for basic education and training for personnel that will conduct wildlife field research. Field research on the following groups of wild animals should be included: amphibians, reptiles, birds, and terrestrial and marine mammals. A call for nomination of members to this WG was published in November 2021 and the WG will be operational from 2022 to 2024.

## **INFORMATION ON FELASA ACTIVITIES IN 2021**

The meetings (extraordinary and annual general meetings, now called General Assemblies) of the FELASA board were all attended by either, or both of, David Arney and Joanna Stormark. These meetings were all online. The most significant change to report is that FELASA is now longer based in the UK, but has transferred its site of registration to Brussels. This is largely a bureaucratic change only and is not expected to affect the operation and functions of FELASA.

The President-elect of FELASA is Professor Klas Abelson, who was the previous President of Scand-LAS.

The next FELASA meeting (following the Marseilles meeting this year), will be in Athens. This will be organized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

FELASA has a new website which can be found here: <https://felasa.eu/> We are now able to advertise any scholarships on the FELASA website if we wish to do so.

The Turkish laboratory animal science society, LASA-Turkey, has resigned its membership of FELASA, and the Russian one has suspended its membership, albeit temporarily it is hoped.

Scand-LAS has approved strengthening FELASA connections with the EC.

Current working groups (WG) are on a range of topics listed below:

The following WGs include Scand-LAS members as conveners or working group members: Rehoming of animals used for scientific and educational purposes, Methods of Humane killing of laboratory fish, Harmonization of education, training and CPD for laboratory animal caretakers and technicians and Blood sampling of rodents.

The following WGs do not include Scand-LAS members: Welfare and health management of laboratory dogs, cats and ferrets, Transport of laboratory animals, Severity classification in zebrafish and their larvae, Role of the designated veterinarian, Pain management in zebrafish, Pain management in mice, Methodology for Health Monitoring of mice maintained in IVCs, Health monitoring for fish in research, Health & welfare management of the Equine Species in research and education, Health & welfare management of laboratory chickens, Experimental design in education and training, Capture and transport of cephalopods and Anesthesia and Analgesia in calves, goats, sheep and pigs for biomedical research.

So, while the contribution of Scand-LAS to some of the working groups is applauded, members are encouraged to become engaged in the new working groups that will be opened next year.

FELASA working group reports are planned to be published in the MDPI journal “Animals” (previously these were published in the journal “Laboratory Animals”).

## INFORMATION ON ICLAS ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Scand-LAS has continued its liaison with ICLAS and disseminated information about ICLAS activities to Scand-LAS members.

For information about ICLAS activities, please visit <http://iclas.org>.

## SCAND-LAS MEMBERS

In 2021 Scand-LAS had members in the following countries:

	<b>2021</b>
Denmark	115
Estonia	8
Finland	28
Great Britain	2
Greece	1
Hungary	1
Iceland	1
India	1
Italy	1
Norway	43
Sweden	62
The Netherlands	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Scand-LAS year of 2021 was, as 2020, still affected by the pandemic. The annual conference in Tallinn, Estonia was yet again postponed from spring to November 2021. The AGM was held as an online meeting in September due to the uncertainties related to the pandemic situation.

To the great joy of all, and not at least due to the great efforts of the organizing committee, it finally was possible to organize the Scand-LAS annual conference in Tallin, Estonia from 2-4 November 2021. The conference was a success both scientifically and socially. The value of finally being able to again see each other in person cannot be overrated.

The financial situation of Scand-LAS is solid, which enables the society to continue to organize and support educational activities.

The number of members was 264 in 2021 (270/2021; 285/2019) indicating a rather stable situation considering the pandemic and repeated postponing of our annual meeting and restrictions on other activities. The Board will continue to work for increasing the number of members.

Finally, the board would like to thank the members for their contribution and support in 2021 and encourage all to be active and bring forward ideas for the further development of the society.

Siri Knudsen

Maria Mathilde Haugaard

Madeleine Le Grevés

Anna Meller

Joanna Godawa Stormark

David Arney

## FINANCIAL REPORT, 2021

Currency Euro

<b>Ingoing balance 2021-01-01</b>		<b>227 713</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership fees	8 325	
Scand-LAS Estonia	193 813	
SJLAS (The Journal)	2 950	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>205 088</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
The board (meetings/annual meeting)	3 521	
FELASA annual fee	2 650	
FELASA board travel costs	0	
ICLAS annual fee	371	
Scand-LAS Estonia	193 741	
SJLAS (The Journal)	4 921	
Scholarships	6 800	
Local activity support	1 500	
Secretariat	5 000	
Office supplies	391	
Website	633	
Boards disposal	197	
Bank charges	628	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>220 353</b>	
<b>Result 2021</b>		<b>-15 265</b>
<b>Outgoing balance 2021-12-31</b>		<b>212 448</b>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, signing auditors, appointed of Scand-LAS 49<sup>th</sup> ordinary Annual meeting via Zoom, June 12, 2020, 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 2021. The Board is responsible for all financial reports and administration.

We have made examination of important decisions 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 2021.

Umeå and Stockholm, Sweden in May 2022



Anders Thornell



Ann-Christine Eklöf

## **ACTIVITY PLAN 2022**

Scand-LAS will continue to focus on 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**

As, 2022 is the year of the FELASA-conferences there is no Scand-LAS conference.

The Annual General Meeting in 2022 are scheduled to 15 June, at the FELASA conference, Marseille.

### **2. Scand-LAS secretariat**

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

### **3. Scand-LAS working groups and committees**

The ET-Committee will be supplemented with two additional members in 2021 following the nomination call made in November 2021.

The ET-Committee will select members to the WG on Recommendation for education and training for wildlife researchers following the call made in November 2021 and the WG will start its work before summer 2022.

### **4. Awards, scholarships, grants and local activity support**

#### *Scholarships for attending Scand-LAS meetings*

No scholarship will be granted in 2022 as it is FELASA conference in Marseille.

#### *Grants for Continuing 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. In 2022, the board has budgeted with 10 CPD grants à 1000 Euros each.

#### *Local activity support*

Local activity support can be applied for organising seminars, workshops, or courses in one of the Scand-LAS countries. Support is especially important considering the continuing 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.

## **5. Information channels**

Scand-LAS website [www.scandlas.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@scandlas.org) or your national board representative.

Scand-LAS is also present on social media, with member groups on Facebook and LinkedIn.

## **6. Scandinavian Journal of Laboratory Animal Science**

The Journal can be accessed at [www.sjlas.org](http://www.sjlas.org). The Editorial Board are still working with improving the submission system and publishing system and attracting more sponsors to 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 2022, David Arney and Joanna Stormark are the Scand-LAS representatives in the Board of Management.

The President-elect of FELASA is Professor Klas Abelson, who was the previous President of Scand-LAS.

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 expert working groups are working with recommendations on several aspects of laboratory animal science.

Scand-LAS is also a member of ICLAS and will continue disseminate information on ICLAS-activities to our members.

On behalf of the Scand-LAS board,

Siri Knudsen  
President

## BUDGET proposal for 2022

Currency Euro

<b>Ingoing balance 2022-01-01</b>		<b>212 448</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership fees	9 000	
Donations	100	
SJLAS (The Journal)	5 000	
Bank interest	10	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14 110</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
The board (meetings/annual meeting)	20 000	
FELASA annual fee	2 530	
FELASA board travel costs	2 000	
ICLAS annual fee	379	
Scand-LAS Sweden 2023	1 000	
CPD grants	10 000	
Local activity support	3 000	
Working groups	2 000	
SJLAS (The Journal)	5 000	
Secretariat	5 000	
Office supplies	500	
Website	1 000	
Boards disposal	500	
Bank charges	500	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>53 409</b>	
<b>Result 2022</b>		<b>- 39 299</b>
<b>Outgoing balance 2022-12-31</b>		<b>173 149</b>

## **ELECTIONS**

Suggestion from the Nomination Committee for Scand-LAS governing board members and substitutes for the accounting years 2023 and 2024.

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

The Nomination committee suggests:

Election of president: Sir Knudsen (NO)

### **Norway:**

Joanna Godawa Stormark	Ordinary board member
Siv Eggen	Substitute

### **Sweden:**

Madeleine Le Grevés	Ordinary board member
Katarina Cvek	Substitute

The annual meeting should also elect extraordinary board member from Denmark for the **accounting year 2022 and 2023**.

The Nomination committee suggests:

### **Denmark:**

Cathrine Bundgaard	Extraordinary board member
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### **Auditors for the accounting year 2022:**

Ann-Christine Eklöf (SE)	Ordinary
Hanna Miettinen (FIN)	Ordinary
Preben Leonhardt (DK)	Substitute
Åsa Holmberg (SE)	Substitute

National nomination committees for 2022:

Denmark:

Lene Bregnholt Larsen, Peter Vestbjerg

Estonia:

Andres Aland, Aavo Lang

Finland:

Niina Kemppinen, Brian Mhpande, Emrah Yarkin

Norway:

Adrian Smith, Aurora Brønstad, Hege Haraldsen

Sweden:

Kristina Edvardsson, Sara Lysén, Jörgen Jönsson

Convenor for the Nomination Committee:

Lene Bregnholt Larsen

Date: Copenhagen, Denmark, in May 2022

Lene Bregnholt Larsen

Convener of the Nomination Committee

**SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE -  
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**LETTER OF ATTORNEY**

**PROXY FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**

**Hereby I give proxy to**

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**to use my right to vote, at the annual meeting of Scand-LAS, 15 June 2022.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Your name)**

\_\_\_\_\_2022  
**(Date)**

**Witnessing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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