

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 guidance staff in Sweden. It arranged the first meeting, which included present advice in radiation protection in terms of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). Already in the same year the society became a member of IRPA (the International Radiation Protection Association) the first general meeting took place in Helsinki/Finland in 1950. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 65 years.

Good practices

The four Nordic countries all regularly host a wide range of activities and national courses and professional working in them. In each country there are voluntary of groups 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 has been able to provide a forum for this.

The project for translating of the Swedish "Strålnings- och skyddsutredningens utvärdering av strålningsdosimetri" ("The history of radiation, radon, and radiological protection from the early 1900s. English has been translated and successfully. This massive work consisted of four books:

- Part 1. Radiation Dos. The book before World War II, 314 pages
- Part 2. The Shield of Danes. The book, 364 pages
- Part 3. The Labour of Hercules 1940 - 1950, 170 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Sweden. 1951 - 1955, 354 pages

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 in Nordic and national professional societies on the field of medical use of radiation.

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Sponsoring for young members of the society should be but be developed so that more young members could participate in the activities organized by NSFS.



Rolf Siewert, 1964