

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 Radiation Protection was established in 1964 at the initiative of guidance staff Sverre. He 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 1966 in Stockholm in 1966. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 50 years.

Good practices

The four Nordic countries all regularly have a wide range of activities and regular joint (two 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 paper for translating of the Swedish 'Stichtingsordning' (The history of radiation, education and multidisciplinary practice) from the Swedish into English has been carried out successfully. This means work consisted of four books:

- Part 1. Radiation Dos: The first Nordic Nord 2, 114 pages
- Part 2. The Shield of Danes: The NSFS, 164 pages
- Part 3. The Labour of Hercules 1966 - 2016, 110 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Sweden: 1967 - 2016, 164 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 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 radiation.

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Rolf Sverre, 1964