

NKF-S Annual Report Year 2013

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Pia Christensson

Nomination Committee:

Ulf Brunne, Erika Hedhammar

Summary

The Annual of 2013 has been a busy year for the Management Board. A new Strategic Plan for the next ten years was produced in September in a workshop in Alvesta. The overall reaching goal is that the Swedish section of the ICC Nordic Group shall be an important and strong actor within the Conservation field in Sweden. Hence the organization needs to be included at an early stage in all relevant regulations, law processes and decisions that concerns management and development of cultural heritage and make its voice better heard. Furthermore the Board's Members strive more actively to promote the Conservation profession outside the Conservation discipline and to revitalize the interaction with the Educational Departments for Conservators at the Universities in Gothenburg and Linköping and with the National Heritage Board. Together we are stronger. One of the goals is to create an award for Good Conservation Ethics.

Board meetings

NKF-S' Board has held ten meetings in 2013; most of them where telephone meetings. The General Assembly of 2013 was held on May 17 at the Swedish Museum Service in Tumba outside Stockholm. The theme of the assembly was Conservation and Security. Thomas Dehlin, Lotta H. Lindley and Erika Hedhammar spoke about their experiences with Security question within Conservation. Their presentations were followed by a guided tour of Swedish Royal Armory and their conservation workshops.

E.C.C.O

E.C.C.O. held its General Assembly in Lisbon in May 2013 and the meeting was attended by Alissa Anderson.

Nordic Conservator Association

A meeting with the Nordic Conservator Association (IIC Nordic group) was held in October in Gothenburg in connection to the training course "Media & Cultural Policy – the Conservator as Opinion Maker".

The President Tina Lindgren from Finland resigned and Halldóra Ásgeirsdóttir from Iceland was elected as new President for the next three years.

At the meeting it was decided that the statutes of the Nordic Conservator Association as well as the conference and education guidelines and the guidelines for the President are in need of revision. It was decided that these would be revised in February 2014.

NKF-S work with policy making and as a body considering proposed legislation and regulation

NKF-S wrote a statement of opinion regarding Guidelines in how to deal with Disposal of Museum Objects to the National Association of Museums.

Moreover, NKF-S wrote a statement of opinion regarding The Swedish National Heritage Board's proposed new "Platform for Evaluation and Selection of Heritage" that was sent out for consideration.

NKF-S also made an updated the description of the conservation profession after a request from the employment service.

Media & Cultural Policy Making – the Conservators as Opinion maker

Following NKF's aims to organize conferences and workshops NKF-S organized a training course in 2013 in Gothenburg. The theme was "Media & Cultural Policy Making". The training course was arranged by an Organization Committee titled "The Conservator-Restorer as an Opinion Maker." For two days, between October 17 and 18, there were lectures and workshops. Circa 40 members from all five Nordic countries participated in the course. The Department of Conservation at Gothenburg University let us use their premises. The first day was concentrated on lobbying and day comprised workshops that aimed to give concrete tools.

The Board was represented in The Organization Committee by Alissa Anderson and Pia Christensson. They worked together with NKF-S members Johanna Hermansson, Lisa Nilsen, Anna Stow and Petra Waern.

In 2012 the group also wrote a statement of opinion concerning an Official Inquiry from the Cultural Ministry of Sweden (SOU 2012: 37) titled "Working with Heritage in a New Era".

Furthermore the group sent out a survey to all Swedish Museums with the aim to investigate the situation for Conservator at the Swedish museums. The survey resulted among other things in a published article in the Göteborgsposten.

Bothén Foundation

In 2013 Märta, Gunnar and Arvid Bothén Foundation has awarded 544 925 Swedish kronor to 23 NKF-S members.

Publications and websites

REALIA (NKF-S news) published two issues in 2013. The editors have been Helena Grundberg and Annica Björklund. Billy Höök has been the student representative.

The Nordic Associations publication "Meddelelser om konservering" has come out with one issue. Thomas Gütebier has been the Swedish editor.

NKF-S' as well as the Nordic Associations Web site has continually been updated. It is within the strategic plan to create a new website and this work was initiated in 2013 by Alissa Andersson.

Social media accounts at Facebook, Twitter and Instagram has been opened and are currently used by the Board and some invited full members.

Strategic Development Work

The Board has made substantive efforts to achieve more effective administrative procedures. New written declarations about what is expected of each member of the Board. The Board attended one weekend in September a workshop in Alvesta with the aim to work on the vision of NKF-S and to create a strategic plan. A Strategic Plan with 2, 5 and 10 year goals was worked out as well as a new vision.

Above all the Board aims to improve the visibility and awareness of Conservation-Restoration issues in Sweden.

Members

December 31 2013, NKF-S had 214 full members, 132 associate members, 13 seniors and 7 supportive institutions.

Pia Christensson, President NKF-S