

Application for board member role (Please complete all sections)

Full name:	Bigitte Hysse Forchhammer
Name of member stroke support organisation:	Hjernesagen/ The Danish Stroke Association
Position held in member stroke support organisation:	Scientific consultant
Country of member stroke support organisation:	Denmark

What contribution do you hope to make to SAFE and the stroke patient community as a member of the board?

I hope to contribute to the implementation of The European Action plan for Stroke and to SAFE's work on Life after Stroke. Building on my background in science I hope to be able to help strengthening the knowledge background on LAS.

Please select any of the following where you have a specific expertise that would be useful to the board.

Accounting	
Communications	x
Education and Training	x
Fundraising	x
Governance	x
Human Resources	
Public Affairs	x
Research	x
Strategy	x
Other	

What personal expertise and professional strengths will you bring to SAFE and the stroke community? Mention any relevant experience.

I am MSc and Ph.D. in neuropsychologist and have worked more than thirty years in general neurology and stroke. I have extensive experience in management and fundraising. As a researcher I have published numerous books and articles, and I am an experienced scientific and public communicator. Throughout my entire career I have been active as a volunteer in the Danish SSO. From 2019 to 2025 I served as CEO in The Danish Stroke Association and got valuable experience in working close together with stroke survivors and their families. From my work as CEO, I have extensive experience in political strategy, fundraising, national and international policy making.

How would your election to the SAFE board benefit your organisation?

The Danish Stroke Association has a long tradition of participating in international cooperation and considers SAFE to be an important European partner when it comes to improving conditions for people living with stroke. SAFE provides our SSO with very valuable knowledge about developments in other European countries and provides us access to influence policy development in Europe.

I confirm that the information contained in this application is correct, and that neither me, or my organisation, have been subject to any financial/legal or other such investigations in the past 12 months.

Signature:



Date:

March 31st 2025

Once completed, this form, along with a recent curriculum vitae and the letter of nomination should be sent to the SAFE Secretariat at info@safestroke.eu by a **member of the board of the organisation** (not the applicant). Your CV will be shared with SAFE members as part of

the election process. Please ensure that you remove all personal information, such as phone number, date of birth and address from the CV.

LETTER OF NOMINATION

FOR THE ELECTION OF STROKE ALLIANCE FOR EUROPE BOARD MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 JUNE 2025

Name of the SAFE member organisation: Hjernesagen / The Danish Stroke Association

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The Danish Stroke Association, would like to nominate Birgitte Hysse Forchhammer as a member of the Board of the Stroke Alliance for Europe.

I attach the board member application form and current curriculum vitae as requested.

Signed: Anne Hertz

Signature:



Position on the board of the nominating organisation:

Date: April 24th 1925

Email: anne@hjernesagen.dk

CV for Birgitte Hysse Forchhammer

Personal data:

Birgitte Hysse Forchhammer

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Education:

1986 MSc in Psychology, University of Copenhagen, Dept. of Psychology

1995 Ph.D., University of Copenhagen, Dept. of Psychology

2002 Specialist in neuropsychology

Positions:

2002 - Head of Neuropsychology at Copenhagen University Hospital, Rigshospitalet.

2008 - 2019 Associated Professor at the Department of Clinical Medicine

2019 - 2025 Hjernesagen - CEO

2025 - Scientific consultant

Academic awards and honors:

HelseFonden's Thesis Prize 2009, Hjernesagen's Honorary Award in 2012, The Gerry Cormier Communicative Access Award in 2017, together with the communication team at Rigshospitalet., Honorary Reward from The Danish Neuropsychological Association, 2018, Honorary Award from The Danish Society for Neurorehabilitation 2021.

Scientific focus areas:

She has worked in the field of neurorehabilitation as a clinician and clinical researcher for over 30 years and contributed to several books and papers in a range of areas including stroke, neurorehabilitation, use of assistive technologies in rehabilitation, young and young adults with ABI, user involvement and psychosocial consequences of ABI. She is member of the board in the Danish Stroke Society and in The Danish Society of Neurorehabilitation member of the scientific advisory board in the user organization Hjernesagen.

Supervision of PhD students and postdocs:

Principal supervisor: 3 Ph.D. students, clinical supervisor: 4 Pd.D. students.

Management experience:

Head of a team of 15 neuropsychologist and Speech and Language therapists since 1995. In 2013 she received a grant of 30 million from the Danish Ministry of Health to study the effect of neurorehabilitation on young adults with ABI and was project manager for an additional interdisciplinary staff of 10 from 2013 to 2018. From 2009 to 2011 she chaired a national working group established by the Danish Ministry of Health. The purpose of the group was to produce a Medical Technology Assessment of the effect of neurorehabilitation. From 2019 CEO Hjernesagen/ The Danish Stroke Association. Today she has retired but work part time as scientific consultant in The Danish Stroke Association.