**Dystonia Europe General Assembly 2022**

Dystonia Europe held its 29th Annual General Assembly on 20 May at Hotel Scandic Copenhagen in Copenhagen, Denmark. It was a wonderful reunion for many of the DE members who had not met face-to-face since London 2019.

A total of 27 participants from 13 member associations participated. Dystonia Europe President Adam Kalinowski welcomed all and then everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

There was a new member application from a recently founded dystonia patient association in Slovenia. After the founder and President Tedy Grbec had presented the organization the members all approved the membership. It is exciting to see Dystonia Europe growing and there is now 23 member organisations from 20 countries in Europe.

The members also approved to keep the membership fee at € 100 per year.

There were neither re-election nor election to the board. The current board consists of:

President Adam Kalinowski, Poland  
Vice President Edwige Ponseel, France  
Treasurer Sissel Buskerud, Norway  
Secretary Gill Ainsley, UK  
Board Member Catalina Cranic, Romania  
Board Member Jukka Finland

Staff members are: Executive Director Monika Benson from Sweden and Operations Manager Merete Avery from Norway.   
Paid consultants are: IT developer Eelco Uytterhoewen , The Netherlands, and Social Media Specialist Amanda Benson, US.

Due to new regulations of the Belgian law for non-profit organizations work is being done to update the Dystonia Europe statutes accordingly. Information about this work will be sent out to members beginning of autumn.

As usual Monika presented the work of the organization for the past year. All of this can also be read in the Annual Report 2021.   
Sissel presented the Annual Accounts 2021 which showed a positive result. The Budget for 2022 was also approved buy the delegates.

Dystonia Europe IT Advisor Eelco Uytterhoeven was connected via Zoom and gave a presentation on the latest developments of MyDystonia 2.0. The plan is to promote the App in the coming months and the next step will be to translate into other languages.

Monika shared some of the plans for the upcoming Dystonia Awareness month next September, and how we will work on sharing dystonia facts, inspirational quotes and dystonia testimonies throughout the month. More information on what we plan to do on page .  
  
Next year it is the 30th Anniversary of Dystonia Europe. This will take place in Dublin alongside the International Dystonia Symposium 1-3 June.   
Hope to see as many members as possible there.

*Monika Benson  
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