

# 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 David. 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 in 1995. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 20 years.

**Good practices**

The first Nordic countries all regularly have a wide range of education and training courses and professionals working in them. In each country there are voluntary 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 paper for translation of the Lundin's "Sixth Sense" and other research on early child development (The history of education, education and multidisciplinary practices from the child care) English has been carried out successfully. This research work consisted of four books:

- Part 1. Education Day: The first Nordic World War II, 104 pages
- Part 2. The Sound of Denmark: The NSFS, 104 pages
- Part 3. The Labour of Hercules 1990 - 2010, 110 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Sweden: 1971 - 1990, 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 Inge Gøtzon. The translated volumes will be available for most free time starting from the web. Hand copy versions will be provided on request through print-on-demand. The funds were provided by the NSFS, Nordic Society for Health 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 education 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 education.

**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 Slevner, 1964**