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NORDIC ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATORS FINNISH SECTION ra

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The Nordic Association of Conservators Finnish Section ra (NKF Finland) was founded in 1963 and is a member organization of the Nordic Association of Conservators (NKF). The cooperative body that oversees NKF is the Federation Council, which is comprised of the Council's chairman and the chairman of each member organization. In the Nordic countries, the NKF has about 1200 members.

The Nordic Association of Conservators Finnish Section functions as a link between conservators and Finland's cultural heritage sector. It contributes to the development of the field of conservation by monitoring training and by promoting conservators' professionalism. The association seeks to monitor the social benefits of the profession and regulate the use of the conservator title.

According to a decision made by the Finnish Ministry of Education, the title Bachelor of Arts (conservation) – Konservattori AMK in Finnish – is protected. The term 'conservator', on the other hand, is task related and can be used without limitation, thus potentially enabling untrained individuals to interfere with culturally important sites or objects. The aim of clarifying this situation is one that NKF Finland shares with the European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers (E.C.C.O.), which is also concerned with resolving the matter at the European level. NKF Finland is a full member of E.C.C.O.

Membership

At the close of 2018, NKF Finland had 293 members, of which 170 were full members. The membership consisted of 153 regular members, 95 student members, 11 associate members, 13 retired members, 4 honorary members, and several community support members.

In 2018, the association's Board of Directors held 6 meetings. Comprising the board were Jaana Kataja, Chairman, Mari Saari, Vice Chairman, Mari Lenck, Anna Rajainmaa, Stina Björklund, Liisa Helle-Włodarczyk, Arja Koskinen and Erika Tiainen. Liisi Hakala served as the Board's Secretary, Polina Semenova as the Membership Secretary and Emmi Heinonen as its Treasurer.

Oy Soinio & Clo and Päivi Allinniemi audited the association's 2018 accounts.

Annual meetings and training days

During 2018, the association held two regular meetings plus an extraordinary meeting in Helsinki. The spring meeting was held at the National Library on the 23rd of March and the autumn meeting took place at the HAM Helsinki Art Museum on the 2nd of November. The extraordinary meeting was held at the National Museum of Finland on the 26th of November.

The association's training days took place in the auditorium of the National Museum of Finland on the 26th and 27th of November 2018. The theme of the training days was hazardous substances at

cultural heritage sites. The working group for the training days consisted of Katariina Ruuska-Jauhijärvi, Marleena Vihakara, Riina Uosukainen and Jaana Kataja. The training days were carried out in cooperation with the Helsinki University Museum and their working group, which comprised Henna Sinisalo, Susanna Hakkarainen and Katariina Pehkonen. Tommi Tolppi (Labroc Oy) and Kai Salmi (SAP ry) also contributed to planning the event. Approximately 220 participants witnessed an informative series of presentations given by international and domestic speakers.

Information

The association's most important and only official means of conveying information is the journal *Konservaattori* journal. Two issues were published during 2018. Number 130 appeared in an edition of 300 copies and number 131, which was dedicated to the training days' theme, totaled 350 copies. The working group responsible for the journal comprised Anna Rajainmaa, Heidi Alanen, Susanna Belinskij, Stina Björklund, Aura Colliander, Elviira Heikkilä, Saara-Maija Pesonen and Erika Tiainen. The working group is responsible for the journal's editorial content, design and other's aspects related to the publication. The journal can be accessed on the association's website.

In addition to being distributed to the association's members, complementary copies of the journal are also forward to NKF's other sections, E.C.C.O., ICCROM, the Finnish Museums Association, the Union of Finnish Museum Employees, Estonia's Tartu University Library and the IIC Library in London, UK.

The NKF Finland, together with all of NKF's sections, publish MoK (Meddelelser om Konservering) once a year. This scientific journal features peer-reviewed articles. Tina Lindgren is the contact person for the journal. MoK is also published electronically and available at the following address: www.nordiskkonservatorforbund.org/.

In the spring of 2018, the association launched its newly redesigned website. Satu Haapakoski, Jaana Kataja, Ilsi Lantunen and Eveliina Holopainen formed the working group that oversaw this project. At www.konservaattori.fi, one can find information about the association, its activities, conservation in general and a list of members who offer conservation services. The website also includes a members' section through which members can update their contact details and receive information about the association's upcoming activities. The members registry is also maintained through the website.

The association's Facebook page, which is administered by the association's board members, operates as another information channel. In addition, the association also maintains Instagram and Twitter accounts.

Though it is not an official form of communication for the association, the conservators' mailing list functions as another important source of information. It is moderated by Jari Heinonen and offers members and non-members a means of discussing conservation issues. The address is konservattorit@lists.oulu.fi.

International activities

The Federation Council of NKF held its annual meeting in Reykjavik on 25 September 2018. Chairman Kataja represented the NKF Finland. Topics discussed by the Council included the activities of the member organizations during the previous year, fiscal affairs, forthcoming conferences, training, and the future of the MoK journal.

NKF Finland is a regional group affiliated with the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC). NKF Finland's liaison officer is Tiina Sonninen, She is also a member of the IIC Council.

NKF Finland is a member of the European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organizations (E.C.C.O.). The most recent E.C.C.O. General Assembly was held in Malta on 30 April 2018. Mari Lenck, NKF Finland's E.C.C.O. representative attended the meeting.

NKF Finland is a member of Europa Nostra (EuNo). EuNo is the pan-European federation of heritage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The organisation works to protect Europe's cultural heritage and provides a strong network for discussion in all areas of the heritage field. Through their annual awards program, the organisation strives to increase public awareness of achievements in heritage conservation, management, research, education and communication. They work to save Europe's most endangered heritage sites and promote best practices across Europe. Katariina Ruuska-Jauhijärvi, who was elected to the Board of EuNo Fin, was also elected to be NKF Finland's EuNo contact person.

NKF Finland is a member of CEN/TC 346, one of the technical bodies within the European Committee for standardization. This body drafts European standards for the conservation of cultural heritage. In Finland, the technical body SR 216 of the Finnish Standardization Association drafts national standards for the conservation of cultural heritage. These bodies develop standards on European and national levels in the areas of renovation, conservation, lighting, energy efficiency, packaging and transportation, preservation of collections, the assessment of indoor and outdoor climates and conservation processes. Riitta Koskivirta is NKF Finland's representative in the national technical body.

Office

The association has no physical premises. They are rented on an as-needed basis. The association has a post office box.

Other activities

NKF Finland is a member of the Advisory Board for Metropolia University of Applied Sciences' Conservation Program. The board monitors the standard of education and seeks to bridge any gaps between education and working life.

One NKF Finland member was awarded a grant to assist with the costs of attending a conference or workshop.

Several specialized working groups are active within PKL. They include the Asbestos and Hazardous Substance (AHA) Working Group, the Textile Conservators Group and the Paper Conservators Group. The latter two groups have their own mail lists. The email address for textile conservators is tekons@googlegroups.com and the email address for paper conservators is paperikonservaattorit@googlegroups.com. These groups plan their events independently of each other. Available grants help them cover the costs of projects.

The conservation association together with the Metropolia University of Applied Sciences participated in the Antique Fair. Anna Rajainmaa gave a presentation on conserving home valuables.

Financial Summary for 2018

NKF Finland received a special grant of EUR 6000 from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture to organize the association's training days.

NKF Finland's account registered a surplus of EUR 5 124. The membership fee for regular and associate members was EUR 50, EUR 42 for student members and EUR 125 for community support members.

Though NKF Finland's accounts are currently balanced, the association's financial situation is entirely dependent on the grant from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture.

Board 10.04.2019