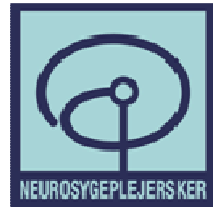


## **Danish Association of Neuroscience Nurses (DANN)**



### **Danish president's report April 2017**

The Danish Association of Neuroscience Nurses has had a good year. We have been working continuously with development and supporting the neuroscience nursing field. We are approximately 214 members of the various neurospecialties - broad-based from surgery, intensive and general neurology departments and neurosurgical as well as the rehabilitation departments. The challenge is, none the less, how to maintain the current number of members and to continue the increase of new members.

DANN conducted the 4<sup>th</sup> National Neuroscience Conference in May 2016, where the focus was to present the development and research in Neuroscience Nursing in Denmark. In all 144 nurses participated with a broad representation from all specialties within neuroscience and discussed the most recent development and research in Neuroscience Nursing. The aim was dissemination of knowledge in Denmark and inspiration to cooperation between departments, sectors, and different parts in the country. It was two inspiring and rewarding days, where networking across neuroscience nursing took place. One of the keynote speakers, Nursing professor Marit Kirkevold from Norway delivered a brilliant presentation.

DANN is currently in the process of organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> National Neuroscience Conference in May 2018.

We are also organizing a theme day on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 where approximately 100 members are participating. The title of the day is: "Where are we right now and where are we going? – within five Neuroscience specialties"

Representatives from the DANN are in various councils under the Danish Nursing Society (DASYS). The DANN has commented on several hearing statements and continuing recommended nurses to various working groups. The DANN Board divides tasks and we try to get our network involved in various working groups under the different committees.

We still have The Education group, which is set up with representatives from all parts of the Neuro-specialty, which discusses the skills and training to the neurological nurse.

The DANN now only have one focus group left within the specialty Sclerosis. The Parkinson's disease focus group decided to break up last autumn.

### **Our focus forward:**

The website and Facebook site are essential to communicate with our members and need to be maintained continuously. This also maybe can help to increase the number of members.

We will continue to organize seminars on relevant issues which focuses on specific areas within neuroscience nursing and be active in the professional and political agenda.

Strengthen the working relations within the EANN & WFNN

In September 2017 the WFNN organizes the 12<sup>th</sup> quadrennial congress in Opatija, Croatia, and again the DANN Board will be present and active.

**The board of the DANN are:**

Vivi Nielsen, Chairman

Ann-Sophi Jappe, Vice chairman

Tanja Hyldahl, Treasurer

Ole Abildgaard, International representative

Jan Barasinski Pedersen, Boardmember

Dorte Aldershvile, Secretary

Furthermore, Ingrid Poulsen, Research Director at the Department of Highly Specialized Neuro-Rehabilitation, Ph.D in Nursing, is Vice President at EANN.

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DANNs Facebook-site: <https://www.facebook.com/Fagligt-Selskab-for-NeuroSygeplejersker-362008747284939/>

On the behalf of the Danish Association of Neuroscience Nurses

Vivi Nielsen, Chairman