The **S**wedish **A**ssociation for
Cardio**T**horacic **A**naesthesiology and **I**ntensive Care

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Dear colleagues in the field of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia and Intensive Care,

The Swedish Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and Intensive care (SACTAI) would like to invite you to set up **The Scandinavian Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (SCACTAI)** during *"The First Joint Scandinavian Conference in Cardiothoracic Surgery"* in Stockholm in August 20-22, 2009.

- This new association for all the Scandinavian societies for cardiothoracic anaesthesiology and intensive care is intended to promote cooperation, development, and research among our colleagues.
- Thus, our speciality would follow the example of the Scandinavian cardiothoracic surgeons and perfusionists, who are already united in The Scandinavian Association for Thoracic Surgery (SATS) and in The Scandinavian Society for Extracorporeal Technology (SCANSECT) respectively.
- The establishment of **SCACTAI** could ensure future joint meetings together with SATS and SCANSECT. This should strengthen the cooperation between cardiac anaesthesio-logists, cardiothoracic surgeons, and pefusioninst within Scandinavia.
- We welcome participation from all five Nordic countries. However, we have chosen to use the word "Scandinavian" in order to conform to the corresponding names for the associations of surgeons and of perfusionists.

The set-up meeting for **SCACTAI** will be held at the SATS 2009 Stockholm conference, Kistamässan, **August 21, 13.00-14.00.** The exact venue will be announced on site.

Please contact Ewa Ahlgren, MD, PhD, Chairman of SACTAI (Ewa.Ahlgren@lio.se) to register for he founding meeting or for further information.

More information on the SATS conference and registration at http://www.sats2009.org.

We hope to see you in Stockholm!

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