

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 and future members from 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 members present and professionals working at them. In each country there are sub-groups of people that have a possibility to meet and form 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 translating of the Swedish "Strålnings- och skyddsfrågor" (The history of radiation, radiology and radiological protection from its early days) English has been carried out 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 Denmark. The NSFS, 104 pages
- Part 3. The Labour of Hercules 1949 - 1950, 110 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Sweden. 1951 - 1955, 104 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.

Contact details

The board of the NSFS in 2016-2018:
Björn By, president of the NSFS, bjorn@nordisk.org
Birgitta Johansson, secretary of the NSFS bjorn@nordisk.org
The NSFS Facebook: www.facebook.com/nordisk

Denmark: Inger Holm, Jens Sjøgaard Hansen and Hanne N. Sørensen
Finland: Teija Hämäläinen, Mikko Kolehmainen and Riku Toivola
Iceland: Alína Guðjónsdóttir, Guðni Árnason and Mally ÞR. Ólafsdóttir
Norway: Øystein Skjerve, Marit Solberg and William Stenwig
Sweden: Christian Gustafsson, Maria Gustafsson and Peter Nilsson
Society's webpage: www.nordisk.org

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.



Rolf Siewert, 1964