

# 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 Nordic Society for Radiation Protection was established in 1949 at the initiative of guidelines that followed. It arranged the first meeting, which included present active in radiation protection in all the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). Already the same year the society became a member of IRPA (the International Radiation Protection Association) the first general meeting took place in Helsinki in 1950. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 65 years.

**Good practices**

The first Nordic meeting all together had a wide range of activities and modern presentation and professional working at them. In each country there are sub-groups of people that have a possibility to visit and learn under the NSFS. Each country would be successful to carry out multidisciplinary networking and conferences, but the NSFS can help to provide a forum for them.

The paper for translation of the Swedish 'Strålnings- och skyddsutredningens samfundshistoria' (The history of radiation, radiology and radiological protection from its early times). English has been translated and successfully. This massive work consisted of four books:

- Part 1. Radiation Dos: The first Nordic World War II, 104 pages
- Part 2. The Shield of Uranium: The NSFS, 104 pages
- Part 3. The Labour of Uranium: 1940 - 1945, 110 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Uranium: 1945 - 1950, 104 pages

The NSFS appointed a Project Committee to arrange and organize the translation and to assist the translators with advice on technical terms, and maintaining quality control functions. The chair of the Committee is Dr. Gösta M. The translated volumes will be available for most free from education from the web. Hand copy versions will be provided on request through print-on-demand. The funds were provided by the NSFS, Nordic Nuclear Safety Research, the first Nordic regulatory authorities, and IRPA.

**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 radiation in medicine. During the next four years for society it will be introduced to Nordic and national professional societies on the field of medical use of radiation.

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

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**Rolf Siewert, 1964**