

NKF-S Annual report 2015

Board

President:

Charlotta Bylund Melin

Members of the Board:

Anne-Grethe Slettemoen, (Vice President)

Alissa Anderson (Webmaster)

Anna Björk (Treasurer)

Jan Blåberg (Membership)

Petra Waern (Secretary)

Jessica Lindewall (The Bothén Foundation)

Hélène Svahn Garreau, (E.C.C.O. delegate)

Pia Christensson (Board Alternate, 1 year)

Auditors:

Thea Winther, Cecilia Lundin

IIC Nordic Group Representative:

Charlotta Bylund Melin

Nomination Committee:

Pia Christensson and Kicki Eldh

Meetings and Gatherings

During the fiscal year of 2015, NKF-S had eleven eleven minute meetings. The GA was held on 15th of April 2015 in Sigtuna in conjunction with the GA of The Association of Swedish Museums (Riksförbundet Sveriges museer, RSM).

E.C.C.O. held its GA in Bratislava in April 2015. Hélène Svahn Garreau was the NKF-S delegate. Drafting of the Strategic Plan is in progress. A questionnaire concerning the legal status of the European conservator-restorers' profession, was put across among the NKF-S board members.

The IIC Nordic Group (NKF-FR) GA took place 20th of October in Helsinki in conjunction with NKF:s 20th Congress and NKF-S' "Monumental Treasures". NKF-S President Charlotta Bylund Melin represented the GA and also moderated one sections of the congress. The NKF Nordic countries expressed a need to enhance cooperation in common matters. A joint website was

suggested in order to improve networking and share information regarding education, seminars and job openings.

NKF-S as a referral body

In 2014 NKF-S submitted consultative opinions for "Digisams utkast till checklista för samlingssystem" and "Riksantikvarieämbetets översyn av regelverket om de kyrkliga kulturminnena (Ku2013/1343/KA)".

Actions 2015

- The Conservator Program at the Department of Conservation, University of Gothenburg was visited once during the year by one board member (Alissa Anderson) to inform the students about NKF-S work and attract new members.
- To increase the information and cooperation between the NKF board and the two Conservation Programs two co-optes have been associated to the board during the year; Maria Höijer from the Department of Conservation, University of Gothenburg and Charlotta Ekholm from Carl Malmsten Furniture Studies, University of Linköping.
- The popular "Pub evenings" have, like previous years, been organised in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö, the second Thursday of the month.
- NKF-S archive is in progress to be updated and will then be permanently housed at National Archives of Sweden (Riksarkivet).

The Bothén Foundation

The new digitally application system has simplified the application process and is the likely reason for the noticeable increased number of fund applications during 2015. In 2015, 40 applications for funds from Märtha, Gunnar and Arvid Bothén were received and 23 members were awarded grants from the Foundation of a total sum of SEK 539 919.

Web and publications

The paper *Realia* has in 2015 published one issue. Editors were Helen Grundberg and Annica Björklund. *Meddelelser om Konservering (MoK)* have published one issue during 2015. Thomas Gütebier has represented NKF-S in MoK's editorial board.

NKF-S website has been reorganized and has now a much improved interface thanks to Alissa Anderson.

Development

During this year the work has focused on introducing the new president and board members in the work of The Board. This process was facilitated by former President, Pia Christensson who remained as a Board Alternate for one year.

Initial discussions held on the possibility to house E.C.C.O GA in Stockholm 2017 in conjunction with NKF-S GA and 65th anniversary.

One of the NKF-S board priorities is to improve the visibility in media and society of the conservation profession. Different advocacy strategies have been discussed, including the possibility to include a media and communication trained person in the Board.

The Board met in October to monitor the visionary work of 2015. The two, five and ten-year strategic activity plans were updated.

Members

By December 31st 2015, NKF-S had 244 full members, 110 associated members, 17 seniors and 8 supportive institutions.

Charlotta Bylund Melin
President NKF-S