

Minutes from the General Assembly

Agenda

Election of Moderator and Minute-Taker

Carina Rosenberg was elected as minute-taker.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been distributed in due time and was approved without comments.

2. Chairperson's Report (Anja Bille Bohn)

A summary of the society's activities in 2024 was presented.

- We began 2024 with an in-person board meeting at Ferring, where we set the theme for the April 2024 DSFCM meeting and outlined the framework for NFCM2025.
- In April, we held the 70th meeting on *Immunology* at DTU:
 - The event featured keynote speaker Oliver Burton and five Danish speakers.
 - It was a great success, with 98 registered participants for the day and 32 attending the evening event.
- In November, we hosted the 71st meeting on *Cell Sorting* at Aarhus University:
 - For this meeting, we invited Andy Ridell from the Francis Crick Institute to give a lecture and share his extensive experience in a second session.
 - There were 85 registered participants. However, many did not show up, and we had a significant surplus of food.
As a result, we have decided to introduce a no-show fee going forward. Participation in the meetings is free of charge for both members and non-members, and the no-show fee will help cover costs from absent registrants.
 - 33 participants attended the evening event.
- Due to preparations for NFCM2025, we have met online more frequently than usual.
- Among other important decisions, we have agreed to introduce name badges at future meetings, following a request from our corporate members.
- We currently have 86 members in DSFCM, 15 of which are corporate memberships. Please help us spread the word about NFCM2025!

3. Nordic Flow Cytometry Meeting (NFCM2025)

The final program for NFCM2025 is now available. The deadline for PhD student registration was May 1st, 2025, and the abstract submission deadline was May 4th, 2025. A total of 28 PhD students have registered, which is significantly fewer than the expected 80. This may be due to the selected dates (August 20–22), which many students noted fall during their summer holidays. The dates were chosen because we are able to use rooms at the Panum Institute free of charge before the academic term begins. Submitted abstracts will be distributed to reviewers this week.

4. Accounts for 2024 (Charlotte Petersen)

- Our meetings are relatively expensive – the expense is mainly for catering and we are lucky to have about 90 participants for each meeting. Networking dinner is offered for members of the society and about 30 signs up for this at each meeting. We have used 1836 DKK more than we received in income. All in all, the accounts for 2024 balances.
- 70th meeting (DTU, Copenhagen): Invited speaker Oliver Burton, high attendance, food accounted for most of the expenses.

- 71st meeting (Aarhus): Focused on cell sorting with speaker Andy Ridell; catering was the main expense. Travel costs for Andy Ridell were covered by the Danish Medical Association.
- The accounts were approved by the two auditors: Sune Keidser-Nilsson and Oriane Cédile.
- No comments for the accounts.

5. Budget for 2025 (Charlotte Petersen)

A total of 75,000 DKK has been earmarked for expenses related to NFCM2025. This will in part be used for travel expenses as each Nordic society is responsible for covering travel costs for two invited speakers. Depending on the number of participants at the meeting, will this expense be either higher or lower. We do anticipate to use a part of our savings for this meeting. Usual budget items include board meetings, account fees, and website maintenance. Estimated income from interest and membership fees remains unchanged, with additional sponsorship support expected to total 30,000 DKK. The Danish Medical Association has already granted 10,000 DKK in support (this grant can be applied for once annually). Applications to the Helga and Peter Korning Foundation were declined, while a response from the Carlsberg Foundation is pending. The expected financial result for 2025 is a deficit of 18,950 DKK. No comments for the budget.

6. Election of Board Members

Charlotte C. Petersen and Carina A. Rosenberg are up for re-elected. Anja B. Bohn steps down in accordance with the bylaws. Two candidates ran for election as board members: Gelo Dela Cruz and Rajesh Somasundaram. The elected board members were: Charlotte C. Petersen, Carina A. Rosenberg, and Gelo Dela Cruz. Anja will continue her work until NFCM2025 has been completed.

7. Election of Alternates

Elected: Rajesh Somasundaram and Nikita Yeuk Hung Wu.

8. Election of Auditors

Elected: Oriane Cédile and Nikita Yeuk Hung Wu.

9. Incoming Proposals

A suggestion was made to consider future topics that might appeal to bioinformaticians, given the increasing relevance of algorithms in flow cytometry (e.g., clustering, dimensionality reduction, spectral unmixing).

10. Upcoming Meetings

NFCM2025.

11. Any Other Business

No further points were raised.