

## Introduction

The Nordic Society for Radiation Protection was established on June 10<sup>th</sup> 1964 at the initiative of professor Rolf Sievert. He arranged the first meeting, which included persons active in radiation protection 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 (conference) was held in Stockholm in 1966. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 50 years.

## Good practices

The five Nordic countries all together have a wide range of radiation and nuclear practices and professionals working at them. In each country there are sub-critical groups that have a possibility to unite and form under the NSFS. Each country would be too small to carry out multidisciplinary networking and conferences, but the NSFS has been able to provide a forum for that.

The project for translating of Bo Lindell's "Strålningens, radioaktivitetens och strålskyddets historia" (The history of radiation, radioactivity, and radiological protection) from Swedish into English has been carried out successfully. This massive work consisted of four books:

- Part 1, Pandora's Box. The time before World War II, 354 pages
- Part 2, The Sword of Damocles. The 1940's, 564 pages
- Part 3, The Labours of Hercules. 1950 - 1966, 770 pages
- Part 4, The Toil of Sisyphus. 1967 - 1999+, 951 pages

The NSFS appointed a Project Committee to initiate 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 Jack Valentin. The translated volumes will be available for cost-free downloading from the web. Hard-copy versions will be provided at cost price through print-on-demand. The funds were provided by the NSFS, Nordic Nuclear Safety Research, the five Nordic regulatory authorities, and IRPA.

## Challenges

The NSFS has been using a web page for delivering information, however young and potential members would favor using social media. Improving communication should be one of the priorities to activate members of the society to enhance possibilities for networking.

The society is not well known among professionals using radiation in medicine. During the next four years the society will be introduced to Nordic and national professional societies on the field of medical use of radiation.

Sponsorship for young members of the society should be further developed so that more young members could participate in the conferences organized by NSFS.

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