

General Assembly 2016

**National Annual Report 2015/16 from  
the Nordic Conservation Association – Norway**

**[Nordisk Konservator Forbund – Norge (NKF-N)]**

**Period**

National Annual Report includes the work of the Executive Committee of the Nordic Conservation Association for the period of 24th of April 2015 (general assembly 2015) till 8th of April 2016 (general assembly 2016)

**Executive Committee**

Chairman	Vigdis Vingelsgaard, object conservator, Anno museum, Hamar
Treasurer	Kristine Draugedalen, paintings conservator, Museums in Akershus
Secretary	Hilde Viker Berntsen, conservator of monumental art, Mur og Mer, Larvik
Member of the committee	Maren Midtdal, object conservator, National museum, Oslo
Member of the committee	Thomas Ragazzon Smestad, paintings conservator, Oslo konserveringsatelier
Member of the committee	Ekaterina Lvovna Pasnak, paper conservator, Special Collections of the University Library, Bergen
Deputy	Lone Ørskov, paintings conservator, Norwegian museum of Cultural History (Norsk folkemuseum), Oslo
Deputy	Christina Iversen, object conservator, National museum, Oslo

**Members of other committees**

In this period other committees consisted of the following people:

Election committee	Susanne Kaun
Election committee	Hilde Smestad Moore
Selection committee, chairman	Nina Hesselberg-Wang
Selection committee	Douwtje van der Meulen
Selection committee	Anne Ørnhøi
E.C.C.O. representative	Hege Ingjerd Hollund left in 2015. Ekaterina Pasnak is appointed since January 2016.
Representative in the publication committee for joint magazine MoK	Mirjam Liu Hilde Viker Berntsen (copy editor)
Website committee, chairman	Vilde Marie Dalaasen
Website committee	Mayken Finholt
Website committee	Ane Marte Ringstad
Website committee	Tor Erik Skaaland
Website committee	Lena Porsmo Stoveland

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Webside committee	Mari Sjørgulen Evensen
Editor for Norske Konserver	Hedvig Navelsaker
NK co-editor	Kristin Rattke
NK member of publication committee	Magnhild Aasen
NK announcements	Thea Pernille Bjelke Christophersen (took over in 2015)
Leader for regional group of Midt-Norge/ Trondheim	Vera de Bruyn-Ouboter
Leader for regional group of Rogaland/ Stavanger	Lise Chantrier Aasen
Leader for regional group of Hordaland/ Bergen	Ida Areklett Garmann, left in 2015 Hanna Lukesova is appointed in 2016
Leader for regional group of Østlandet/ Oslo	Emma Johansson and Helene Skoglund-Johnsen

### Annual meeting 2015

Annual meeting 2015 was organised by the previous executive committee and was held on the 24th of April at the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History (Norsk Folkemuseum); it was followed by the professional program where we got a thorough orientation regarding the project "Saving Oseberg" and had a guided tour of the laboratories and exhibitions at the Viking ship museum.

### Activities of the Executive Committee

Committee had eight (8) meetings during that period, on 27.05, 22.06, 18.08, 5.10, 04.12, 23.01, 01.02 and 25.02. Additionally we had a strategic seminar on the 5th and 6th of October at the Museum of Norwegian Cultural History (Norsk folkemuseum).

The Committee had focused on developing a strategic plan for the association. We had contact with the members through the organisational email addresses and the journal Norske Konserver. The previous executive committee had started the process of creating a new website and it was released on the 8th of April. We wanted to make the association visible within our sector by taking an initiative to cooperate with other organizations and offering proposals for this cooperation.

At the annual meeting of the Norwegian Museum Association (*Norges Museumsforbunds*) that was held from 10th to 13th of September, we put up a stand with information about NKF-N and other conservation services that had sent its publicity material. We used a roll-up poster that had been produced for that purpose. At the meeting of the newly organized section of collection management we made a strong impression about the importance of cooperation, as for example on mutually organized courses. Executive committee sent two proposals for a course, one on plastics and another on poisonous materials in the museums. Both proposals were well received. At present Section of Collection Management wants to cooperate on the course of Preservation of Plastics.

Chairman of the committee participated in the joint meeting of the member organizations of Nordic Conservation Association (NKF) in Helsinki on the 20th of October 2015, a day before the beginning of the XX<sup>th</sup> NKF congress called "Monumental Treasures". In the last year not much happened overall regionally, but the joint magazine MoK *Meddelelser om konservering (Report on Conservation)* had a face shift and became a magazine with peer-reviewed articles. The new publication committee is ambitious about the publication. It will work to improve the economic base for MoK.

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NKF-N has been involved in establishment of FORK (*Forum for kriseberedskap og restverdirendning* Forum for disaster preparedness and salvage operations). Lone Ørskov and Thomas Ragazzon Smestad are our active representatives in this organization that serves the purpose of contact between various elements of Cultural Heritage Sector. NKF-N took part at the first seminar on the 15th of December at Congress Centre, House of the People in Oslo (Kongress-senteret, Folkets hus, Oslo). Lone Ørskov had been active in organising of this seminar.

Executive Committee addressed Ministry of Education and Research (Kunnskapsdepartementet), declaring that we would like to make a proposal in response to the appeal by the Parliament regarding improvements in research and education in humanities, called *Humaniorameldingen*. We are invited to come up with the proposal for this communication, deadline is 20th of May.

Chairman of the Executive Committee has been invited by the Arts Council of Norway to participate in the planning of a seminar on collection management in museums that has a theme "Collection management from now till 2020", put within the framework of government policies and intentions, present debates, developing methods and tools.

Through the year the executive committee has worked on the constantly demanding tasks of updating the membership database (Maren Midtal), accounting and requesting the payment of membership fees (Kristine Draugedalen), contacting joint Nordic Conservation Association (Nordic IIC group) (Vigdis Vingelsgaard), as well as general follow-up of cases that demanded attention to which all members of the committee have contributed by discussing best possible solutions.

### **Financial report for 2015**

NKF-N's accounts for 2015 concluded with a surplus of 14 288 NOK. Capital stands at 182 965 NOK by the end of 2015. In 2016 we shall invest in a new internet based accounting and billing system that will allow an easier control over the membership database and easier administration of membership fees collection.

### **Activities in regional groups**

There are regional groups in Oslo, Midt-Norge in Trondheim, in Bergen and Stavanger. In Oslo there were arranged social meetings, evening gatherings at pubs, which were well attended and appreciated. In Bergen and Stavanger not much has happened since 2015, but both have planned activities for 2016. Local group for Midt-Norge has made its separate report that was presented at the Annual meeting.

### **Health and Safety course**

We have initiated the organization of a Health and Safety course for our members. It was led by our colleague Dagheid Berg 29th of May in Oslo and 22nd of June in Trondheim. We got feedback that it was a useful and practical course that has direct application to our work.

### **Christmas meeting**

Executive committee has organized a Christmas meeting on the 5th of November. There were six presentations on different subjects which were much appreciated by those present. All the presentations were published in Norske Konserver 2/2015 for those who did not attend the event. Daniel Gillberg and Fredrik Jong from Oslo konserveringsatelier started with the topic of

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"Improvement of showcases at the Holocaust museum". Lone Ørskov from Norsk folkemuseum (The Norwegian Museum of Cultural History) introduced the conservation module connected with internet based Museum registration program called PRIMUS. Monica Hovdan from Maritime Museum told about the conservation of waterlogged wood, in a boat found in Bjørvika. Juliane Derry discussed issues around conservation and restoration with an example from the private sector. Paper conservator Tina Grete Poulsson from National museum presented results of fixative project: 'use of fixative in Thomas Fearnleys drawings'. Emeritus professor and paintings conservator Jon Brænne besides other things spoke on the importance of understanding not just the original use of colours in architectural setting but the original sheen and texture of the surface, giving example of Villa Stenersen in Oslo. The meeting concluded with an abundant evening meal catered by the restaurant of Norsk folkemuseum.

### **2015 Meeting of the joint Nordic Conservation Association (Nordic IIC group)**

In the last meeting of the joint NKF organizations, changes were proposed to the NKF statutes. They were passed in all the NKF sections with an exception of NKF-N. With a proposal from NKF-N new NKF statutes were prepared that should have been discussed and passed in all the sectors in 2015. These proposals were not accepted by NKF-DK. That means that if one is a member of any of NKF organizations, he can become automatically a member of another sister organization (only will have to pay the membership fee for that organization).

The joint NKF congress will take place in Iceland in 2018, in Sweden in 2021, Denmark 2024 and Norway in 2027. Further training for professionals will happen every third year and in 2016 it should be the turn of Denmark (although it is not certain that they would be able to do so since they are preparing large ICOM-CC meeting for 2017), followed by Norway in 2019, Finland in 2022, Iceland in 2025 and Sweden in 2028.

### **Contact with E.C.C.O**

Hege I. Hollund was our representative in 2015, but went on maternity leave by the end of the year. A new representative was named by the executive committee and as from February 2016 NKF-N will be represented by Ekaterina Pasnak, a member of Executive committee who is employed as a paper conservator at Special Collections of the University Library in Bergen.

### **Work with NKF-N archive**

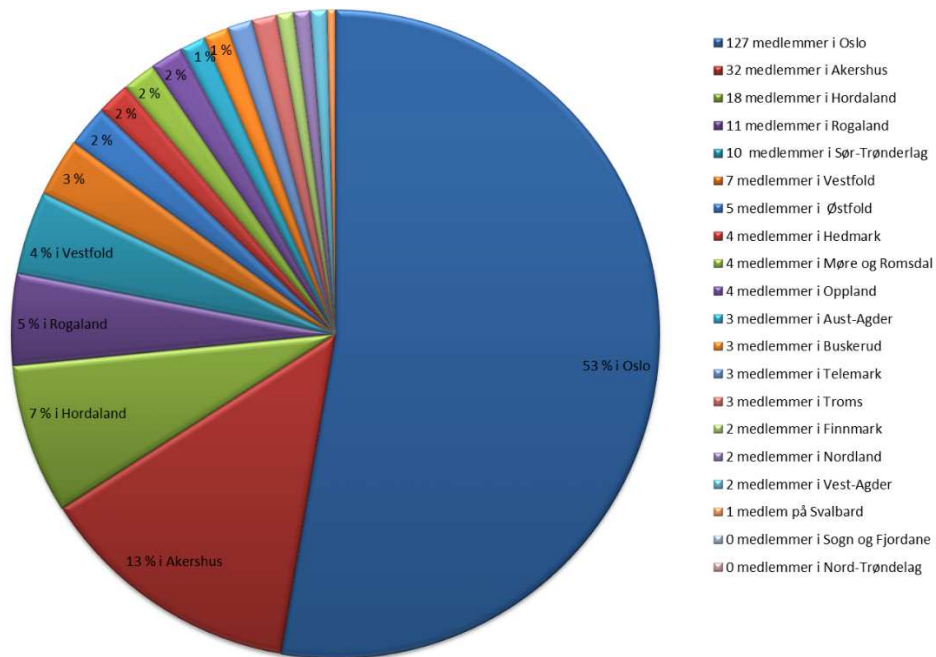
Previous member of the executive committee Ane Marte Ringstad and treasurer Ingebjørg Mogstad took on the task of finishing the work on the NKF-N archive by submitting it to the State Archive. Everything is sorted and packed in acid-free boxes, but there is still some final work to do in cooperation with the State Archive.

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**Overview of membership**

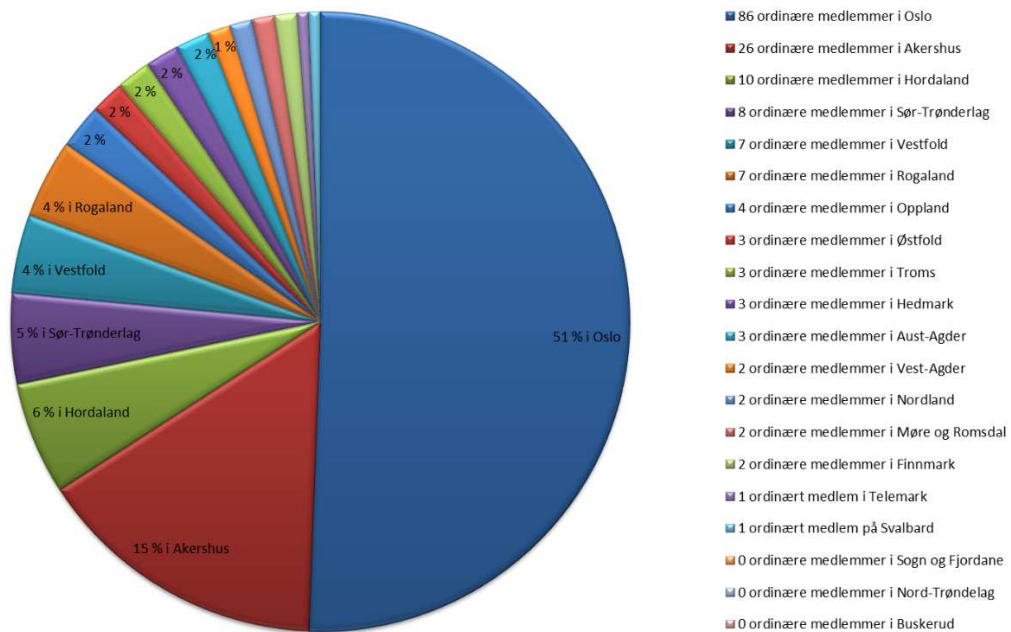
**Geographical overview over all members in NKf-N as of February 2016  
 (based on postal address)**



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### Geographical overview of ordinary members of NKF-N as of February 2016

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Membership status	pr 28.02.2014	pr 13.03.2015	pr 25.02.2016
Ordinary members	137	147	<b>159</b>
Associated members	41	53	<b>46</b>
Student members	28	21	<b>27</b>
Retired members	10	8	<b>9</b>
Honorary members	3	3	<b>3</b>
Total number of members	219	232	<b>238</b>
Withdrawals	4	5	<b>3</b>
Termination of membership due to non-payment of membership fee	2	4	<b>1</b>

May 14th, 2016

NKF-N's executive committee 2015/2016:

Vigdis Vingelsgaard

Kristine Draugedalen

Thomas Smestad

Hilde Viker Berntsen

Ekaterina Lvovna Pasnak

Maren Midtdal