



Nordic Society for Radiation Protection

Strategic Plan 2023-2027

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Purpose

According to the statutes, NSFS is dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge and experience on protection against and safety for ionizing and non-ionizing radiation. To this purpose NSFS arranges meetings with presentations and discussions on scientific as well as practical issues, and takes other actions which are clearly in line with this goal.

This Strategic Plan sets out the vision, objectives and action plan over the next four years. The Strategic Plan will be a living document, regularly reviewed and revised based on progress made on commitments and tasks.

Vision

NSFS aims to be recognised as an independent professional organisation for the development and dissemination of radiological protection. Radiation protection encompasses science, culture and practice, and all these aspects are of importance, requiring a wide range of skills and knowledge within the society.

NSFS is a professional society and aims to be an independent voice in all professional matters relating to radiation protection in the Nordic countries and also to provide support and knowledge internationally.

NSFS must continue to be independent of all political parties and agendas, and resistant to undue pressure from other organisations and industries, etc. Through independence NSFS can provide trusted opinions and advice on radiation protection.

Objectives

The overall objectives of NSFS is

- to promote, advance and disseminate knowledge of radiation protection
- to encourage, support and advance education and learning in radiation protection
- to promote high professional standards for the benefit of the public, and
- to arrange seminars and meetings valuable for the development of professionals

Our members work to support the safety aspects of the uses of both ionising and non-ionising radiations in education and research, in medicine, industry, decommissioning and waste management, and defence. Members also work in businesses that involve exposure to naturally occurring radioactive material including radon.

Action plan

- To increase the activity and visibility of NSFS
- To increase the number of members in NSFS
- To be a financially stable and sustainable society

The current members of NSFS have in general been members for a long time. Very few new members have been registered during the last years. Thus, the mean age of the members has increased and many young professionals working with radiation protection are most probably not aware of the existence of NSFS.

Furthermore, NSFS is not any longer well-known by all national radiation protection authorities and other authorities related to radiation issues, and there are nowadays few members from these authorities. A similar situation is also found for other areas, such as the universities and hospitals.

NSFS must be more visible among the governments, radiation protection authorities, radiation protection professionals and community in the Nordic countries and internationally.

By increasing the visibility of NSFS and also the activity among the members, it would be possible to increase the number of members from all areas of radiation protection.

NSFS is a professional learned society, and membership is the backbone of the organisation. NSFS wants to attract and retain members with different background, expertise, experience and at all career stages. The society needs to attract and involve younger professionals in NSFS activities.

With a higher number of members, and increased activity and fund raising, NSFS would be more financially stable, and thus enable support of more activities.

NSFS wants to increase its support to the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) and Associate Societies of IRPA. NSFS also wants to interact more with the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) and other organisations active in radiation protection.