

SSAI Webinar: The COVID-19 pandemic: How do we cope, and how do we move forward?

Wednesday, June 16th, 2021, 12 PM – 4 PM (GMT +1)

Dear colleagues!

The Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (SSAI) has arranged biennial conferences for many years, and the next one was planned to take place in Oslo June 16th – 18th 2021. Due to the COVID pandemic this congress has been postponed for one year and will take place in Oslo June 8th – 10th 2022. **Save the new dates!**

On June 16th this year, the start date for the original congress, we will arrange a Webinar from 12 noon to 4 PM. The webinar will be free of charge. All are welcome to join the webinar, SSAI members as well as physicians and other health care personnel from any country.

The theme of the Webinar will be: **The COVID-19 pandemic: How do we cope, and how do we move forward?** The focus will be on our specialty as anaesthesiologists and intensivists since we have had major challenges during the last year. Indeed, many health care workers have died or become severely ill, others have suffered from an extreme overload of work.

Topics that will be discussed:

- **Experiences with handling Covid-19 patients in the ICU and intermediary care units.** Colleagues from each of the Nordic countries and one from Great Britain will discuss this. These colleagues have been highly involved in the treatment of COVID-19 patients and will share their experiences and challenges. We will also get insight into numbers of patients treated in each country and the outcome.
- **Research and treatment modalities during the pandemic:** We have seen small and low-quality studies giving rise to extensive use of for instance hydroxychloroquine and other drugs in the beginning of the pandemic, but also rapid establishment of large, randomized clinical trials with high quality research (WHO Solidarity, REMAP-CAP) guiding us to a research-based approach to treatment.
- **How did we cope?** Studies on how health care personnel have tackled the pandemic will be presented, and preventive measures discussed.
- **Learned lessons from this pandemic to be better prepared for the next.** Discussion panel with intensive care specialists and Health Authorities.

Speakers/faculty

- Francois Lamontagne
MD, Professor
Centre Intégré Universitaire de Santé et de Services Sociaux – Estrie in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada
Chair of the BMJ/WHO living COVID-19 guideline and major role in several multicenter ICU trials
- Kathy Rowan
Professor
Director/Clinical Trials Unit Director/Interim Head of Clinical Audit
Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC), London, UK
Major role in REMAP-CAP studies
- Anders Tegnell
MD
State epidemiologist, Public Health Agency of Sweden, Stockholm, Sweden
- Espen Rostrup Nakstad (NOR)
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- Sten Rubertsson
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- Tero Varpula
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- Martin Ingi Sigurdsson
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Session	Theme	Speaker
12.00 – 12.10	Wellcome session Tor Inge Tønnessen	
12.10 – 1.35	Experiences with handling COVID-19 patients in the ICU and intermediary care units	
	Denmark	Steffen Christensen
	Finland	Tero Varpula
	Iceland	Martin Ingi Sigurdsson
	Norway	Jon H Laake
	Sweden	Michelle Chew
	UK	Kathy Rowan
1.35 – 2.45	Research and treatment modalities during the pandemic	
	COVID ARDS: Pathophysiology and treatment modalities	Bodil Steen Pedersen
	WHO solidarity studies	Andreas Barratt-Due
	REMAP-CAP studies	Kathy Rowan
	Pre-hospital management of COVID-19, inter-hospital transfers and preparedness and resilience for future pandemics	Svein Are Osbakk
	Developing guidelines for COVID-19	Francois Lamontagne
2.45 – 3.00	How did we cope? Studies on how health care personnel have tackled the pandemic	
	Studies on health personnel	Kristina Bondjers
3.00 – 4.00	Learned lessons from this pandemic to be better prepared for the next	
	Panel discussion	
		Anders Tegnell
		Espen Rostrup Nakstad
		Francois Lamontagne
		Sten Rubertsson

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On behalf of the program committee SSAI 2021/2022

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