

## **Country Report EOA 2022**

### **Stomiforeningen COPA**

The last 2 years the COVID-19 pandemic has been the cause of limited level of activity for the ostomy association COPA, both on national and local basis.

In the spring of 2020 again, the activities were partly resumed, however with a limited number of participants. On national basis we succeeded in arranging a summer stay, week-end stay and a week-end seminar for the voluntary consultants and members of the committees. The parents' group in COPA had to cancel all their arrangements. It was a pity for the children, as they in 2020 were unable to meet for a pleasant time together with their friends in COPA.

2021 became luckily an almost normal year with events and activities for all groups in COPA – both local, and national, for the family group, the young people and the COPA volunteers.

The Danish government subsidized in the summer of 2021 the associations activities with a generous economic support for all associations, in order to offer favorable prices for their members to visit museums, attend lectures, participate in excursions and visit restaurants.

The purpose of the support was to revitalize the event industry. Many COPA members came due to this on bus excursions around in the country.

### **WOD and 70 years anniversary.**

The World Ostomy Day 2021 was celebrated on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> September in connection with the 70 years anniversary of our association.

The ostomy association in Denmark is the worlds oldest patient association for patients with an ostomy. The association was founded in August 1951.

Our association has for many years had a stable number of members of around 3,500 of which 400 are supportive members.

It was a theme day with information about ostomy operations, ostomy care, furthermore a lecture about a project concerning help for ostomy patients in Nepal. Our member of honor a royal actress talked about her life with ostomy, and there was an exposition about the development of ostomy aids through 60 years. All manufactures and suppliers of ostomy aids had manned sales pitches.

In the evening COPA held a banquet with music and dance. COPA had invited guests from the Nordic countries and the EOA committee.

Our member magazine is published 6 times yearly. All the magazines since no. 1 can be read on our home page. We have two home pages: [copa.dk](http://copa.dk) and [stomiguident.dk](http://stomiguident.dk), the latter is specially targeted for the youth. The COPA face book group has more than 3,500 members.

There are 16 local branches and interest groups such as Youths, Parents, Urostomy and Familiar Adenomatoses Polyposis also called FAP.

COPA has a secretariat with a full-time employer. The board has 6 members including the elected president, and in the executive committee all the chairmen from the local branches and from the interest's groups have a seat.

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