

# 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 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 in the same year the society became a member of IRPA (the International Radiation Protection Association) the first general meeting took place in Helsinki in 1966. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 50 years.

**Good practices**

The first Nordic countries all regularly have a wide range of activities and regular joint (cross and professional) working in them. In each country there are sub-groups of people 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 often has ability to provide a forum for them.

The project for translation of the Swedish "Strålnings- och skyddsutredningens utvärdering av utbildningsmetoder" ("The history of radiation, education and radiological protection from its early days. 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 Denmark. The book, 364 pages
- Part 3. The Labour of Hercules 1940 - 1944, 170 pages
- Part 4. The Fall of Sweden. 1947 - 1950, 364 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 updated content. The chair of the Committee is Jens Odén. The translated volumes will be available for most free from education from the web. Hand copy versions will be provided on request through print-on-demand. The funds were provided by the NSFS, Nordic Nuclear Safety 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 is still be introduced to Nordic and national professional societies on the fields of medical use of radiation.

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

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**Rolf Siewert, 1964**