DASTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Tuesday the 30th of June 2026 from 12:00 – 13:30.

Minutes by Charlotte Nørholm.

Election of a director for the GA:
Henriette Langstrup.

The Board of Directors' report:
Lars Bo Andersen gives an account from the retiring board (2024-2026). The report will be also be made available on the website.

The DASTS Board organized working groups.

- *Events and conferences:*
    - DASTS2024 @DTU
    - NOSTS @ Stockholm
    - There is a need to establish a Nordic coordinating group for conferences across the Nordic countries.
- *Early Career Researchers:*
    - ECR held a workshop @Aarhus University, May, 2025. The workshop was organized as an PhD course but open to ECR at different stages. The workshop included an academic and a social program.
    - There is a wish for making new events for ECR.
- *STS Encounters:*
    - Publication rates last 2-3-years: 9807 article downloads, 127 average downloads per article.
    - STS Encounters has moved to Tidsskrift.dk. The editors are working to integrate into publication systems, e.g. indexing.
    - Peter Danholt encourages participants to submit articles for the journal.
- *Outreach and communication:*
    - Communication strategy to "Making Danish STS work visible"
      Three tiers: 1) existing members, 2) potential members (create awareness of DASTS, STS Encounters, outreach through different channels), 3) beyond STS – wider interest public (increase visibility as a form of thinking in public debates). The strategy has not been realized yet.

Approval of financial account

There is nothing to approve, as DASTS is a money-free association.

Proposals from members to be voted upon/discussed

There are no proposals from the members.

Decision on membership fee

Not relevant for DASTS.

Election for the board of directors

- There are three new candidates for the election:
  - **Asbjørn Malthe Pedersen, AU**
  - **Mie Seest Dam, KU**
  - **Ask Greve Johansen, ITU**
- There five previous candidates rerunning for election:
  - **Torben Elgaard Jensen, AAU**
  - **Simy Kaur Gahoonia, ITU**
  - **Lars Bo Andersen, KP**
  - Peter Danholt, AU (withdrawn)
  - **Frederik Vejlin, AU**

The candidates are given the opportunity to explain why they should be elected.

Peter Danholt decides to withdraw from election to the board, preferring to take on the role of deputy. Consequently, there is no need to vote, as there are now seven candidates for election, and all candidates are elected for the board (peace election).

Deputies: (no limit)

- Peter Danholt, AU
- Sophie Nyborg, DTU
- Christopher Gad, ITU
- Kasper Ostrowski, AU
- Mie Winther, RUC
- Kalle Kusk, AU

Election of accountant

Not relevant.

Open discussion

Thought and input for communication strategy:

- Torben Elgaard Jensen: There is a disagreement about the communication strategy, especially in terms of tier 3, as Torben believes it is a professional organization, and DASTS should not take part in public debate as a united voice arguing in political discussions. People should engage in public debates as private individuals rather than on behalf of the organization.
- Ask Greve Johansen: Ask is inviting for a discussion about this issue, where to draw the line or how to balance.
- Klaus Høyer: Professional association is about establishing a community, and he discourages the aim to reach further out to a wider community, because it might remove focus from the community. He finds it is still important to discuss the issue and perhaps engage actively in public hearing etc. if it is about ensuring our interests as a professional society.
- Christopher Gad: DASTS is already doing a great job, and new avenues such as a LinkedIn profile requires a lot of work.

Future conference

- Claus Bossen asks when and where the next conference is held.
- Lars Bo Andersen: It is currently undecided. The board will reach out to potential hosts for the next conference, and they will vote. There are special considerations to have in mind, as there are two conferences that must be organized within short time span, both DASTS2028 and NOSTS2029 (Denmark).