

NSFS poster at IRPA-14 in South Africa

At the international IRPA conference in South Africa in May 2016, NSFS presented its history and work in a [poster](#).

This was part of the celebration of IRPA's 50th Anniversary, where all Associate Societies had been given the opportunity to present themselves to share their experiences and challenges and to facilitate cooperation and communication.



Introduction

The North Society for Simulation Research (NSFS) was established in 1994 at the initiative of guidance staff Robert. He arranged the first meeting, which included presenters in various countries from all the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). Already the same year the society became a member of IRPA (the International Simulation Research Association) the first general meeting took place in Helsinki/Finland in 1996. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 20 years.

Good practices

The first Nordic meeting all together had a wide range of activities and sessions (posters and professional working) there. In each country there are sub-groups of people that have a possibility to visit and learn under the NSFS. Each country could be successful to carry out multidisciplinary networking and conferences, but the NSFS has been able to provide a forum for them.

The paper for translation of the Swedish 'Stichtingsordning' (The history of simulation, education and multidisciplinary practice) from the Swedish into English has been carried out successfully. This means work consisted of two books:

- Part 1. Swedish text. The book before World War II, 104 pages
- Part 2. The Story of Denmark. The NSFS, 104 pages
- Part 3. The History of Sweden 1940 - 1990, 110 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Sweden 1991 - 1995, 104 pages



~Rolf Slevner, 1994

Challenges

The NSFS has been using a web page for delivering information. Nevertheless and potential members could have using social media. Improving communication should be one of the priorities to activate members of the society to enhance opportunities for networking.

The society is not well known among professionals using education in medicine. During the next four years for society it will be introduced in Nordic and national professional societies on the fields of medical use of education.

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Sponsoring for young members of the society should be but not developed so that more young members could participate in the activities as organized by NSFS.