

NKF-dk

Nordisk Konservatorforbund – Danmark
Nordic Association of Conservators – Denmark

This report covers the period from January – December 2013

Political agenda

The purpose of NKF-dk is not only political but also to facilitate a professional and social platform for the members. As written in the regulations the Political agenda of our organisation is to promote the professional and political interests of the conservator-restorer's profession. The knowledge about our profession is being improved via collaboration with relevant organisations, partnerships in decision-making, and more visibility in the public arena and by promoting professional conferences, lifelong learning programmes and such.

General assembly and constitutions

Two new regulations were carried out on the GA that was held in Randers on Museum Østjylland. The first regulation means that the GA is to be held every year before the end of November (changed from May). The second regulation means that the board now consist of seven members compared to the previous four.

Chair: Karen Borchersen. Deputy chair: Katja Storkholm. Treasurer: Maj Ringgaard. Person responsible for events: Nanna Gerdes. Board members: Eva Therkildsen and Torben Ernst. Alternates: Carsten Korthauer and Signe Skriver Hedegaard.

Activities and publications

IIC and NFK-dk

At the beginning of September, IIC held their second student conference in collaboration with the School of Conservation in Copenhagen. The main themes were education and jobs across borders, job seeking and network.

The board of IIC held their GA in continuation of the conference and invited the board of NFK-dk to a shared GA. The board of IIC partly wanted to discuss questions in general, but sought to identify how communication can be improved and specified prospectively with the regional groups of IIC. NFK were originally founded as a subgroup of ICC (hence the name IIC Nordic Group which no longer appears in the association regulations). In that connection NFK-dk is called IIC Nordic Group – Denmark. An agreement has been made that NFK sends Bulletin and MOK to IIC and in return IIC sends Studies in Conservation. In addition Karen has arranged that she will write an article on the Nordic magazines for IIC.

NFK-dk and the social media

Especially after the second IIC student conference, on the initiation of Nanna Gerdes as responsible for events, NFK-dk is now active on the social media. Amongst other things, it is information from the mailing list that is uploaded on Facebook.

Members of NFK-dk have been very active concerning a marketing campaign of the School of Conservation, offering open house event in their workshops etc., which had an impact on the number of applicants in spring 2013.

The joint meeting of the 5 sections of NKF was held in Göteborg.

Bulletin

Two issues of Bulletin were published with two articles on contingency plans in case of museum accidents. Chief of preservation on the National Museum, Jesper Stub Johnsen, did a piece on the fire at Frihedsmuseet and the successful rescue operation: "After all, the accident at Frihedsmuseet was limited, so that the National Museum's conservators, after the accident, could handle the work without any help from outside. But still, the accident emphasised that the initiative started, regarding the formation of a Danish division of Blue Shield, can become an important element when the need for a quick assembly to an effective fight arises, e.g. if a smaller museum is subject of a similar incident or even bigger catastrophes takes place nationally or internationally." Bevaringscenter Øst too, has experience with stepping in to support when an accident strikes a museum. Deputy manager Camilla Jul Bastholm has written an article that describes the workshops experiences, precisely with using its professional preservation expertise to reduce and avoid damages. This should emphasise that there is good reason to and need for the active participation of the country's conservators in the Blue Shield initiative.