

NKF-S/IIC Nordic Group - Sweden Annual report 2023

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Meetings

Board meetings and general assembly (GA)

NKF-S held 12 board meetings, including a Visionary meeting at Nordiska Museet in November. The annual meeting was held on the 26th of May in Kiruna.

E.C.C.O.

The European Days of Conservation-Restoration was celebrated on social media 9th to 15th of October.

NKF-S E.C.C.O. delegate H el ene Svahn Garreau, who is a member of the Committee and as the role of vice treasurer, has participated in mothy meetings. Furthermore, the following activities was reported:

Attended the E.C.C.O. GA (General Assembly) in Rome in May. Among other things, it was decided to proceed with applying for funding from Creative Europe for European networks. In recent years, the work of the E.C.C.O. committee has increased and is in demand in Europe. To be able to participate more actively, more resources are needed. It is also needed to spread what is happening and better activate all members. E.C.C.O For example, she is now part of a Commission expert sub-group on safeguarding cultural heritage in Ukraine - Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities (europa.eu), is part of a consortium that will create the European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage (ECCCH - Collaborative Cloud for Europe's cultural heritage (europa.eu)).

During the year, E.C.C.O. has also continued its active role in the CHARTER Project, where President Elis Marcal is involved in several work packages. A workshop has been held in Gothenburg and V astra G otaland in June 2023 when E.C.C.O was well represented. A working meeting of the committee was held in Prague in the autumn of 2023 with the aim of defining the conservator in a professional description that follows the CHARTER project. The work also involves a review of ESCO where it appears that the conservator is not defined on a structured and consistently in Europe (ESCO is the multilingual classification of European Skills, Competences, and Occupations. ESCO is part of the Europe 2020 strategy - Homepage (europa.eu)). This work will continue in 2024. The work to create an adapted NACE code (SNI code) for cultural heritage management continued during the year, which finally yielded results. Furthermore, a new statute has been developed that will be voted on in 2024.

The Board's E.C.C.O. delegate has also been active in a working group on sustainability, climate change and conservation-restoration.

NKF (IIC Nordic Group) Board Meeting

The NKF Board Meeting was held the 28th of Octobre in Oslo, Norway. The board discussed the possibility of joint working groups on different materials. How to organise these groups are yet not established.

NKF Working Group on Consensus of Membership Criteria reached consensus on that NKF sections themselves decide about their own memberships criteria. This is also in line with NKF bylaws. NKF president reached out to E.C.C.O. president who confirmed that it is up to the members to decide on what membership criteria to put.

Publications

Realia

The journal Realia published one issue.

Meddelser om Konservering/ MoK

Thea Winther is the NKF-S editor on the editorial board.

The Bothén Foundation

The board of NKF-S is also acting board of the Märta, Gunnar och Arvid Bothen's foundation. In 2022 the foundation granted a total of 941 450 SEK to be shared by 22 recipients.

Activities

- The European Day of Conservation-Restoration was celebrated 9th to 15th of October.
- The award "Bevare mig väl" was presented in conjunction with the Swedish National Heritage Board's Collection Forum in December. The award was established in 2017 by NKF-S. The purpose of the prize is to draw attention to outstanding efforts in cultural heritage conservation and strengthen interest in conservation-restoration.
- Collaboration with the Department of Conservation, the University of Gothenburg through one lecturer and two student representatives currently on the board.
- The Working Group for the project for quality assurance of conservation-restoration in the Church of Sweden was granted funding from Church Antiquarian Funds and will carry out the project 2023-2024. Reported activities during 2023 were:
 - Collection of information through a survey and targeted interviews with diocesan antiquarians, people in charge of the county boards of KML (Historic Environment Act, 1988:950), representatives of parishes, pastorates, conservator-restores and building antiquarians who work with the churches. Eight examples have been selected and here more in-depth interviews have been conducted.
 - Six meetings with the working group have been conducted.
 - A workshop at Åkeshofs castle was conducted on September 29 with invited lecturers from Estonia; Hilikka Hiiop (Estonian Academy of Arts), Germany; Mechthild Noll-Minor (Landesamt für Denkmalpflege und Archäologisches Landesmuseum in

- Brandenburg), Denmark; Mia Österlund Sterregård (National Museum in Copenhagen), Italy; Kristian Schneider (E.C.C.O vice president and ARI) and England; Heather Doyle (ICON). The workshop was also attended by representatives from NKF-S, the Church of Sweden, the Regional Museum in Scania, conservator-restorers, The Swedish National Heritage Board and The National Property board of Sweden.
- o Visit at the Department of Conservation at the University of Gothenburg, and conversations with Anneli Palmsköld, Omid Oudbashi, Lotta Bylund Melin, Liv Friis and Gunnar Almevik.
 - o A communication plan was created and information about the Project can be found on the websites of NKF-S and the Swedish Church. Information have been distributed through the newsletter on The Swedish Church and REALIA.
 - o The drafting of the first report was initiated.
 - o A working plan for next year was created.
- NKF-S Working Group on Transport held 10 meetings and reported the following activities:
 - o A presentation and a Workshop were held at a Collections Forum, organized by the Swedish National Heritage Board.
 - o A representative from the Working Group on Transport has joined a National Working group for developing a proposal on establishing a continuing education course, in Sustainable Art Handling, on vocational level.
 - o Publication of an article regarding an investigation on the possibility of transporting cultural heritage by train; in English in News in Conservation (issue 96 2023, pp 12-18) and in Swedish in REALIA (nr 2 2022).
 - Two workshops to develop a communication strategy for NKF-S was held with members of the NKF-S board.
 - NKF-S Working Group Membership Criteria's, to match international standards and E.C.C.O. held 7 meetings and was completed. The Working Group suggested NKF-S to require EQF level 7 for conservators applying for ordinary membership from 2030 and onwards.
 - NKF Working Group on Consensus of Membership Criteria reached consensus after 3 meetings on that:
 - o NKF sections themselves decide about their own memberships criteria.
 - o NKF bylaws accept that different sections have different membership criterias.
 - o NKF president reached out to E.C.C.O. president who confirmed that it is up to the members to decide on their membership criteria.

- A working group for sustainability was initiated.
- A working group for stone conservation-restoration was initiated.

Members and fees

Number of members

In total 378, of which 263 full, 93 associates, 15 retirees and 7 institutions.

Membership fees

Full members: SEK 450/annum

Associated members: SEK 350/annum

Retirees: SEK 145/annum

Institutions: SEK1100/annum