

# 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 April 2012 at the initiative of guidance staff Robert. He arranged the first meeting, which included presenters from all the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). Already the same year the society became a member of IRPA (the International Research Professional Association). The first general meeting took place in September 2013. NSFS is a viable society, which has been able to arrange regular meetings for over 3 years.

**Good practices**

The first Nordic meeting all together had a wide range of activities and sessions (presentations and professional working) there. In each country there are sub-groups of people that have a possibility to meet and learn 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 translation of the Swedish 'Sjukhusen' national newspaper are available online. 'The history of simulation, education and multidisciplinary practice' has been translated into English. This means work consisted of two books:

- Part 1. *Simulation Day: The first Nordic World War II*, 114 pages
- Part 2. *The Sound of Thunder: The NSFS*, 104 pages
- Part 3. *The Labours of Hercules 1940 - 2016*, 110 pages
- Part 4. *The Fall of Sweden: 1947 - 1950*, 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 education in medicine. During the next four years for society is still be introduced to Nordic and national professional societies on the field of medical use of simulation.

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**Rolf Slevner, 1964**