

# Scandinavian Society for Cell Toxicology

Founded in 1983

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## **2015 yearly report (from 1st January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015)**

*The aim of SSCT is to promote the development of in vitro cytotoxicology in the Nordic countries and also to create possibilities for informal communication among in vitro cytotoxicologists. This can be achieved by arranging conferences and scientific lectures. The society finds it desirable to reduce the use of animal testing.*

§1. The board consisted of Tuula Heinonen (FIN, chairman), Henrik Appelgren (SWE), Johanna Dennbo (SWE), Kathrin Zeller (SWE, secretary), Anna Forsby (SWE, treasurer), Line Mathiesen (DEN), and Riina Sarkanen (FIN). Cecilica Clemedson (SWE) and Hanna Tähti (FIN) acted as auditors. Hanna Tähti (FIN) and Erik Walum (SWE) acted in the election committee.

§2. Following board meetings were kept

- 150121, conference call meeting
- 150313, conference call meeting
- 150505, conference call meeting
- 150604, conference call meeting
- 150819, conference call meeting
- 150929, conference call meeting
- 151013 General Assembly in Bommersvik
- 160107 Last meeting of the 2015 board, conference call meeting

§3. Financial situation

The balance 31.12.2015 was 38664,98 SEK (4 187,24 EUR).

The account numbers are:

IBAN: SE9280000832799249627291

BIC: SWEDSESS

Bank: Swedbank AB, Värmdö (Sweden) Name: Skandinaviska celltoxikologiska säll (Anna Forsby; Prästfjärdsvägen 103, 13950 Värmdö)

Bankgiro: 588-9332 (for payment within Sweden)

§4. Members

The member list contains 89 members of which 9 are honorary members.

§5. The main task of the SSCT during the financial year was the preparation of the 30<sup>th</sup> SSCT workshop to be held in Bommersvik Järna, in Sweden on 13-15 of October 2015, together with the Swedish Toxicology Sciences Research Center, Swetox.

The theme of the workshop was "Mechanisms, markers and models – the 3M strategy in risk assessment. Responsible for the organisation was Swetox. Special thanks are addressed to Anna Forsby, treasurer of SSCT, a key organiser from Swetox. Practically no financial support was needed from the society. The workshop with ca 65 participants was a success also scientifically. New scientific data was presented and the session of young scientists orally presenting their research work was very interesting and appreciated. That type of approach is highly recommended to be included into future workshops.

One of the most interesting talks was given by the Björn Ekwall Memorial award winner of 2015, Professor Michael Balls, on his pioneering work in promoting animal welfare and alternatives to animal testing ([www.bemf.se](http://www.bemf.se)). The award and introductory lecture were given by professor Ada Kolman, the president of BEMF. The summary of the workshop is found on the SSCT web page.

§6. The annual general meeting was organised in the same location as the workshop i.e.

Bommersvik Järna, on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5 pm. The number of participants was 10. The new board for 2016 was elected and it constitutes of Tuula Heinonen (FIN), Anna Forsby (SWE), Anne-Marie Vinggaard (DEN), Riina Sarkanen (FIN), Olavi Pelkonen (FIN), Johanna Dennbo (SWE), Malin Linstedt (SWE) and Kathrin Zeller (SWE).

§7. The web page was updated during the year by Kathrin Zeller and Johanna Dennbo. SSCT facebook was updated by Line Mathiesen. The SSCT-brochure was updated.